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## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Damian Ali, Pastor

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Arlene Morgan, Lay Pastoral Assistant



*Feast of the Holy Family*

# Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2024

## I Must Be in My Father's House

*“Lord Jesus, you came to restore us to peace and friendship with the Father in heaven. Where there is division, bring healing and restoration. Where there is strife bring peace and forgiveness. May all families and nations on the earth find peace, harmony, and unity in you, the Prince of Peace and Savior of the world.”*



### **MONDAY, Dec. 30 - 7:00**

† Maria Elena Oliveira Laite  
† Maria Aurora Rosal

### **TUESDAY, Dec. 31 - 5:00PM**

† Benny D’Mello  
† All Souls in Purgatory  
S.I. Thanksgiving Mass

### **WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1 - 10AM**

S.I. Mary Mother of God

### **WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1 - 12PM**

Mass Intentions Available

### **THURSDAY, Jan 2 - 8:30 AM**

S.I. For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate

### **FRIDAY, Jan. 3 - 7:00 PM**

† Angela & Joseph Camilleri  
† Allan Quesnelle  
† Natividad Deposo

### **SATURDAY, Jan 4 - 5:00PM**

† Rita Dos Ramos  
† Nadia Purawec

### **SUNDAY, Jan 5 - 8:30 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM**

Epiphany of the Lord

### **OBLIGATIONS TO ATTEND MASS DURING THE 2024 CHRISTMAS SEASON**



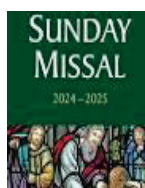
Catholics are obliged to attend Mass **for the Feast of the Holy Family** – Saturday evening,

December 28, **OR** during the day on Sunday, December 29, **AND AGAIN for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** – Tuesday, evening, December 31, 5pm **OR** on Wednesday, January 1, 10am & 12pm (**No 7pm Mass**)

**Thursday, January 2** – Regular Mass schedule resumes.

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Saturday, January 4 – 5pm, Confessions – 4pm  
Sunday, January 5 – 8:30am, 10am and 12pm



### **SUNDAY MISSALS 2024-2025**

Purchase your 2024-2025 Sunday Missals for \$7.00 each in the Parish office.



### **MISSALLETTES 2025**

As of January 1, 2025 Missalettes will be sold for \$3.00 each

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,  
May the peace and joy of Jesus Christ be with you and everyone special to you! As the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family, I pray that the families in our parish community may more perfectly reflect the love and unity of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their home at Nazareth. Even though our families are not perfect, God entrusted us to them to celebrate life and to be formed in faith as we journey toward the fulfillment of God's Kingdom.

In 2024, the world has had to confront war, gun violence, unemployment and homelessness. Canada is facing unprecedented food insecurity and must find creative ways to assist the large number of migrant people and refugees who have made this country their home. In recent weeks, we have also observed turmoil at the highest levels of government. In the face of these challenges, we trust in God's love & providence.

Our church needed to be repaired due to roof and floor damage caused by a severe rainstorm last summer. By the grace of God, our parish also completed a hall improvement project. Adults and children continue to be initiated and we celebrate the sacraments with reverence and joy. We support and strengthen active parishioners, delight in welcoming new members, and strive to care for the sick, the homebound, the poor and all who are in need.

Thank you for the kindness, hospitality and generosity extended to me during the past year, especially at Christmas, and for graciously overlooking and forgiving my flaws. I am profoundly grateful for the compassion and generosity demonstrated by this parish community.

Special thanks to Doug and Monica Stanley for all that they do, and to everyone involved in our various parish ministries and to all our parish volunteers. Thank you for everyone's support of the Sunday offertory collections, diocesan collections and ShareLife. I am also thankful to the members of the Parish Finance Council who have been prudently guiding the parish through a challenging fiscal period. I am particularly grateful for the ministry of Deacon Don Roberts, Deacon Richard Te and Deacon Richard Noronha and for the personal support and encouragement I receive daily from them.

The parish staff is competent, dedicated and hard-working. I am so very grateful for the fact that they always go above and beyond the mandate of their job descriptions. Sincere thanks to: Arlene Morgan, who coordinates preparation and celebration of the sacraments and organizes activities for youth and families; Ella Alvares, our Parish Secretary; Carmen Pulis, our Office Assistant; Brenda Penney, the Parish Bookkeeper; Delia Cabioc, the rectory cook and housekeeper; Kimberly MacBride and Indee Imiyaralalage, who clean the church and parish hall.

On December 29, 2024, we begin a new Jubilee Year. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope." This is a special time of grace, "a year of the Lord's favour," a time to be renewed in faith and hope. It is also an opportunity for reconciliation with one another, with the Church and with the Lord. Let us do our part to welcome back those who have been away from their faith or from parish life. It is never too late to return and reconnect. Do not be afraid! We are a community of love, warmth and joy! Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

Yours sincerely,  
Fr. Damian Ali, Pastor



## 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

Offertory envelope boxes for 2025 are available at the back of the church after all masses. Please take any box and

**PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS on the envelopes you use in the month of JANUARY 2025.** Just as a reminder we cannot issue tax receipts without this information.

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.



## 2024 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

2024 is coming to a close. All donations you wish to include for your 2024 Tax Receipt must be received no later than **December 31, 2024**. Thank you for your continued generous support.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your home address or telephone number have changed, please send us an email at [stfrancisofassisi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stfrancisofassisi@archtoronto.org).



To keep you up to date with current events here are a few items that are back:

**Bridge resumes. Come Join Us at 1:00 PM on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. Newcomers Welcome!**

**Prayer Group meetings resume on Tuesday evenings starting Jan. 7th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.**



**Men of St. Francis meet on Saturday mornings beginning Jan.**

**11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.**

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The answer will be found next week on the parish website:

***What is the significance of January 5, 2025***



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