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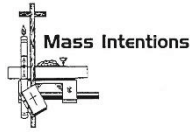
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## *Feast of the Holy Family*

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### Saturday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents

9:00 a.m. - MARIA ANTOINETTE REBELO R.I.P.

5:00 p.m. - VINCENZO & ASSUNTA FILOSA and  
PAUL & ANGELA SCHIRRIPA R.I.P.

### Sunday, December 29-Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:00 a.m.- TANYA & JOHN WOOD R.I.P.

12:00 noon- VICTOR BELLUOMINI R.I.P.

### Monday, December 30

9:00 a.m. - BARBARA FERNANDEZ R.I.P.

### Tuesday, December 31 - St. Sylvester I, Pope

9:00 a.m. - THOMAS MISQUITTA R.I.P.

5:00 p.m. - UMBERTO FRANCESCHINIS R.I.P.

### Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:30 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00 noon- DECEASED MEMBERS OF STUGLIK &  
STARZYK FAMILIES

(NO 9:00 A.M. MASS)

### Thursday, January 2 - St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 p.m. - NEVES ALMEIDA & CAROLINA DA SILVA  
& RODRIGUES R.I.P.

### Friday, January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 a.m. - KENNETH & VIRGINIA HO R.I.P.

7:00 p.m. - MARINA DAVID R.I.P.

### Saturday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 a.m. - EMIL MARIANAYAGAM R.I.P.

5:00 p.m. - BRENDA MURRAY R.I.P.

### Sunday, January 5 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - LEON LIBAWSKI R.I.P.

10:30 a.m.- PEDRO FURTADO R.I.P.

12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

The Holy Family began with apparent scandal when Mary became pregnant while betrothed to Joseph. Mary and Joseph suffered through the gossip and misunderstandings this miraculous pregnancy brought with it. Though

Joseph learned of this conception from an angel in a dream, it was his faith and righteousness that empowered him to remain faithful to Mary and love her with a pure heart. Their family began in Bethlehem, in poverty and rejection. They then fled to Egypt to protect their Child from the paranoia and cruelty of Herod. They later returned to Nazareth and lived faithfully with family and friends. Jesus learned the trade of woodworking from Joseph, grew in wisdom and knowledge, spoke with the elders in the Temple at the age of twelve, and remained obedient to his earthly parents. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches us that Jesus had direct knowledge of the Beatific Vision from the moment of His conception and had the fullness of infused knowledge. But He also grew in acquired knowledge, learning with a human mind through sensory experience and conceptual understanding. Mary and Joseph watched this growth, participated in it, grew from it themselves, and Mary "pondered all these things in her heart" ([Luke 2:51](#)).

As you ponder their inner family dynamics, relationships, and charity, use them as a model of how best to relate to your own family. Some families more fully imitate those sacred virtues; others fall gravely short. Look into your own heart and ask the Holy Family to teach you how to show greater love to those in your family. Though you will never arrive at perfection, you can receive inspiration from their lives, leading to greater growth and unity, making your own family a greater source of strength for your Christian living.

*(From mycatholic.life)*

### Readings for December 29

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14      Colossians 3.12-21  
Luke 2.41-52



### FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, January 3rd is the First Friday of the month. Mass, Adoration, and Confession will be celebrated in the morning at 9:00 am. and in the evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Adoration, followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**The Parish Office will be closed until January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH

The next drop off date for the Good Shepherd Prepare-a-Meal Program is Saturday, January 4th from 11:00 till noon around the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Confirmation Enrollment forms for students **not** attending one of our seven parish schools are available on our website or contact the parish office. Please return the form, along with a copy of the student's Roman Catholic baptism certificate. Classes will begin on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER  
OF GOD**

Tuesday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 1 - 10:30 a.m. &  
12:00 noon  
**(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)**

**As well as Sundays, this is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 495) teaches,

Called in the Gospels "the mother of Jesus," Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as "the mother of my Lord." In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (Theotokos).

Mary was declared the Mother of God (Theotokos) in 431 AD at the Council of Ephesus.



**SOLEMN OPENING OF THE  
JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year

in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "Pilgrims of Hope". In the words of Pope Francis: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

All are welcome to attend a Eucharist Celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on **Sunday, December 29 at 5:00 p.m.** to formally launch the Jubilee year in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

**Prayer cards with the Jubilee Prayer are available in the foyer.**



**Offertory envelopes for 2025 are available downstairs. If you used envelopes in 2024, you will find a box with your name. If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2025, unlabelled boxes are available in the sacristy. (Pink Visitor envelopes can be used for the remainder of 2024.)**

**THE LAST DEPOSIT FOR 2024 WILL  
BE ON THE MORNING OF MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>.**

**ENTRY PLANNING INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR  
STUDENTS WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES**

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's (DPCDSB) Special Education and Learning Services Department will host an in-person and virtual information session to support the entry planning and transition for students with differing abilities who will be new to the DPCDSB for September 2025.

The in-person session will provide parents/guardians with the opportunity to meet with board staff and learn about the entry planning and transition process for students with differing abilities. The same information will be shared at the virtual session for families who prefer to attend online.

**In-Person Session:** Thursday, January 16, 2025  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

St. Marcellinus Catholic Secondary School,  
730 Courtneypark Dr. W. Mississauga

**Virtual Session:** Monday, January 20, 2025  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Virtual Presentation via Microsoft TEAMS

Parents/guardians can register online for these events. <https://www.dpcdsb.org/>. The deadline for registering is Thursday, January 16, 2025.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026  
SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN**

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools is now open. Parents/guardians can register online at [dpcdsb.org](https://www.dpcdsb.org/).

Registration is open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least four (4) years of age by December 31, 2025.



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