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Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 28, 2025

YEAR A



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wed. Dec 31: St. Sylvester, *pope*
Thrs. Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Fri. Jan. 2: Sts. Basil the Great &
Gregory Nazianzen, *bishops & doctors*
Sat. Jan 3: Holy Name of Jesus
Sun. Jan 4: Epiphany of our Lord



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Mon. Dec 29 – Sun. Jan 4, 2026

Tuesday 9:05 a.m.

Jackie Pollock Canavan (RIP)

Req. by Her Family

Saturday 9:05 a.m.

Dias and Clementino Families (RIP)

Req. by R.C.

Saturday 7 pm Mass

Intentions of the parish Community



Sunday 9 a.m.

Mary Kelly (RIP)

Req. by Ann Clough and Family

Sunday 11 a.m.

Luisa and Crisanto Ciano (RIP)

Req. by Pacita and Liano Crisanto

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 2, 2026

Eucharistic Adoration will take place immediately following the 9:05 a.m. Mass.

New Year's Eve Mass - Solemnity of Mary,

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

7:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses - Solemnity of Mary

Thursday, January 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL THANK-YOU

Thank you to all the St. Cecilia parishioners for your generous support of the Christmas Star Programme. A total of \$4,605.00 was collected from the parish to help our neighbours with their Christmas expenses.

ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2026

Children born in 2022 are eligible to register to attend Junior kindergarten in September 2026. Registration will open on-line on:

January 21, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Watch the bulletin, visit: tcdsb.org or contact St. Rita Catholic school at 416 393 5216 for details. St. Rita is located at 178 Edwin Avenue in the Junction.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2026

Deadline: Monday, January 12, 2026

Theme: "The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (cf. Eph 4:13)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450–500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>.

DEADLINE: January 12, 2026

SUBMISSIONS:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

INFO: ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 x. 527.

Christmas Message From Our Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The wonderful, joyful, and holy celebration is here again, the celebration of Christmas, the celebration of the Coming of the Lord in the Mystery of Incarnation. This Coming is wonderful because it brings us together and reunites us with God. Through the Mystery of Incarnation, the Son of God enters deeply into the fullness of our being to redeem us from the very root of sin that disconnected us from God the father. The Mystery of Incarnation is the manifestation of God's unconditional love for us. The birth of Christ was the greatest event in human history. It marks a new dawn in the history of salvation.

This special year, we celebrated the Jubilee Year with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." In the Papal Bull, "Spes Non Confundit" (Hope does not Disappoint), which introduced the year, Pope Francis wrote "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope." Pope Francis also prayed the year would draw us towards a virtue closely linked to hope, patience, which can feel elusive in our fast-paced world. As the Jubilee year comes to a close, let us continue to pray for and practise patience, "marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God, and may we go forth as, "tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind".

I would like to thank all of you for your great support throughout the year of 2025. I pray that all of us will be out of the darkness of all difficulties of life into the light of Hope. May we continue to build up our community as one of Faith, Hope, and Charity throughout the year of 2026.

Fr. Joseph Tap Tran, Pastor

2025 OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Please note that **December 27/28** is the last **weekend** you will be making donations towards the 2025 tax year.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Are ready for pick-up at the back of the church.

Please do not use your 2026 offertory envelopes until January 1st, 2026. Please print your full name, address, and phone number on the envelope, when making your first few 2026 donations.

New envelope users/parishioners are asked to fill out a **Parish Registration Form** and return it to an usher to obtain offertory envelopes for 2026. Thank you!



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 4, 2026 EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalms 72

Ephesians 3.2-3a,5-6

Matthew 2.1-12



RECTORY OFFICE REOPENS
JANUARY 8, 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please notify the office of any changes to the list

Hang Sam Lee, Richard Mijares, Connie Tari-Kornhauser, Lisa Reardon, Stuart Robson, Rosa Maria Santos, Bianca Auriemma, Rosie Po, Frank Ferreira, Antonina Koziara, Julia Collins, Mary Ann Cuschieri, Sebastian Carvalho, Anne Tran Fazzalari, Gabriel Sebastian Romano, Robert Freimuts, Giuseppe R., Mikayla Haswell, Victoria Cooper, Anna Solims, Lorenza Varga, Steven McKinney, Krysten Telfer, Edward Spiteri, Maria Ruccolo, Winifred Ismail, Mimi Ashton, Ann Baby, Marta DiGregorio, Rosa Loschiavo, Anne Marie Skewes, Blossom Reid, Sophia Oppel, Timothy McNulty, Gwen Chabane, Biruta Niedra, & Pat Bruce.



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