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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Communion Reflection



The greatness of our humanity.....

Sometimes people expect something extraordinary, or even miraculous to happen at Christmas. But when Christ came on earth, he came clothed, not in the extraordinary, but in the ordinary. He came dressed in the cloak of our weak, fragile, mortal humanity. "They wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger." Like an acorn that falls to the earth, silently and unheralded, in a remote corner of the forest, and which grows into a great oak tree, so from these lowly origins Jesus grew up to show us the greatness of our humanity.

*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp
Burns in memory of
Ines Ardila*

*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp
burns in memory of
Sonia Ennevor*

Masses of Intentions

Monday – New Years Day

Tuesday – Rodney Crown + / John Wilson +

Wednesday – Mary Louise Milne+ / M aria Mattucci +

Thursday – Private Intentions / Maria O'Neill +

Friday - Ona & Peter Olito + / John Ophelders + / Ted Ophelder + / Joseph Duffin + / Steven Duffin +

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Michael Chiarotto, Robin Noel Ennevor, Evelyn Ferreira, Kathryn Horgan, Simon Jimenez, Vince Pellettier, Allan Smart, Maria Thomas

First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes

Sundays 11:00-12:00 pm or Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class dates are: Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 8 & May 6. Tuesday Class dates are: Oct. 17, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 10 & May 8.

First Reconciliation to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 10, 2018

First Communion on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm for the Sunday Class & 4:00 pm for the Tuesday Class

Confirmation Classes

Classes are held on Wednesday's 4:30 – 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Classes are: Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Jan. 31, Feb. 28 & Mar. 28.

➤➤➤➤ Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. ◀◀◀◀

☞ Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm. ☜

Students are required to attend all classes and the Confirmation Retreat.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates

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First Communion will be on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 2:30 pm

Confirmation will be on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm

2018 ENVELOPES - Please pick up your 2018 envelopes at the back of the church. **PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF THERE IS AN ERROR WITH YOUR BOX NUMBER. Please DO NOT use any leftover envelopes from 2017 or any other year!**

Recycle your outdated envelopes. If you did not pick up your 2016 envelopes, your name was removed from the envelope list so please pick a new box up in the Loretto Room. If you would like to be an envelope user, please pick up a new box in the Loretto Room as well. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes used so we can update the parish data for 2018. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Scripture : Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5, 15-16; 21.1-7, Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19, Luke 2.22-40

December 31, 2017

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. (eph 5.1)

CROSSROADS YOUTH GROUP – Meet every second Sunday from 4.30-6.30 pm in our parish hall. Everyone in grades 7 and up are welcome. Our next meeting is will be soon. Watch here for updates.

OUT OF THE COLD – has begun - The Out of the Cold dinner program serving a hot dinner to those in need in our community is sponsored by Glenview Presbyterian, St. Leonard's Anglican and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The program runs every Sunday from the first Sunday in November to last Sunday in March at the Glenview Presbyterian Church at 1 Glenview Avenue. The Blessed Sacrament Church is responsible for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. Volunteers are needed to prepare NUT FREE desserts that are easy to carry away like muffins, cookies, brownies, squares, etc. Desserts can be dropped off at Glenview Presbyterian Church on Sundays at 4pm during this period. In addition, donations for NEW socks, mittens, gloves, and undergarments are always welcome as well. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to this year's Out of the Cold leaders. 2nd Sunday: Sandra Girard and Nina Spinosa at ootc.secondsunday@gmail.com, 3rd Sunday: Ann Marie and Bill Rosenitsch at annmarieroz@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, January 14th

Feast of the Holy Family

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, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997** email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationtoronto.ca

Parking on Weekends: We understand the challenge of finding parking on the weekends, but please do not block our neighbours' driveways, it is illegal and hazardous. Please make sure when parking on the streets around the church that there is room for emergency vehicles to get by. Toronto Police reminded us that cars blocking or too close to corners can be ticketed and/or towed. The Toronto Police also remind parishioners that additional parking is available on Duplex Avenue, streets west of Duplex Avenue, Yonge Street and streets east of Yonge Street. We appreciate your cooperation and remind you to obey all stated parking laws and to be mindful of those living adjacent to our church. Thank You – Father Larry

A Blessed New Year!

New Years Mass Schedule

**Holy Family - Dec. 30/31 all regular Masses will be celebrated in addition to:

**Solemnity of Mary
New Years Eve, Sunday,
December 31st**

Vigil Mass - 4:30 pm

**New Year's Day, Monday,
January 1st**

Masses: 10:00 am & 11:30 am
(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Thank You! *As always Christmas is a busy time at Blessed Sacrament and we want to thank everyone for your many prayers, cards and gifts to us, we appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you for your stewardship of the parish and your generosity towards those less fortunate. May God continue to bless our parish community as we move forward into 2018.*

Fr. Larry, Fr. Constantin, Deacon Paul, Seminarian- Aldrin, Sr. Mary, Sr. Johanna and all the Staff



**Parish Office
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