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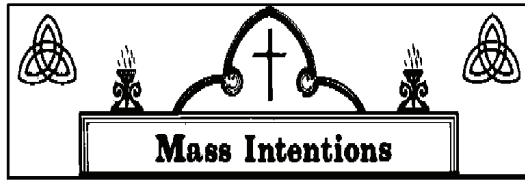
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Feast of the Holy Family



Saturday, December 28 -
5:00 p.m. - **VINCENT & BARBARA FERNANDEZ R.I.P.**

Sunday, December 29 -
9:00 a.m. - **NORMA PIERRE R.I.P.**
10:30 a.m. - **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
12:00 noon - **VICTOR BELLUOMINI R.I.P.**

Monday, December 30 -
5:00 p.m. - **JENNIFER MAHABIR R.I.P.**

Tuesday, December 31 -
7:00 p.m. - **JOSEPH FURTADO R.I.P.**

Wednesday, January 1 -
9:00 a.m. - **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
10:30 a.m. - **UMBERTO FRANCESCHINIS R.I.P.**
12:00 noon - **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
MALCOLM FAMILY R.I.P.**

Thursday, January 2 -
7:00 p.m. - **CHARLIE BARBOSZ R.I.P.**

Friday, January 3 -
9:00 a.m. - **INT. OF THE CONSTANTINESCU FAMILY**
7:00 p.m. - **GIUSEPPE ANGILLETIA R.I.P.**

Saturday, January 4 -
9:00 a.m. - **IN THANKSGIVING**
5:00 p.m. - **CARLOS PINHEIRO R.I.P.**

Sunday, January 5 -
9:00 a.m. - **FRANK & CARMEN SPITERI R.I.P.**
10:30 a.m. - **INT. OF FRANCIS & MARIA PINTO
(25th Wedding Anniversary)**
12:00 noon - **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

Readings for December 29 -

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21
Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

Mother of God January 1st

This feast recognized Mary as the physical parent of Christ, the God-Man defined at the Council of Ephesus in the 5th century. The third Mass of Christmas reflects the role of Mary in the Redemption, so her role has always been connected with the Christmas Mystery. Later from the 5th century to the 7th century, the feast was transferred to the Octave Day of Christmas, January 1.

Prior to the time that this feast occurred on January 1, New Year's Day was observed as a day of prayer to offset pagan practices, since there were many riotous pagan celebrations. In the 5th century until the Middle Ages it honoured Mary and her Divine Maternity. Then it was observed as the Octave of Christmas, which developed into the Feast of the Circumcision. From 1961 to 1969 the title changed back to the Octave of the Nativity. Finally in 1969 the ancient Marian character was restored, so that we have its present title. It is a Holy day of Obligation.

This Solemnity celebrates the part played by Mary in the Mystery of Salvation, exalts the singular dignity that this Mystery brings to the holy Mother, renews adoration to the newborn Prince of Peace, and implores from God, through Mary's intercession, the supreme gift of peace.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-21 school year will take place January 6-17, 2020.

Parents/guardians have the option to register online or in-person at their designated Catholic school. The online Application Form should be completed prior to in-person school meetings where documentation will be received. If parents/guardians wish to register in-person, they may do so during school hours.

For those unable to register at the school during school hours, an extended registration day has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 (Snow date will be January 16, 2020). Schools will receive registrations and documentation until 6:30 p.m. that day.



We will not have regular office hours until Monday, January 6. Messages will be checked frequently during this time.

Holiday Mass Schedule

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31st 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1st 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Day 10:30 a.m.

12:00 noon

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GOOD SHEPHERD PREPARE A MEAL PROGRAM

The next drop off date for frozen prepared meals and non-perishable food items is on Saturday, January 4 from 11:00 a.m. until noon. If you would like to help with this program you can pick up a pan and recipe at this time. Help is especially needed for the homeless during the cold winter months. Thank you to all who participated in this program during the past year.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, January 3 is the First Friday of the month. Mass is at 9:00 in the morning and 7:00 in the evening. There will be Exposition and Benediction following the morning Mass.

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

Lectors can pick up their new schedule from the Sacristy.



Offertory envelopes for 2020 are available in the Parish Hall. If you used envelopes this year there should be a box for you with the same number. If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2020 please take an unlabelled box and write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use. Tax receipts will be issued early in January for donations received and deposited by December 30.

Coming Soon ... St. Leonard's Youth Ministry will host the Family Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. More details to follow.

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