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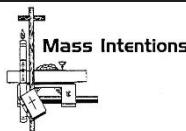
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Feast of the Holy Family



Saturday, December 27 – St. John the Apostle

9:00 a.m. - † ANTUN BALABAN
5:00 p.m. - THANKSGIVING INT. OF ANNE LE-VU FAMILY

Sunday, December 28 – Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 a.m. - † TRICIA LIU
10:30 a.m. - † CATERINA & MICHELLE TAURIELLO
12:00 noon - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, December 29 – St. Thomas Becket

9:00 a.m. - † BARBARA FERNANDEZ

Tuesday, December 30

7:00 p.m. - † VICTOR BELLUOMINI

Wednesday, December 31 – St. Sylvester I, Pope

9:00 a.m. - † JIM SHAW
5:00 p.m. - † MATTHEW KURIAN

Thursday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:30 a.m. - † RORY & ANNETTA MCGUCKIN
12:00 noon - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)

Friday, January 2 – St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 a.m. - † ERIC DURSTON & SPECIAL INTENTION
7:00 p.m. - † PETER & SAVERIO CHIAZZA

Saturday, January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY
5:00 p.m. - † MARINA DAVID

Sunday, January 4 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - † GIUSEPPE MAIO
10:30 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12:00 noon - † FR. ANTONI MENDRELA & DECEASED FAMILY



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. Matthew 2:13–14

Today we honor and ponder the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The love within their home exceeded that of any other household, and the love within their family poured forth upon their extended family and wider community. Scripture gives us limited details about the life of the Holy Family. What we do know is that from the very beginning, they suffered through enormous challenges.

Despite the hardships the Holy Family endured, the love in their home overshadowed every challenge, making their family life a source of the utmost consolation and joy. Amidst the trials they faced, the Holy Family found joy, not in worldly comforts, but in their deep union with God and with each other. Their home was a sanctuary of love, prayer, and mutual support, where God's presence was always felt.

Reflect today on the Holy Family. Ask God to give you insight into their lives together. As you do, use any insights as a source of inspiration for your own life and relationships with those closest to you. Though we will all fall short of the charity that permeated the home of the Holy Family, we can work to imitate them by allowing God to increase our charity toward one another. Through daily prayer, acts of sacrifice, and a commitment to love one another, we can create a family life that reflects the holiness and unity of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

(From mycatholic.life)

Readings for December 28

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-17
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, January 2nd 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 5th.



Offertory envelopes for 2026 are available downstairs (follow the signs). If you used envelopes in 2025, you will find a box with your name. If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2026, Unlabelled boxes are available in the sacristy. ** The last deposit for 2025 will be on Sunday, December 28th after the 12:00 Mass.

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

Wednesday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, 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.

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Friars Student Writing Contest 2026
(November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026)

Theme: "The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (cf. Eph 4:13)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>. Entries can be submitted at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

For further information, please contact ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 x. 527.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with
Bishop John Boissonneau
February 8, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.



As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.



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 4th, 2026**.

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Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service
Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4 p.m. EST

Venue: Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4) Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

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