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Feast of the Holy Family

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR, FATHER CHRISTOPHER
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025**

The Holy Family – A Model of Love and Faith

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, honouring Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the perfect example of family life rooted in love, faith, and obedience to God. This feast reminds us that holiness begins at home — in the ordinary moments of care, sacrifice, and prayer.

The Gospel shows us a family that faced challenges: uncertainty, danger, and hardship. Yet, through trust in God and mutual support, they lived their vocation faithfully. In a world where family life can be strained, the Holy Family offers hope and guidance.

Reflection Questions: How can my family grow in love and forgiveness?

- Do we make time for prayer together?
- How can we support one another in living our faith daily?

As we honour the Holy Family, let us pray for all families — especially those struggling with division or hardship — that they may find strength and peace in God's love.

Blessing for the Home

Lord Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, You lived together in love and faith, teaching us that holiness begins in the family.
Bless this home and all who dwell here.
Fill it with peace, kindness, and forgiveness.
May it be a place of prayer and joy,
where Your presence is always welcomed.
Protect us from harm and guide us in Your ways,
so that, like the Holy Family,
we may grow in love and holiness each day. Amen.



Christmas Blessings, Fr. Christopher

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

Today we celebrate the revelation of the Christ to all nations - not just to the poor shepherds and the people of Israel but to all peoples. Today the three Magi, the Kings, the Wise Men from the east bring their gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. Gold for a King, Frankincense for divinity, and Myrrh for burial. These gifts recognize the divinity of Christ, His kingly rule, and also his upcoming passion, death, and resurrection for our salvation.

Herod afraid of losing his earthly power is threatened by the rumors of a child king. He asks the three Kings to inform him when they have found him. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and knelt down and paid Him homage." So, we know that this is sometime after his birth, they didn't go to the cave or manger but to a house. Here Mary and Joseph would be astounded by the extravagant and puzzling gifts their newborn child was receiving. Mary ponders, we ponder. What are the gifts Christ has given us on our Advent / Christmas journey this year so far? How have we been a gift to others? If we were one of the three Kings, what would we give the Christ Child? What shall we give him this year? Today?

From the English Carol: ***In the Bleak mid-Winter***

"What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man, I would do my part, Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart."

Happy Little Christmas! Fr. Christopher, Pastor

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET



Prayers take place in the Church on the first Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. **Please consider joining us for prayer on Friday, January 2, 2026.**

ST. JOSEPH DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS



Join us for communal prayer to St. Joseph on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. **Please consider joining us for prayer on Wed., January 7, 2026.**

TODAY'S READINGS

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1st Reading

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128

2nd Reading

Colossians 3.12-21

Gospel Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

POPE'S PRAYER

INTENTION - DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

SACRAMENTS

If you are interested in getting information for any sacrament, please get in touch with **Mary Catherine, Pastoral Minister** at (519)685-2795 ext. 227 or via email at: mcbishop@dol.ca
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025 @ 4:30 PM
VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026 @ 8:00 AM
NO MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026
NO CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
MEMORIAL OF ST. ANDRE BESSETTE MASS
 (+) Giuseppe Gentile Carmen Gentile
 (+) Souls in Purgatory Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
 (+) Cesar Torrefranca Tony Torrefranca
 (+) Mary Buckley Latta Family
 (+) Pietrina & Arialdo Ianni Carmela Ianni
 (+) All Dec'd Members of Bourdeau & Neville Families Rev. Christopher Bourdeau

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
SAINT RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST
 (+) David Nwoye Ezech Okonkwo Family
 (INT) Thanksgiving Anu Joseph

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
 (+) Fr. James McSharry Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
 (+) Pietrina & Arialdo Ianni Carmela Ianni
 (+) Peter & Margaret McNabb Family
 (+) Maria Caruana Maria Caruana
 (INT) Okonkwo Family Chukwuemeka Okonkwo
 (INT) Helen Busari Helen Busari

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026 @ 8:00 AM
 (+) Rose Tourangeau Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
 (+) Fr. Anthony Busitill Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
 (+) All souls in purgatory Deacon Jose & Mercés Viveiros
 (+) Dec'd Members of Plante Family Muriel Plante
 (INT) Thanksgiving Gladish Vallecera

2026 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2026 Sunday Offertory Envelopes for the new year are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you are unable to find yours or if you would like to receive a box, please contact our bookkeeper, Diana at 519-685-2795 ext. 226 or by email at dsierra@dol.ca. We also offer other ways to give, including: direct deposit, e-transfer to stjustins@dol.ca (please specify the purpose in the message), and Pllenty via the QR Code on our bulletin or website.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 29

1:00 PM New Day Support Group (Hall)
 7:30 PM Co-ed Alcoholics Anonymous (Fred Merrill room)

Tuesday, December 30

NO Mass today

Wednesday, December 31

4:30 AM Mass-Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, January 1

10:00 AM Mass-Solemnity, Mary Mother of God

Friday, January 2

NO Mass today

Monday, January 5

1:00 PM New Day Support Group (Hall)
 7:30 PM Co-ed Alcoholics Anonymous (Fred Merrill room)

Tuesday, January 6

1:00 PM Grief Share (Hall)

Wednesday, January 7

5:00 PM CWL Meeting (Hall)
 7:00 PM Catechism Course (Fred Merrill room)

Thursday, January 8

6:00 PM RCIA (Hall)

Saturday, January 10

5:00 PM RCIA for Children (Hall)

PRAYER REQUEST FOR DIOCESAN MINISTERS



Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:

Sunday, December 28 - Rev. Joseph Onome Oghenejabor
 Monday, December 29 - Deacon Tim Raaymakers
 Tuesday, December 30 - Rev. James Roche
 Wednesday, December 31 - Institute of Secular Missionaries
 Thursday, January 1, 2026 - Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
 Friday, January 2 - Deacon Rudy Pflanzner
 Saturday, January 3 - Rev. Canon Mitchell Kaminski

2025 - 2026 MISSALS

The 2025-2026 Sunday Missals are available at the Welcome Desk in the narthex for \$6.00 each. *Spanish Missals* are also available at the office during business hours (Tues.-Fri. 9am-4pm); \$20 each.

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