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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUTTON

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon.	Dec 30	8:30am: + John Welter req. Rose Sheppard
Tues.	Dec 31 New Year's Eve	
		4:00pm Holy Hour
		5:00pm: +Edward Zahodnik req. Florence Casciano
Wed.	Jan 1 New Year's Day	
		8:30am + Angela Kalichak req. Florence Casciano
Fri.	Jan 3	First Friday
		5:30 – 6:30 – Holy Hour
		7:00pm: +Eleanor Ulasz req. Florence Casciano
Sat.	Jan 4	5:30pm: +Dolores Stuart req. Rose Sheppard
Sun.	Jan 5	8:30am: Health & Blessings upon Fr. Tim Alkire req. Spence Family

Fr. Paul, Deacon Steve and the parish staff wish everyone a very happy and Blessed New Year.



Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into our Catholic Church. **Spiro Nicodemou.** May God bless and guide this child through the loving example of his family.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Keep in your prayers: Erica Barry, Helen Bromley, Tyler Clements, Ed Davis, Michael D'Paul, Ligia Gallego, Marika Gilligan, Sebastian Henriques, John Hopkins, Grant Madill, Linda Martignani, Mary Meade, Michelle O'Reilly, Mary Rice, Janis Scully. **Please call the office if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during Advent.**

SACRAMENTS RECEIVED THIS PAST YEAR

Baptisms	39
Profession of Faith	1
1 st Holy Communion	56
Confirmations	45
Marriages	1
Deaths	18

Lord Jesus, prince of peace, bring peace into the world. You died to save us all: raise us to new life with you and help us to be peacemakers.

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer, for you are lord for ever. Amen.

KESWICK

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Wed.	Jan 1 New Year's Day	
		10:30am +Brenda Brown req. Florence Casciano
Thurs.	Jan 2.	8:30am: +Margaret McElery req. Helen Bromley
Fri.	Jan 3	First Friday
		8:30am: +Sophia Pestaluky req. Florence Casciano
		9:00am to 10:30am – Holy Hour
Sat.	Jan 4	4:00pm: Special Intention of Kranjcec Family req. Kranjcec Family
Sun.	Jan 5	10:30am: +Ethel & Gerald Reynolds req. Ann Palmer

Repairs Debt: To-date: \$370,000.00
Interest due: \$3,726.00

PAG AND DONATE NOW

Two alternatives to envelopes: **Pre-Authorized Giving** (forms in the foyer of both churches) and **Donate Now** (uses a **credit card**). Please contact the office for more info.

Confirmation Candidates should hand in their letters on "Why I want to be Confirmed" to the Catechist. The letter should be dated and have your signature.

EVENT CALENDAR

Tues Jan. 7: Confirmation - Class #4 7pm
Thurs. Jan. 9: Confirmation – Class #4, 7pm
Sun. Jan 19: Confirmation Make-up Class #4 after the 10:30 Mass

HOLD THE DATE!

The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League are planning a fun and affordable celebration on **Saturday, February 15, 2020** to be held at **the Ice Palace in Keswick**. More details to follow soon.

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped decorate our churches this Christmas Season and supported our flower collection, and to those who shared of their gifts, especially our musicians.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick as the new Bishop of Antigonish, Nova Scotia. We offer our prayers and best wishes for Bishop Kirkpatrick.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

*Theme: "They showed us unusual kindness"
(CF. Acts 28:2)*

Come and join in an Ecumenical Prayer Service led by Christian Church Leaders in the GTA.

His Eminence Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto will be reflecting on the Word of God.

Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 7pm at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto. Refreshments to follow. For further information, please call 416-934-3400 ext 344 or email ecumenical@archtoronto.org

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – January 1

The Blessed Virgin Mary was venerated from the beginning as *Mother of God*. During the 4th century Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople, contested the Greek title *Theotokos*, insisting that Mary was mother of the man-Jesus, not God. In 431, the Council of Ephesus solemnly affirmed that Mary, being the mother of Jesus, who was God, was to be called *Mother of God*. After the Council, the people carried the bishops in triumph throughout the city and Pope Sixtus III, as a memorial of that event, built in Rome the splendid basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore.

Today we also celebrate the Circumcision and the giving of the name Jesus, which means *God-saves*. As it is written: *When the eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus* (Luke 2:21). It was in obedience to the command that God gave to Abraham: *Every male among you, when he is eight days old, shall be circumcised* (Genesis 17:12). To be circumcised means to be consecrate to the Lord.

PRAYER AT THE END OF THE YEAR

All praise and glory are you, Father of heaven and earth, Lord of all ages: You have brought us to the end of another year in your service.

We praise you for the gifts you have given us, and for the ways we have been led to use them for your people and for your world.

Forgive us, Father, for our failures this year; for neglecting your word, for failing to listen to your Spirit, for refusing to love you in others.

As we begin a new year in your service, let your Son be our leader and your Spirit our guide, your word a lamp for our feet and strength for our hearts. Help us to work for your honour and glory and for the salvation of all your people.

Praise and honour and glory are yours, Father, through your Son, our Lord and brother, in the love and unity of your Holy Spirit now and evermore. Amen.

EPIPHANY – January 6

The solemnity of the Epiphany, which in Greek means *Manifestation*, commemorates the revelation of Jesus Christ to all peoples, represented by the Magi. The Wise Men, popularly known as the *Three Kings*, came from the Orient to Jerusalem. They asked: *Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.* King Herod was greatly troubled, and assembled all the chief priests and scribes to inquire where the Messiah was to be born. They answered: *In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod sent the Magi to Bethlehem and said: *Go and search for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.* The Magi set out and were overjoyed at seeing the star, that preceded them until it stopped over the place where the child Jesus was. Upon entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The coming of the Magi was prophesied by Isaiah, when he wrote: *Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries, from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord* (Isaiah 60:6). They were interpreted as kings because of an Old Testament prophecy: *May the kings of Tarshis and the islands bring tribute, the kings of Arabia and Seba offer gifts. May all kings bow before him, all nations serve him* (Psalm 72:10-11). The star was announced by Balaam, when he said: *A star shall advance from Jacob, and a staff shall rise from Israel* (Numbers 24:17). Tradition holds that the Magi numbered three: their names Gaspar, Melchor, and Balthasar. Their gifts had a symbolic meaning. Gold, the royal metal, signified that Jesus was King; frankincense, symbol of prayer, that Jesus was God; myrrh, used to anoint the dead, that Jesus had to die for the salvation of all.



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