All Saints' Parish

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Feast of the Holy Family



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 27th, 2020

> Put on love. (Colossians 3:14)

Everyone knows that family life is a combination of happiness and sadness, with a lot of the ordinary in between. But what about the Holy Family? Surely there was nothing but peace and happiness?

Not really. Life wasn't always a bed of roses for them. Remember Joseph's initial plan to divorce Mary to protect her from shame when her pregnancy was discovered (Matthew 1:19)? Or Mary having to give birth in a stable (Luke 2:1-7)? Or what about Mary and Joseph losing track of their son on the way home from Jerusalem (2:44)? They also had to deal with Herod's murderous rage, a secret flight to Egypt, resettlement in Nazareth, and Joseph's early death. All of these occasions, and more besides, could have filled them with anxious, fearful thoughts. In similar circumstances, we certainly would have felt tempted to wish for an easier life.

But whatever Mary and Joseph and Jesus thought about their struggles, one thing is clear. They never gave up. In their faithfulness and trust—and even more so, in their commitment to love one another—they show us how to weather the storms of life.

Love. That's what makes a holy family. Not the sentimental love of songs and movies but the strong, relentless, stubborn love of God. The divine love that the Spirit pours into our hearts (Romans 5:5). The selfless love that bears all things, hopes all things, and forgives all things. The pure love of a God who became one of us and died to save us.

No family has a perfect life. Every family faces hardships of one sort or another. But every family also has a heavenly Father who loves them and delights in teaching them how to love each other. So, on this feast of the Holy Family, let's pray for our families, and for every family on earth. May we all learn to "put on love" (Colossians 3:14)!

"Father, pour out your merciful, healing love on every family today.

(Excerpt from The **WORD** Among Us)

MASS INTENTIONS December 28th to January 2nd

Mon., December 28th, Holy Innocents

Maria & Sebastiano Rinella Italo Marti Rosanna Maneli

Tues., December 29th, St. Thomas Becket

Special Intention: Ermelinda Mongiat & Family Thanksgiving: John Jairo Lizarralde, Santiago & Natalie Mesa Payton Colussi

> Wed., December 30th, St. Anysia Antonio Grisolia

Giannina Mazzanti Marlene Dubeau

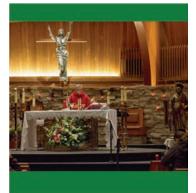
Thur., December 31st, St. Sylvester I

Thanksgiving: Gregorio & Antonio Family Wutta Müller Special Intentions

Fri., January 1st, Mary Holy Mother of God 9:30 am - English Mass - Live Stream YouTube

Sat., January 2nd, St. Basil the Great, St. <u>Gregory Nazianzen</u> Fernando & Maria Pina Carinci Pasquale Caravaggio Jean Louis Maieron

<u>Limited Edition All Saints</u> Puzzle Series:



Series #1 Father Andrzej Glaba at the Altar during Mass: "Every good puzzle, like VIRTUE, is its own reward"

Rediscover the joy of a piecing together a

jigsaw puzzle this Christmas! During Advent, All Saints' Parish Council is offering a 250piece puzzle featuring a beautiful image of our Altar. This puzzle promises fun for the whole family.

The cost is \$25 and only 100 will be available to order. All proceeds are in support of the needy in our parish. Call the office to place your order and arrange a curbside pick up.

Please do not miss this opportunity!



WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!

May the joy of

Christmas resound in your hearts and in your homes. May the Good News heralded on that First Christmas continue to fill your hearts and to strengthen your journey. To all of you, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Fr. Andrzej Glaba, Fr. Paul Begin, and the Staff and Volunteers of All Saints' Parish

All Saints' Roman Catholic Church Updated as Changes Evolve

Thank you for your ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at Mass since we were able to re-open in June. We are grateful to all the volunteers who have done an incredible job ensuring that our church was a safe place to gather; we are especially appreciative of their sacrifice and generosity!

