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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 29, 2019

"An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream"



Like all godly Jewish parents, Joseph and Mary raised the child Jesus in the reverence and wisdom of the Lord. Joseph was given a unique task as the guardian and protector of Mary and of Jesus. What can we learn from the example and witness of Joseph? Joseph is a man of God, a man of unquestioning obedience and willing service. He is a man of prayer and a man of God's word. Through faith he recognized the hand of God in the mystery of the Incarnation - the Son of God taking on flesh as

the son of the Virgin Mary.

Joseph is a man of action, diligent in the care of his family and ready to do the Lord's bidding. Joseph fearlessly set aside his own plans when God called him to "take to the road" and to leave his familiar surroundings - his home, friends and relatives, and the security of his livelihood in order to pursue a hidden mission God entrusted to him as the guardian of the newborn King.

God has a plan for each one of us. With the plan God gives grace and the assurance of his guiding hand and care. Do you trust your heavenly Father for his plan for your life? Are you willing to sacrifice your own plans for the sake of God's plan? Are you willing to give God unquestioning service and to pursue whatever mission he gives you?

"Lord Jesus, make me a faithful servant of your word and guardian of your truth. Help me to obey you willingly, like Joseph and Mary, with unquestioning trust and with joyful hope."

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 YEARMASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. and
12:00 noon



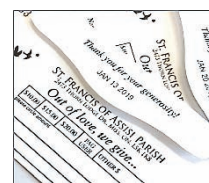
Please note that the deadline for donations (included in the 2019 tax receipt) is **December 31, 2019**. Any donations **received after this date** will be counted towards your 2020 tax receipt.

THANK YOU!



Fr. Bernard is very grateful for all the prayers, good wishes and gifts that he received from you. May our Lord bless you abundantly.

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES



Offertory envelope boxes for 2020 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 2020. Please remember to finish using your 2019 offertory envelopes before using the 2020 ones.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 – 7:00 P.M.

No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 – 5:00 P.M. NEW YEARS EVE

S.I. In Thanksgiving

+ Gerry and Alice Mayo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 – NEW YEARS DAY

10:00 A.M. + The Aquino and Padilla Families

12:00 P.M. + Martina Hatch

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Charles Haupt

+ Martina Hatch

+Joyce Gregoire

SUNDAY, JAN. 5 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8.30 A.M. + Natalie Lagoda

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

12:00 P.M. + Barbara Cucchiara

HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED



The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after Masses on January 18/19 and January 25/26. Our collected food will be delivered, sorted and stocked by the Knights at Eden Food for Change, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Please join us on February 1 as we host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Venerable Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish 4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga. For more information call 905-848-2420.

AN EVENING AT THE SEMINARY

Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux and a tour of the seminary. January 27 at 4:45 at St. Augustine Seminary. For more info email vocations@archtoronto.org or call 416-968-0997.

BIBLE STUDY

Join the community of St. John of the Cross Parish as we delve into the Bible Timeline study program that will take you on a guided journey through salvation history. Through its 24 sessions, the Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible. Workbook is required. Refreshments provided. The program starts January 7. For more information call St. John of the Cross Parish at 905-281-1331 or email office@sjocross.org

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE



As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass. The Celebration of Marriage Mass will be at St. Isaac Jogues Church, Pickering on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 3 p.m. Couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary will be honoured at this special Mass.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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 registration will begin on November 26 at www.dpcdsb.org. For those unable to register at the school during school hours, a registration evening has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 (Snow Date: January 16, 2020). For more information, your local Catholic school, visit the Board website at www.dpcdsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.

PARKING REGULATIONS

During the Christmas Season, the church typically experiences an increase in attendance. Parishioners are reminded to observe all parking regulations when attending St. Francis of Assisi church. The parish will not be responsible for any tickets received for parking violations.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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