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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 30, 2018

"I must be in my Father's house"



What binds families together in mutual love, harmony, and care for one another? The center of family life for the Jewish people was the word of God in the Scriptures. When God made a covenant with Moses and the people of Israel, he gave them a way of life embodied in the Torah or Teaching of Moses (the first 5 books of the Old Testament). This teaching formed them in a way of life that permeated every aspect of life - marriage, home and family life, education, work, celebrations, and customs.

Jesus was born into a family devoted to the word of God

When God sent his only begotten Son into the world, Jesus was born into a human family as a Jew who was raised according to scriptural teaching and customs of his people. Jesus was born under the law of Moses and was circumcised (the sign of

being a covenanted member of Israel) on the eighth day and given his name, *Yeshua* in Hebrew (*Jesus* in English) which means "God saves."

Jesus' journey to the Father's house

Jews were expected to travel to Jerusalem for the high feasts each year (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles). Jesus undoubtedly traveled with his parents every year from Nazareth to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. This eighty mile journey normally took three days. So families often traveled in large groups for safety and comfort.

Luke records a remarkable incident which happened when Jesus went up to the temple at Jerusalem for his first Passover at the dawn of his manhood (usually the age of twelve for Jewish males). It was at this key turning point in his earthly life that Jesus took the name "father" from Joseph and addressed it to God his Father in heaven. His answer to his mother's anxious inquiry reveals his confident determination to pursue his heavenly Father's will. *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? (Luke 2:49)*

Jesus obeyed and served his family at Nazareth

While Jesus identified himself as Son of the eternal Father in heaven, he, nonetheless, submitted himself with love and obedience to Mary and Joseph. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. Luke tells us that Jesus grew as a man in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and with the people of Nazareth, his home town. He remained at Nazareth until the age of 30 when he was baptized by John at the River Jordan and anointed by the Spirit for his mission as the Messiah and Savior of the world.

God the Father reveals his rich favor, blessing, and joy to all who listen to his word and who follow his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you follow and obey the Son who shows us the way to the our Father's house and family in heaven?



HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In Canada, there are two Holy Days of Obligation other than the Sundays of the year: Christmas and January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. To fulfill our duty to God, we must attend the Solemnities of the Incarnation of the Lord (Christmas) and the Holy Mother of God (January 1st).

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Monday, December 31, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. and
12:00 noon

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at office@st-francisofassisi.ca

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Gerry and Alice Mayo

S.I. A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Colaco Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

12:00 P.M. + Martina Hatch

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Martina Hatch

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I Hatch Family

+ Tom & Dean McMillen

+ Scarlett Johnston

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Deceased members of the Maloney and Comerford Families

+ Lidija Jaklic

+ Steven Ward

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8.30 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

10:00 A.M. Intention Available

12:00 P.M. + Barbara Cucchiara

INFORMATION SESSION

On January 9, 2019 the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education and Learning Services Department will host a Kindergarten entry planning and information session. This meeting is for families of children with differing abilities, such as vision, hearing, speech, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas, who are entering Kindergarten in September 2019. For more info about this session, please call 905-890-0708 ext. 24011.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-20 school year will begin on November 26, 2018. Parents/guardians have the option to register online or in-person at their designated Catholic school. The online registration will begin on November 26 at www.dpcdsb.org. For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the Board website at www.dpcdsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

Offertory envelope boxes for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. Please take any box and **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS** on the first 4 envelopes you use in JANUARY 2019. Please remember to finish using your 2018 offertory envelopes before using the 2019 ones. Thank you.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

If you would rather make your regular offerings through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), kindly complete a PAG Form, which are available at the back of the Church with the envelopes, and return to the Office. Please note you still need a box of envelopes for the other Special Collections.

THE LIFE AND WRITINGS OF ST. PAUL

St. Augustine's Lay Spiritual Formation Program invites you to a workshop on the life and writings of St. Paul. It will be presented by Father Joseph Chandrakanthan and includes Mass in the chapel. January 26, 2019, 9:30 AM - 3:00 The cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Please register at www.staugustines.on.ca. For more info email layspiritualformation@sas.org or phone 416-261-7207, ext. 235.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 4:00 PM on Sunday, February 10 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling 416-934-3400, x 523.

FAITH & REASON LECTURE

The Newman Centre is hosting a lecture entitled "The Beauty of God's Creation Through the Eyes of a Molecular Biologist." The guest speaker is Sister Stephen Patrick, a Dominican Sisters of Mary who holds a PhD in Biology from the Catholic University of America. Thurs., January 24, 2019 at the Newman Centre. Register at <https://newmanjan24.eventbrite.ca>.

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