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Feast of the Holy Family

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Sacred Conversations

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." I've thought about that word a thousand times. It appears that Mary was as shocked at the words the angels sang to the shepherds as they were.

When the shepherds joyously ran the five miles from what is now called Shepherd's Field to "see this thing which has come to pass," they found Mary and Joseph and the Child. Then, apparently, they ran into the neighborhoods, shouting the Good News which the angels had proclaimed.

And what did the young Mary do? She kept these things. She treasured these things. She pondered these things. We'll see that word again twenty verses later when Jesus, now a young man of twelve, is "found" in the Temple by his frantic parents. At some unconscious level, they must have known the day would come when their Child would announce the mission of his life. The three returned to Nazareth, and Mary pondered all this in her heart.

To "ponder" means to "throw together." I think this means that Mary held together the entire Mystery--the Angel Gabriel's shocking announcement, the surprise pregnancy of her older cousin Elizabeth, the angels filling the skies and singing about the birth of her Son, the visit of the shepherds, the joy with which Anna and Simeon greeted the Child in the Temple, and yes, the prophecy that a sword would pierce her heart. She held all these things together. Throughout history, the human race has begged her to hold our prayers close to her, now, and at the hour of our death.

Do you think Mary was shocked at the appearance of the angels, and the shepherds?

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon. Dec 30	Memorial	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity
Tues. Dec 31	Memorial	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity St. Sylvester I, Pope
Wed. Jan 1	Solemnity	The Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God
Thurs. Jan 2	Memorial	St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors
Fri. Jan 3	Memorial	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
	First Friday of month	We honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat. Jan 4	First Saturday of month	We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary

READINGS THIS WEEK

29 Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Or: 1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28: Colossians 3.12-21 Or: 1 John 3.1-2, 21-24: Luke 2.41-52
 30 1 John 2.12-17: Luke 2.36-40
 31 1 John 2.18-21: John 1.1-18
 1 Numbers 6.22-27: Galatians 4.4-7: Luke 2.16-21
 2 1 John 2.22-28: John 1.19-28
 3 1 John 2.29; 3.1-6: John 1.29-34
 4 1 John 3.7-10: John 1.35-42

ShareLife

5th Sunday of Advent
December 29, 2024

ShareLife is grateful for your generous hearts this 2024!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

If you've shared your blessings through ShareLife in 2024, thank you. Because of you, a neighbor is healing, a young mother is finding stability, and someone struggling with hunger now has a meal. Your kindness has transformed lives through ShareLife.

There's still time to touch more lives. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a **2024 tax receipt**. Please support the work of ShareLife agencies through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel!

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2025 offertory envelope boxes are available for pick up and are located at the back of the Church. **Envelopes are organized by the first letter of your surname.** Your envelope number may have changed due to reshuffling of the numbers. Please do not use previous years' envelopes. If you are new to the Parish and would like envelopes or need assistance, please contact the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DURING HOLIDAYS

Tuesday, December 31 (closed at noon)
Wednesday, January 1

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to Anita Markle, Mary Onorati, Peter Oliver, Colavita Family, Tony Fortunato, the Knights of Columbus and all those who helped set up the Nativity scenes, decorated the Church for Christmas, donated Christmas trees, poinsettias and flowers. Special thanks to our musicians, cantors, altar servers, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and last but not least all SMI Parishioners.

FATHER SHIBIL VACATION

Fr. Shibil will be away for his annual vacation from December 30 to January 31. We wish him a joyful and relaxed vacation as he visits with his family in India.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (English)

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day

8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass (Italian)
11:00 am Mass
12:30 pm Mass
4:30 pm Mass

COR MEN'S GROUP

Calling all men of the Parish!

St. Mary Immaculate and the Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce the formation of the **COR Men's Group**. Open to ALL men of the parish, including family and friends. What is COR? COR is the Latin word for 'Heart' and the root of the word 'courage'. The focus of the program is to help men reconnect with God through prayer and fellowship. Getting us in touch with God's design for men to be better sons, fathers, husbands and true servants of God. The group will meet on the **1st Saturday of every month from 7:00 am to 8:15 a.m. in the church hall**. Light refreshment will be served followed by a short video and discussion regarding Catholic masculinity in today's society. Lastly, we will close with group prayer. The group presentations will be led by our very own Deacon Joseph D'Amico. The first meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 1st at 7 a.m.** Come join us to discover what it means to be a man in God's eyes. Seek greatness in virtue and character marked with goodness, truth, strength and courage to fight for Christ. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in the COR program by sending an email with your name and contact details to COR.kofc5957@gmail.com.

**SOLEMN OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025
EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT ST. MICHAEL'S
CATHEDRAL BASILICA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.**

All are welcome to join in this special Mass to formally launch the Jubilee year in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm.

VOCATIONS

Feast of the Holy Family - December 29, 2024

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

FATIMA GIFT SHOP

Visit the Fatima Gift shop. Beautiful religious items are available for any occasion.

Hours

Saturday: 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Wednesday: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Gift shop closed Wed. Jan 1

MEMORIAL MASSES

Memorial Masses are now being offered for the one month or one year anniversary of deceased loved ones. Masses will be offered Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm. Contact the Parish office for more information or to schedule a Mass.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our Parish offers marriage preparation course.

Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Spring 2025 session: March 5 – April 9

If you are planning to marry in the near future and would like to register, contact the Parish office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 905-884-1784 or email at stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org.
Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Clelia Proia, Lester Camat, Ernie Ting, Paula Chorostil, Sarain, Marisa, Maria Simoes, Monica Cozzolino

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, please call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

DEC 30 – JAN 5: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Pietro & +Domenica Tuzi
Spec. Int. for the DeAngelis Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

+Angelo DeAngelis
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 30 – JAN 5

Mon. Dec 30	8:00 am	+Gabriele Magnotta
	7:00 pm	Memorial Mass of Rodolfo Fortuna (Bilingual)
Tues. Dec 31	8:00 am	+Virginia Lozano
	5:00 pm	+Olga Julia Guerrero
Wed. Jan 1	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Jia Lin Huang
	9:30 am	+Michele Coccimiglio
	11:00 am	Spec. Int. for Margareth Gonzaga on her birthday
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
Thurs. Jan 2	4:30 pm	Private Intentions
	8:00 am	+All Souls in Purgatory
Fri. Jan 3	8:00 am	+Antonio Nudo
	7:00 pm	+Andrea Angelo
Sat. Jan 4	8:30 am	+Severino Bucci +Holy Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 pm	+Stephen Lappin
Sun. Jan 5	8:00 am	+Hong Chow & +Low Jee
	9:30 am	+Filomena Santopolo
	11:00 am	+Americo Rodrigues & +Izelina Frade +Mary Lew +All Deceased members of the Pacitto Family +Michael Ferraz +All Deceased members of the Molony & McPaul Families
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	Spec. Int. for Jia Lin Huang Spec. Int. for Axel on his 15 th birthday

Wishing you a Blessed & Healthy New Year!

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