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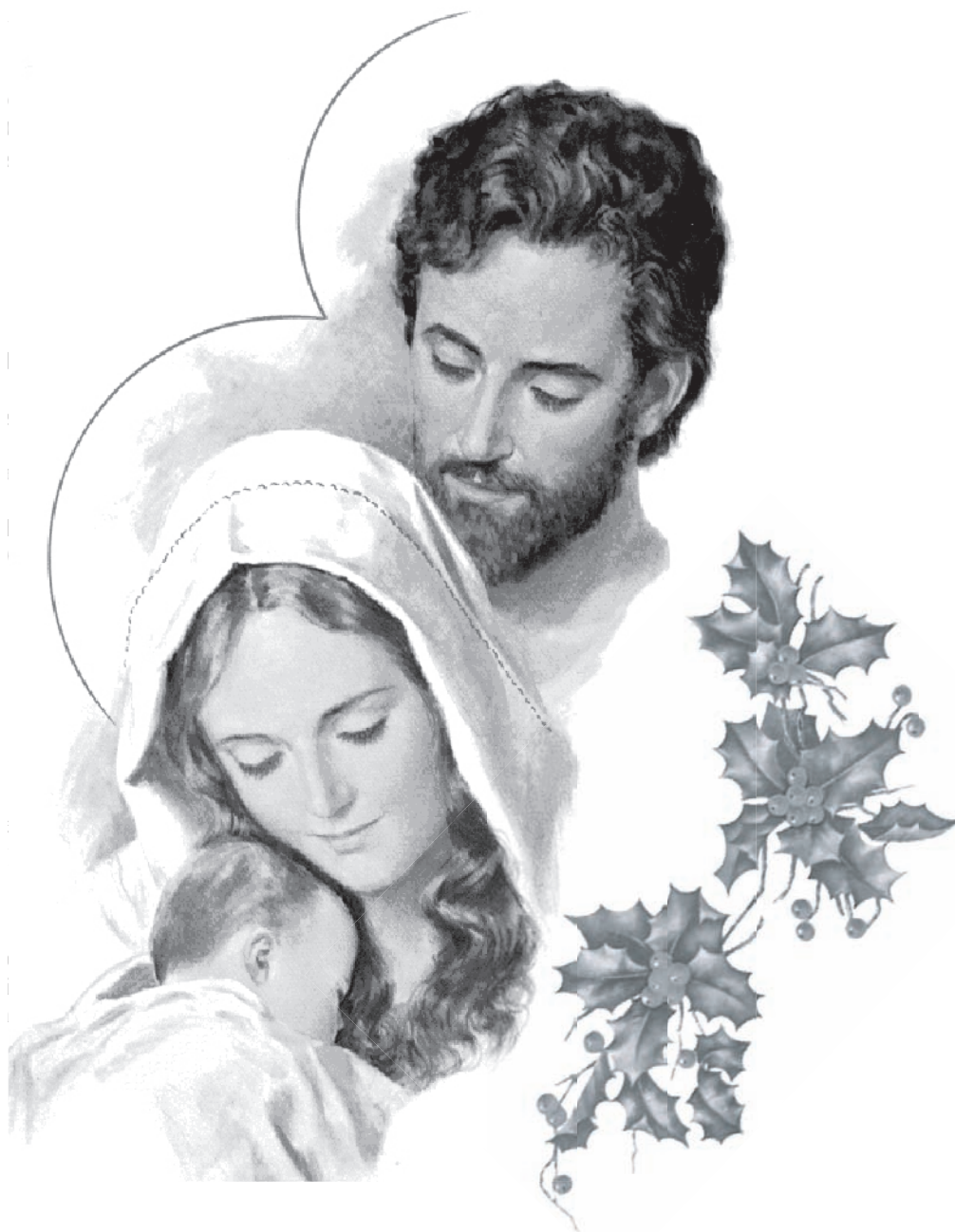
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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord

- 8:00** People of the Parish
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 People of the Parish (No 7pm Mass)

Sunday, Dec. 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- 8:00** Cecil Shannon req. by Charlene Shannon
 Leo Martin req. by Sandi Martin
9:30 James & Flora Antonio req. by the Antonio Family
 Frank Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto
11:30 People of the Parish
 Peter Moi req. by the Nguyen Family
 Fillipo, Fiorentina & Thomas Stranges req. by the Maruca Family
7:00 NO MASS

Monday, December 27 St John

- 8:00** Madeline Rosati req. by her Grandchildren
 Elena Di Carlo req. by the Family

Tuesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

- 8:00** Omer & Leona Thibodeau req. by Vic & Danielle
 For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau req. by his Family

Wednesday, December 29 St Thomas Becket

- 8:00** Margaret & John Pederi req. by their Dtr: Margaret Pederi
 Oscar & Mercedes Bonaguro req. by the Family

Thursday, December 30

- 8:00** Carmine Zappitelli req. by Franca & Bart Di Ciero
 Nancy Coutts req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams

Friday, December 31 St Sylvester I New Year's Eve

- 8:00** Erminio Zappitelli req. by Franca & Bart Di Ciero
 Jennie Zaroda req. by Rita Woodhead

5:00pm Zuj & DeFoe Families req. by the Family

Antonetta & Vito Picca req. by the Family

Saturday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God World Day of Peace New Year's Day

- 11:30** Mark & Wanda Solomon req. by Nancy & Joseph Solomon
 Dec'd mem of the Sacco & Villella Fam req. by the Sacco Family

Sunday, January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00** People of the Parish
9:30 Gary Kneller req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams
 Chiara Marcon req. by Tullio & Giuliana Milani
11:30 Carol DeVilliers req. by Lillian Winslow
 Assunta DeGuida req. by Alessandro Luciano

2022 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Many thanks.