As you are aware, the City of Toronto will move into "Lockdown Stage" as of Monday, Nov. 23rd, to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The lockdown order is in place for at least 28 days and may be extended. We recognize that this will be an extremely challenging time for many parishioners. So many of the faithful rely on our churches to find solace, peace and support in their lives, especially during this period of pandemic. We will make every effort to continue our outreach to you and to use technology virtually with to connect our parishioners.

What this means for All Saints' Church: Please note that this is an update from a previous communication and reflects the most current information from the Archdiocese and Toronto Health.

Masses – For Public celebrations, all weekday and Sunday Masses are cancelled. Communion on Sunday, as was originally communicated, is <u>not</u> available at this time.

Private Masses for Parishioners' Intentions: Father Glaba will celebrate daily Mass for the booked intentions of parishioners and for those affected by Covid-19. There will be <u>**no**</u> parishioners in attendance.

<u>Confession</u>: Parishioners wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) can come

every day from **Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am** or call the Church office and book an appointment with the secretary.

Private Prayer in the Church: The Church will be open for private prayer from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. *Masks are mandatory for the entire time you are in the Church.* A maximum of 10 people will be allowed at any given time.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This Friday we will **<u>NOT</u>** have Eucharistic Adoration.

To watch it live THIS Friday, please click: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGvms3l5 UMU&list=PLocpP1kPHudI1hiwrDVmlNG79v hrpFC76&index=1

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals - NO Masses: Weddings, funerals and baptisms may be celebrated without Mass and only 10 persons present, including the priest. Please call the office for further details.

Livestream Mass on Sunday: We will be livestreaming our *9:30 am* Sunday Mass. This can be accessed on our YouTube channel page at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqCsT_qlZXI PMc8QzUpWH8Q

Children of the Word for Children and Liturgy of the Word for the Family: The Liturgy of the Word with the family will continue to be virtual and can be found at the following site: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLocpP1kP HudKt6mGYtkCI99AirAmWscFa

Parish Communication: We will continue to update you as the situation evolves:

- by email at <u>alsc1415@allsaintsrc.com</u>
- on our Church website allsaintset.archtoronto.org
- by robocall (message recorded by Fr. Glaba)

• by recorded messages on our phone number 416-244-3066 for Mass times Extension 4 and Office Hours Ext. 5.

• by messages posted on our front doors.

If we do not have your email address, please forward it to us so that we may add you to our email distribution list.

Other Resources: There are also online resources from parishes across the Archdiocese including streamed Masses and services. Consult the list at <u>www.archtoronto.org/covid19</u> for more information on these.

Parish Office: For further explanation or questions, please contact our office at 416-244-3066 or email us at <u>alsc1415@allsaintsrc.com</u>

Office hours: We are open from Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 11:00 am or by appointment, Saturday and Sunday we are closed.

Advent Reflections

We may not be able to be together physically but let us wait for the coming of the Christ Child together by praying and reflecting on the readings during Advent. Join me for 3 Minute Reflections on the virtues of each candle and Gospel reflections for each day of Advent.

YouTube Channel: All Saints' - Youth, Catechesis, Prayers Anna B. Link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBQ1qP TNp0Br3RizMo6-pYA



All youth (Grades 1 to 12) and especially those preparing for the sacraments are encouraged to watch the Sunday Mass at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqCsT_qlZ XIPMc8QzUpWH8Q/playlists.

A great way to understand the readings, do activities and learn about our faith.



Youth Ministry Poster Competition open to children between the ages of 5 to 14. The 2 themes to choose from are; "Keep Christ in Christmas" or "Jesus is the Reason for the Season" Posters must showcase the theme well. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in the following age categories: 5-7, 8-11 & 12-14.

Posters are to be submitted by email to <u>allsaintsedgey@hotmail.ca</u> with the child's name and age. Deadline for submissions is January 10th which marks the end of the Christmas Season.

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca



