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Feast of the Holy Family

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.
First Friday only: No Morning Mass 7:00 p.m.
 (Mass followed by Adoration)

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Joseph Kalluvila, O. Carm., Pastor
 Fr. Felix Antony, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor
 Fr. Sebastian Joseph, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor
 Rev. Mr. John Cannon, Deacon
 Kate Watkiss, Pastoral Associate

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Perhaps you've been wondering about ... the feast **Mary the Mother of God**, which we celebrate on **January 1st**. This feast, closely, connected to the feast of Christmas, is the most important and oldest of the major feast of Mary. The Gospel reading for the feast, from St. Luke's gospel, describes the shepherds coming to Bethlehem where they "found Mary and Joseph and the baby living in a manger." (Luke 2,16-21). We note that mother and son are found together. Mary shows her Son to them and for us today Mary will always point us to Jesus. We are told Mary "treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart"; and her example is one we are all called to follow. The title of Mary, The Mother of God, was defined at the early church council held in Ephesus in 431, and continues to be significant for each one of us today as we celebrate the birth of the second person of the Trinity, Jesus, and remember that it was Mary who said "yes" to this great act of love when the Holy Spirit spoke to her. She is the perfect example of a follower of Jesus and is a role model for each of us as we begin our New Year of Christian ministry.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 28	1 John 1.5-2.2; Matthew 2.13-18
Tues	Dec 29	1 John 2.3-11; Luke 2.22-35
Wed	Dec 30	1 John 2.12-17; Luke 2.36-40
Thurs	Dec 31	1 John 2.18-21; John 1.1-18
Fri	Jan 01	Numbers 6.22-27; Gal. 14.4-7; Luke 2.16-21
Sat	Jan 02	1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28
Sun	Jan 03	Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3; Matthew 2.1-12

CHURCH

Tues	Dec 29	Resurrection Choir 10:00 a.m. – Noon Adult Choir
Wed	Dec 30	Band Practice 8 – 9:30 p.m.
Sat	Jan 02	Children Choir – 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

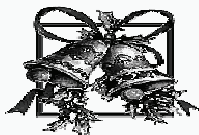
SEMINAR ROOM

Wed	Dec 30	Prime Time Crafts 2 – 4 p.m. New Beginnings 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
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NESSINGER HALL

Sat	Jan 02	Scouts warm-up 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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Happy New Year

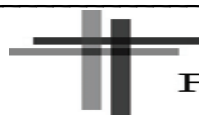


FEAST DAY MARY MOTHER OF GOD
 VIGIL MASS, THURSDAY, DEC. 31st at 5:00 PM
NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES, FRIDAY, JAN. 1st
 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Merry Christmas

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

THURS., DECEMBER 31st OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
 FRIDAY JANUARY 1st, 2016 OFFICE CLOSED



Family of Faith

Campaign

Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto

The Family of Faith Campaign is underway at St. John of the Cross Parish thanks to the efforts of a wonderful group of volunteers. In the coming weeks we will keep you informed of the progress of our campaign. The Family of Faith is designed to support parishes and provide assistance in other areas too. Like any family, we must ensure that our home – our church – is cared for, maintained and improved. Through this we are investing today what we have for our future and for our growing children. A part of the vision in the parish is to see the basement completed for use with all our ministries.

Parish Goal	Amount Pledged
\$745,000	\$350,000

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

GROWING IN FAITH

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Respect for Elders

“Blessed are those who live in your house, O Lord.”

What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

Children's Liturgy



of the Word

Is in need of new leaders for the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday noon Mass. Volunteers with this Ministry will lead sessions for our children. There will be a training session in January 2016. If you would like to help please call Kate at 905 821-1331 ext. 226.

COMING SOON!

An opportunity to explore video series “Catholicism” with Rev Robert E Baron.

This highly acclaimed series will be the beginning of a discussion and faith sharing time

Mark your calendars

Monday evenings beginning **January 18th**.

No fee but registration is required.

Call Kate 905-821-1331 ext 226

PRIME TIME CLUB (for individuals 50 and over)

Activities are: Monthly Potluck in Nessinger Hall, monthly Luncheon at a local Restaurant.

Contact Mary Wong @ 905-824-8537

Crafts: Wednesday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Contact Barb @ 905- 819-9099 for info.

New members are always welcome. Membership fee is \$10.00 per year. Contact Raymonde 416-564-4484.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2016

are available for pick-up in the Rotunda. Envelopes are arranged numerically. Parishioners who do not know their envelope number can check the list on the table by the envelopes. Boxes are labelled with your name and address. Please verify your name and address on the box. Please pick-up at your earliest convenience.

If you have had a change of address in the past year please notify the Parish Office by filling out a “change of address” form as soon as possible. Thank-you

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Please contact Muriel Haney at 905 507-1581 if you or your loved one is sick or shut-in and would like to receive Holy Communion at your home. We have several ministers who will come to your home on a weekly basis if needed.

We also distribute Holy Communion to you if you are hospitalized at Credit Valley or Trillium Hospital.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

At St. Teresa of Avila this is how some students are living the Virtue of Hope by:

1. Helping my family, friends and those in need.
2. Being kind to one another and being patient.
3. Praying there is no war in the world and me and the other people in the world are healthy.
4. By trying my best to finish homework and be a good student.
5. I look at the bright sides rather than the negative things.

Offering Envelopes



2016 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

As of January 1st, 2016 please use your 2016 Envelopes.

DO NOT USE any previous year's envelopes. Envelopes not picked-up will be re-instated in the computer and given out to new parishioners, assuming that you have moved out of the area. Year will be finalized on the computer the last week of January, 2016 and the 2015 Tax Receipts will be available for pick-up shortly thereafter.

CHURCH YEAR END

Thank you to all those who donated this year. If you would like to make a donation to be included on your 2015 tax receipt, please do so before noon on Saturday, December 26th. This will allow us to record the amount on the computer and deposit the money by, December 31st, 2015.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENTS AGE 14-18-WIN GREAT PRIZES!

It is again time for the Friars Student Writing Award, which is an invitation to write a 500 word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2016. The theme will be “Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God.” (1 Peter 2:9) Students should read this passage and respond to the following statement. **“Despite division in Christian unity, explain why all Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants should still be considered a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.”** Prizes include an iPad Pro, a Kobo Aura and an annual subscription to the Catholic Register. Deadline is Jan 8th, 2016. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax to 416-934-3409. Include full name, email address, phone number and name of school.

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