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Pastor: Father Joshua Roldan

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Feast of the Holy Family

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 28, 9:00AM

+Margaret Connolly *Special Intention for Carl D’Croix

TUESDAY, December 29, 9:00AM

+Victor Santos Domingues

WEDNESDAY, December 30, 7:00PM

+Victor Gibson

THURSDAY, December 31, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

FRIDAY, January 1, 7:00PM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 2, 9:00AM

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY, January 2, 5:00PM

+St. Clair McEvenue +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Garcia Miguelo & Luisa Loreiro +Luigi Bellotti

SUNDAY, January 3, 10:00AM

+Samantha Diogo

SUNDAY, January 3, 11:30AM

*Special Intention for Americo Mongillo

SUNDAY, January 3, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Pre-Authorized Giving

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for pre-authorized giving (PAG). In light of Covid-19, it is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. You access a form by visiting our website and Click the “Covid 19” tab and click on Pre-authorized Giving or contact the office.

Envelope Pick up for Seniors:

A volunteer will be assisting our seniors at the 5:00pm Mass with envelope pick up. Upon entering please provide the usher with your name and box number and a volunteer will bring your offering box to your seat before the start of Mass.

As of December 26, 2020, please contact the office for more information.

New and Existing Parishioners:

Unfortunately, we had to reduce the number of boxes ordered this year as many were not in use. Anyone who was using box numbers from 800 and up will be assigned a new number. To pick up your new box contact the office.

REFLECTION

Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes and prayers. The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him.

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that **“no one will take your joy from you”** (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away.

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord’s presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God’s promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfill all his promises. She is a model of godliness to all believers as we advance in age.

Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us cynical and hopeless if we do not have our hope rightly placed. Anna’s hope in God and his promises grew with age. She never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope. Her hope and faith in God’s promises fueled her indomitable zeal and fervor in prayer and service of God’s people. The Holy Spirit gives hope to all who place their trust in the promises of God. God never fails because his promises are true, and he is faithful. The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trials, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph |
December 27, 2020



New Year's Eve - Thursday December 31, 2020

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - Vigil

5:00pm – No Adoration

CANCELLED AS OF DECEMBER 26, 2020

New Year's Day - Friday January 1, 2021

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

10:00am- Livestreamed, 12:00pm

CANCELLED AS OF DECEMBER 26, 2020

Please note that the office will be closed on Thursday December 31, 2020 & Friday January 1, 2021. If there is anything you need during this time please do not hesitate to call the office.

ON-LINE DONATIONS

Thank you to all of you who continue to support us with your donations as you come to Mass each week. Our beautiful parish is open for Mass and we have worked diligently following guidance from public health authorities to make the environment safe for you and all who visit. It is with much gratitude and thanks to ALL our volunteers that make this possible.

We have benefited greatly from the Canada Wage Subsidy, but that support is scheduled to stop after September. Our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to operate – salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) These are funded through the generosity of our parish community. It continues to be a challenge for our parish to maintain operations without the weekly offertory collection. We are most thankful for your continued and anticipated support during this difficult time.

Here are ways you can continue to help our parish during this difficult time:

1. Contact the parish office to make arrangements to drop off your regular weekly offertory contributions.
2. Visit our website and click "Donate Now" (Top right corner of the page Hand & Coin Icon). Choose your parish, and the amount of your gift – one time or recurring and payment method – credit card or chequing account.
3. Contribute through pre-authorized giving (PAG). You can obtain a form from your parish office or you can simply download the enrollment form online by clicking the "Covid-19" and go to Pre-authorized giving.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AS OF DECEMBER 26, 2020 AS PER NEW PROVINCIAL GUIDELINES, HOWEVER WE ARE RETURNING CALLS AND RESPONDING TO EMAILS ON A REGULAR BASIS

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptism Packages can be picked up after attending any Mass. Take the package home, complete the forms and return it after attending any Mass to clergy. A clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details and to confirm a date.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Emails were sent out back in August to book a date and time through Eventbrite for those who pre-registered to receive the Sacrament of Communion (our current grade 3's). Due to the lack of interest, as the dates and times offered did not fill, no additional dates for Communion were released. Those still waiting to receive the sacrament (current grade 3's), who did not register for the dates that were made available via Eventbrite, please come to any of our Masses, weekday or weekend, and speak to Fr. Joshua or any of the clergy, regarding the Sacrament.

We are now focusing on and preparing to move forward with the Sacrament of Confirmation for those students who pre-registered last year (our now grade 8's). Confirmation dates have been released via email along with a link to register for your date through Eventbrite. Once these dates fill, additional dates will be added.

For our current grade 2's and 7's, wishing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation, the plan is to have a parent meeting in January, so that we can carefully plan and prepare the materials needed to assist you and your family on this journey. All will be communicated to you through whatever means we have. We invite you to come to Mass, watch it on youtube, or go to our website for any further updates or announcements.

CONFESSIONS: Can be heard a half hour before Sunday Mass or by appointment by calling the parish office to arrange a date and time.

FUNERALS: Are resumed. Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 if you are sick and need communion at home.

TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION: If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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