Attention CWL new and existing members, your Membership Dues of \$25 for 2022 are now due. Please submit to the Church Office or drop in the Offertory as soon as possible. Thank you

SYNOD 2021-2023, Journeying Together

The active phase of our local participation in the Synod will begin in the New Year with small group discussions organized in every parish focusing on the fundamental question: A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together." How is this "journeying together" happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"? For more information, visit <https://www.synod.va/en.html>. For information on what is happening in our local Church, visit <http://www.saintcd.com/synod-2021-2023> or the parish website at www.stpatricknf.ca



Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Michael Fedorink. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Leon French, Guy Snyder, Charlene Shannon

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Sandra DeFoe, Nancy Waters, Christine Pritty, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Marcellina Mativo, Lena Loro, Rita Ross, Francis Patterson, Fern Albert, Estelle Critelli, Dr. Andy Fisher, Ron O'Neill, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Andrea Fisher, Kelsey Liles, Angelina Greco, Rosanna Ricci, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Joe Young, Judy, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Maureen Tustin, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Dennis Bowers, Bianca MacDonnell, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Corinne Journeau, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Teresa Hebb, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Julian Cassidy, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Anna Vergalito, Charlene Shannon, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Faith Amadio, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Baby Victoria, Vital & Anna Chayer, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Comisso, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Jackie, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Bob Marshall

Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

December 12: \$3,995.19

Carmelite Missions: \$9,820.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2022

Confirmation: Saturday, April 30, 2022

First Communion: For 2021 & 2022 TBA

(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

Little Flower Society Cards

Did you know that St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society? We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.

The Soup Kitchen, Niagara Falls Community Outreach...

Needs your help: Cash donations are appreciated as they receive no government funding. nifcommunityoutreach.org 905-354-1640

All donations can be dropped off at 4865 St. Lawrence Avenue

Catholic Marriage Tribunal... If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com.

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.

*The Church Office will be closed on December 24th
& reopen on December 29th at 8:30am*

Today's bulletin is for Christmas and also for the Feast of the Holy Family.
(This bulletin had to be submitted on December 16th)



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Fr. Marc and our staff, I wish you a very blessed and happy Christmas. As I write this letter on December 16th, I am hoping that none of our Christmas plans get changed. There are still so many unknowns with this new covid variant, and I can feel the anxiety among the people. We hope for the best and we prepare for whatever is to come.



No matter what's happening, we still celebrate our Saviour's Birth! Christmas is never canceled. Never. As Christians, on Christmas Day, we need to stop and reflect on God taking on our flesh in the manger in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. God became one of us, to be closer to us. And just as Baby Jesus had his arms open wide in the Manger, he kept those arms open his entire earthly life, to welcome sinners, cure the sick, feed the hungry, comfort the grieving, leading the lost home.

And may we never forget what he did for us on Good Friday. His arms were opened wide on that Cross for our Salvation. The **Wood of the Manger is the Wood of the Cross**. May each of us feel the gentle touch of God this Christmas. May he comfort us, fill any voids in our lives, ease our burdens and sorrows, still our fears and pains. God bless you all this Christmas Day and Christmas Season. Merry Christmas to all!

December 26, 2021

Today is the **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**. The Gospel is the story of Jesus being lost in the temple! The Church presents Mary, Joseph and Jesus as a model for all families. Mary and Joseph brought young Jesus to the Passover festival. They followed their Jewish custom to raise him in the faith. This profoundly affected how he would grow to understand his relationship to the Father. Luke says that



Jesus **increased in wisdom and in years, and in favour with God and human beings**. There's a strong connection between Mary and Joseph's training and modeling, and the outcome of Jesus. Family and faith were so important to them. They stuck together through thick and thin! And so must we.

Our families are also called to be **HOLY FAMILIES!!** Our homes must be places of prayer, respect, peace, unity! Remember, worship doesn't only take place on Sundays! We come to Mass on Sundays to be united to Christ in Word and Sacrament so that we can strengthen the union that takes place in our homes. Some families are very faithful to the Rosary, many insist on bedtime prayers, and many families are faithful to prayers before meals! Remember: **The family that prays together... stays together!** Parents, not Churches or Schools..., are supposed to be the first teachers of children in the ways of the faith. God bless all our families, and may we each do our part in passing on the faith to our children and grandchildren, and do everything possible to keep them healthy and holy! Have a blessed Christmas Season.



New Year's Mass Schedule Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Years Eve
December 31, 2021
5:00 PM

...
New Year's Day
January 1, 2022
11:30 AM

A family in harmony will prosper in everything.
The best thing a father can do for his children, is to love their mother!
The best thing a mother can do for her children, is to love their father!

"People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas!"

A New Year's Prayer

May God make 2022 a happy year!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Amen.



Christmas Flowers

Many thanks to all of you who donated so generously toward our Christmas Flowers in memory of your deceased loved ones. May they sleep in heavenly peace.

**On December 30th, we wish our Pastor, Fr. Gerard,
a Happy 50- Something Birthday.**

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

I have changed my phone number _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____

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