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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Sunday, December 28th, 2025

*... bearing with one
another and forgiving one
another. (Colossians 3:13)*

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. We can take for granted that Jesus, the Son of God, Mary, the Mother of God, and St. Joseph, the Just, must have been holy. But what about the rest of us? What is the key to living as a holy family?

In his Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul puts his finger on one of the best ways to experience holiness in family life: *bearing with and forgiving one another (3:13)*. Because despite our love for each other, annoyances or misunderstandings or frustration will arise. So what do we do? Paul tells us that when we have grievances against someone else, we need to bear with them and be willing to forgive them just as the Lord has forgiven us.

That's the beauty of today's second reading. Paul doesn't present a stained glass image of holiness for us to strive for but never attain. He shows us how to get there! It starts as we acknowledge that we are all God's chosen ones, forgiven and beloved. So living as a holy family isn't just a matter of doing the "hard work" of loving one another. It's also a matter of receiving the grace and mercy God offers so that we can love in ways that we can't do on our own. It's a matter of giving away what we've received.

Practically, this means treating our family members with the heartfelt compassion and patience that we have received from Christ. It means bearing with our fellow sinners because we know how much Jesus bears with us.

What a relief this is! We don't have to pretend to be perfect. We could never do it on our own anyway. But we do have to receive from Jesus the forgiveness that can move us to extend the same mercy to our loved ones. And that will make for a holy family!

"Heavenly Father, thank you for your mercy that moves me to show mercy to my loved ones!"

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



A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026!

*To you all, our very best wishes
for a blessed new year filled with
peace, joy, and the fulfillment of
all your hopes and prayers.*

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

MASS INTENTIONS

December 29th to January 3rd

Mon., December 29th, St. Thomas Becket

Rose Sgro

Special Intentions: Nikoll & Donika

Vito Galati

Tues., December 30th, St. Anysia

Carmen Di Palma

Domenico Paniccia

Brid Coyne

Wed., December 31st, St. Sylvester I

Isabella Lanzara

Renato Marcucci & Iolanda Sorgini

Alberto Arcuri & Cesare & Rosina Girimonte

5:00 p.m. English Family Mass

Thur., January 1st, Mary Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day

8:00 am Italian Mass

9:30 am English Mass

11:30 am English Mass

Fri., January 2nd, St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen

Antonio & Maria Meffe

Fernando & Maria Pina Carinci

Health & Blessings: Pasqualina Soscia

Eucharistic Adoration 3-5pm followed by 5pm Mass

Sat., January 3rd, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

St. Genevieve, St. Munchin

Pierina Arturi

Rosanna & Joe Mossa

Sandra Bottoni

NEW YEAR'S OFFICE HOURS:

The parish office will be open **ONLY** from 9:00am to 12:30pm on December 30 & 31. The Office will be **CLOSED** on January 1, 2026.



Eucharistic Adoration and Mass:

We are having the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday January 2nd from 3pm to 5pm followed by Holy Mass at 5pm.

Confessions from 3:30 to 4:30pm. All are welcome!

COFFEE SUNDAY:

Our next coffee Sunday will be held on **Sunday January 4th**. Please join us after the 11:30am Mass in the Hall. All are welcome!



RAISING SAINTS Youth Group for students in Grades 5 - 8 meets on Friday, January 9 at 7PM in the Parish Hall. Come join us.

Little Saints Youth Group for students in Grades 2 - 4 meets will meet on Friday, January 16 at 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall. Come join us.



Faith Formation

Sessions are held in the parish hall. Sessions offered on two dates to accommodate schedules:

Topic: Prayer - Reconciliation- An Encounter with God's Love and Mercy. **Presenter:** Fr. Martin Ngo. **Dates:** Thursday, January 15 from 7-8 pm or Sunday, January 18 from 4 - 5 pm.

Topic: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit. **Presenter:** Fr. Sunil D'Acosta. **Dates:** Thursday, January 29 from 7-8 pm or Sunday, February 8 from 4 - 5 pm.

SUNDAY MISSAL 2026

The new Sunday Missals are available in the parish office during the week. Cost is \$6.

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 to submit at:

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

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



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 5 at 7pm in the Music Room. All are welcome to attend.

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

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026 -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. Poster: bit.ly/3Jc6RWT



Candles:

Due to rising costs, the 3-day candles will increase to \$5 starting on January 1, 2026.



A NOTE OF THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude to everyone who has been involved in the planning of the celebrations that have guided us through the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Special thanks to all our parishioners for making these joyous days

a special blessing for the entire community through your presence, your prayers, and your support. Thank you to everyone of you and your families!

The LORD blesses you and keeps you!

The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The LORD looks upon you kindly and give you peace!

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau – Feb. 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, Feb. 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.

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