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Feast of the Holy Family

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Saturday
Dec. 30th 5:00 pm † **Gerald Borho**
Requested by: Betty & Family

Sunday
Dec. 31st 9:30 am For the special intentions of **D. & J. D'Souza & Family** for graces received

9:30 am † **Tina Rashid**
Requested by: Paul Rashid & Family

9:30 am For the special intentions of **Marjorie Oliveira**
Requested by: Family

11:30 am For the special intentions of **Maria Binns**
Requested by: Keith & Eve Binns

Friday
Jan. 5th 8:30 am † **Marina Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Impossible Ideal or Gritty Reality?



Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Is the Holy Family an impossible ideal? Does the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph even seem real? Sweet and over coloured, the pictures of the Holy Family that many of us grew up with are no longer convincing. Ideals give us hope for the future as long as they are really part of our world, of the kind of life we can recognize to be our own. Christian faith does not leave us as it finds us, but it does first have to find us where we are. God's new move towards us, the taking human flesh and blood of his Son that we celebrate at Christmas, gave God a new home among us and a human family.

If it is realism that we want before we can trust ideals, then the life of the Holy Family was as real as it gets. A modern photographer asked to compile a family album of Jesus, Mary and Joseph might well choose to use only black and white photos to emphasize the gritty realism and lack of glamour.

The life of the Holy Family as a unit begins unsteadily. At its beginning there is the discovery by Joseph of his wife's pregnancy, knowing he was not the father of her child. He thinks about putting her away without public fuss. He is

frightened. For her part, Mary has to bear an encounter with the divine, with the Holy Spirit, that baffled her with its uniqueness and strangeness. The birth of Jesus happened while his parents were away from the familiar security of their own home, and the birth drew attention and improbable visitors. Worse was to follow. The authorities felt threatened and ordered a purge and a series of murders to guarantee their own stability. Now unexpectedly in the limelight, the family fled to a nearby country in search of protection and temporary asylum.

From early on, Jesus had to relate to a Father who was not Joseph and follow his will and its demands. Mary and Joseph could not make complete sense of this deep bond between son and Father, even when Jesus was quite young. In his maturity as a grown man, wanting to do the will of the Father at all times and at all cost meant that Jesus left home for an uncertain and exposed life with a group of his closest disciples. Dangers multiplied, the number of enemies grew. The gospel accounts we have soon lose track of Joseph. Mary surfaces from time to time in these same gospels, and they describe a relationship with her son that takes little for granted. She who from the start had been given so much to ponder, in the end watched and stood by until the tortured body of her son was paraded on a cross till he died.

This was a holy family, this was the Holy Family. None of its gritty realism should be coloured over to make it sentimental or glamorous. Yet this family story cannot be told only as the story of one more persecuted Jewish family. The wrong kind of so-called realism avoids and leaves out much of importance that really was going on in this family story. The events, the relationships, the free responses were upheld by a divine grace that, while it did not spare Jesus, Mary and Joseph the mess of life, was not limited by it. Here was love and here was holiness, neither on the cheap. Here was God at work. Jesus Christ intertwined himself through his family into our families and made us branches of a tree that plunges its roots into God's own life as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Fr. Biju and all the staff send New Year wishes to everyone in the parish. May 2018 be a grace filled, blessed and happy one for you!

New Year's Mass Schedule

Sunday December 31st

5:00 pm

Monday January 1st

9:30 am & 11:30 am



On behalf of all our parishioners I would like to thank all those who helped to make our Christmas Mass celebrations so special this year.

Without naming names, I would like to acknowledge and thank all those who worked behind the scenes on flowers, altar linens, and cleaning of the church and to the youth and other volunteers who gave of their time to help decorate the church and set up the parish hall for Christmas Masses; to those involved in setting up the video feed that allowed parishioners in the hall to view and take part in the Mass; to the choir members for their dedication and beautiful music and to all those involved in the liturgy including Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers who volunteered to serve at our Christmas Masses. Also many thanks to the Knights of Columbus who organized the parking on Christmas Eve; – a heartfelt thank you for helping make the commemoration of Christ's birth all that more wonderful.

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, Pastor



Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

Baptism is a prerequisite for other Sacraments such as First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you wish your child in Grade 2 or older to be baptized or to be welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church (when baptized in another Christian church) please contact the parish office to register. RCIC will begin on **Sunday, January 14th at 9:30 a.m.**



A Thank You Note from our Syrian Refugee's

We would like to thank everyone at St. John Vianney Parish for the wonderful welcome we received to our new country. When we arrived to Barrie two months ago

everything was new to us, but with your help, we have overcome many difficulties. Now we feel at home and you are our new family. We would especially like to thank

Fr. Biju for all the love and support he gave us as well as the Sponsor Group who helped us to settle in this beautiful country, Canada.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to everyone and God bless you all.

We love you, Yasmin and Toufiq



2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2018 Envelopes are now available in the parish hall. To avoid any confusion,

please do not use 2018 envelopes until the New Year. Please ensure you put your name and address the first 3 envelopes beginning with January 1st 2018. All those with pre-authorized monthly giving are reminded to pick up envelopes as not all envelopes are covered by your pre-authorized giving. There are registrations forms for parishioners requesting wishes to begin pre-authorized monthly giving.

Thank you for your continued support!

The 2017-2018 SUNDAY MISSALS are available at the Welcome Committee table in the hall following Mass at a cost of \$5.00

Our catholic faith has been passed down from generation to generation. Please ensure our faith lives on for generations to come by remembering your parish in your Will.



Please pray for those who are sick: David Demorest, Judy Schoeneich, Kurt Kroeger, Len Smyth, Bob Waring, Catherine Dion, Ted Huston, Denise Foster, Jerry Gulka, Sherry Wyman, Jebreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Lillian Pottage, & Marjorie Oliveira.



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