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*Feast of the Holy Family*

## Masses for the Week

**SUNDAY, Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve @ 4:30 p.m. -  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**MONDAY, January 1 @ 10:00 a.m.—Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God**

**TUESDAY, January 2 @ 6:30 p.m. -** No Mass today

**WEDNESDAY, January 3 @ 6:30 p.m. -** No Mass today

**THURSDAY, January 4 @ 8:00 a.m.**

(+) Vern Pederson	St. Joseph Ministry
(+) Romulo Elepano	Ligaya & Val Delacruz
(INT) John & Gonzalo Arboleda	St. Joseph Ministry

**FRIDAY, January 5 @ 8:00 a.m.**

(+) Cesar Torrefranca	Tony Torrefranca
(+) Dominick Zafka	Helen Lowe
(INT) Thanksgiving for Family, Friends and Healing	Helen Lowe

**SATURDAY, January 6 @ 11:00 a.m.— Confessions**

**SATURDAY, January 6 @ 4:30 p.m.— Vigil Mass —  
The Epiphany of the Lord**

**SUNDAY, January 7 @ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. —  
The Epiphany of the Lord**

**PLEASE  
JOIN US  
FOR  
PRAYER**

### Divine Mercy Chaplet 1st Friday of the Month

Prayers take place in the Church on the  
*First Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m.*  
Please consider joining us in the new  
year **Friday, January 5, 2024.**

### St. Joseph Ministry

Devotional Prayers *will not* take place on  
Wednesday, January 3, 2024.  
Join us for prayers on Wed., Feb. 7, 2024.

### Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes April 7-21, 2024

Join Father Thom Blondin on a wonderful spiritual pilgrimage to France, Spain, and Portugal.  
To receive a brochure with complete details please email Mary Catherine Bishop at [mcbishop@nexioncanada.com](mailto:mcbishop@nexioncanada.com) or call 519-619-1279.  
Registration deadline is: December 15.



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### Readings - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1st Reading: Genesis 15.1-6,17.3b-5,15-16; 21.1-7

2nd Reading: Hebrews.11.8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

### January's Monthly Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis: For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



## Sacramental Information

### BAPTISM

If you would like to have your child or children baptized, contact Delia Pardo, Lay Ecclesial Minister at 519-433-8175 ext-226 or [dpardo@dol.ca](mailto:dpardo@dol.ca).

## For Your Information

### SAVE THE DATES!

### Horizons of Hope:

#### A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

Workshops for parishioners, designed to help each of us—caregivers, the sick and dying, and family members—to find support and concrete assistance. Gathering together to learn, and share meaningful conversations to better understand palliative care and end-of-life issues, so that our parishes and families become Compassionate communities, rooted in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ.

**Tuesday evenings in February 2024  
at 7:00 p.m. at St. Justin's Parish Hall.**

More details to come in the near future. If you're interested in attending, email Mary Catherine Bishop at [mcbishop@dol.ca](mailto:mcbishop@dol.ca).



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For weekend of Dec. 16—17, 2023: \$8,638.50  
Loonie-Toonie Collection: \$567.60

*Thank you*

## December 31st, 2023 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

My dear friends in Christ,

As we continue our Christmas celebrations, today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The gospel that is read today is that of the presentation of the Christ child in the Temple. Simeon longing to look upon the face of the Christ, the fulfillment of the prophecies for the coming of the Messiah, is inspired by the Spirit and encounters the infant in the temple along with Mary and Joseph. "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace....", the famous "Nunc Dimittis" that the Church prays at compline or night prayer every night.

Simeon welcomes the Child and reveals to Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed, and a sword of sorrow will pierce your own soul too." They return to Nazareth and grow in love as a family; the model of all families - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Happy New Year on this the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, January 1st, 2024.

God blesses us through the Aaronic blessing given to God's people in our first reading today from Numbers. A very appropriate reading for the advent of a new year. In Galatians we are reminded of what we continue to celebrate in the Christmas season, "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." We are the Children of God by grace and adoption. "The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." The shepherds become evangelists in telling the story of their miraculous encounter with the heavenly beings and the encounter with the new born Christ. Mary treasures and ponders, ponders the words of the shepherds, and ponders the fulfilling of God's plan of salvation in her midst.

As we stand at the cusp of a new year, I think it may be wise of us to do a little pondering. Look back at the past year, with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Can you see the finger of God tracing out the lines of His will in your lives? Can you see the providential love of God in the past year? We need the grace to imitate Mary, especially in this her special quality of reflection and pondering - in SILENCE. The Ontario government has given workers the right to disconnect from work - God demands us to disconnect from the useless unnecessary distractions and "noises" of our lives, to experience God in silence. At first frightening and anxious, later when you delve into your inner life with God - you will find His peace.

Have a blessed New Year!!

Father Christopher

### For Your Information

#### ***"Calling ALL High School Youth"***

Do you enjoy singing? Do you need Volunteer Service Hours?

*Come join the Youth Choir!*

We generally sing at Mass once a month, and rehearse on Fridays at 7pm in the church!

Please contact Tanja van Dam: [wontanja@gmail.com](mailto:wontanja@gmail.com)  
or text/call 519-614-6057

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*Merry Christmas*



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