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Organist: Gerard Johnston



Feast of the Holy Family



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 2025



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week December 27, 2026 -January 3, 2026

Dec 27	Sat	9:00 AM	† Andrew Telles
		5:00 PM	Intention of Clifford D' Silva
Dec 28	Sun	9:00 AM	† Benedicta D'Sa
		11:00 AM	People of the Parish
		7:00 PM	† George Tomie
Dec 29	Mon	9:00 AM	Intention of Sean & Swphana Sebastian
Dec 30	Tue	9:00 AM	Intention of Mario & Maria Simao
Dec 31	Wed	9:00 AM	Intention of Maria Fan
		5:00 PM	† Intention of Geoffrey Hosein & family
Jan 01	Thu	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
		11:00 AM	† Stephen Menezes
		7:00 PM	† Intention of Geoffrey Hosein & family
Jan 02	Fri	9:00 AM	† Naseem 'Jimmy' Shiekh
			† Joe Yoganathan
			† Leonardo Steve Peiris
			† David Stiles
			† George Viera
			† Leonardo Steve Peiris
			† Ruben S. Jorge
			† Nannette Yip
		7:30 PM	† Mathilda Gracias
			† Bernadette Tan David
Jan 03	Sat	9:00 AM	Intention of Linda Estrada
		5:00 PM	† Deceased parents of James & Nanoo family

REFLECTION

Every year Christmas unites the weary and warring human family for a few days of rejoicing. Each year, we are surprised anew at the richness of God's gift to us of Christ. From contemplating this gift we learn the meaning of self-giving love. Today's Mass centers on human school of love, the family. Sirach comments on the fourth commandment, to honor one's parents. The last verses of Colossians draw on a pre-Christian household code, but its first two sections are remarkable within a patriarchal culture for their fully Christian values: relationships are based on mutual love and forgiveness rather than subordination. With such love, God sent his son. The gospel readings remind us that the Holy Family was not spared the pain, separation, and need for trust experienced by those who love. Our suffering can be transformed by imitating Christ's love—a love which he learned from his parents. The miracle of Christmas assures us that God boundlessly enriches our everyday lives when lived with love.

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, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Phone Number: (416) 282-0370

Ministry	Contact	EXT
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE <i>General meetings: 2nd Mon of the month at 7 PM (the Hall)</i>	Raffaela Civello	251
FAITH ENRICHMENT <i>Meetings: every Thursday 9:30 AM –10:45 AM (Room 2)</i>	Bonnie Washer	252
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS <i>General meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM (Room 2)</i>	Voicemail only	253
LEGION OF MARY <i>Meetings every Tues at 5:30 PM</i>	Debra Silveira	254
PRAYER GROUP <i>Meetings: every other Thurs 7:30 PM</i>	Patricia Furtado/ Jennifer Fernandes	255
REFUGEE OUTREACH <i>Meetings: every last Saturday of the month</i>	Camela Gaudet	218
SENIORS 50+ CLUB <i>Companionship: every Wed, 12 PM –3:30 PM (the Hall)</i>	Joe Van Pinxteren	256
SOCIAL COMMITTEE	Sean Figueredo	215
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YOUTH MINISTRY <i>Email: JTanuan@archtoronto.org</i>	Jeremy Tanuan	213

Peace, Hope, and Love for Every Family

As the New Year begins, may it bring peace, joy, and countless blessings to every family in our parish. May faith continue to guide every step, hope fill every heart, and love strengthen our community. Here's to a year of growth, togetherness, and shared blessings in God's grace.





The Good Shepherd Provide-a-Meal Program Needs You!

Thank you to all who have been participating in the Good Shepherd Provide-a-Meal Program! To anyone interested in joining—**welcome!** The casseroles we prepare help feed those in need at the **Good Shepherd Refuge** on Queen Street East in downtown Toronto. How the Program Works

- We provide you with a **casserole container and recipe**.
- Pick up your container and recipe from the **parish office during business hours**, along with the drop-off schedule.
- Prepare the same meal **once per month**—and keep some for your family, it's delicious!
- Drop off your casserole on the scheduled dates **between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. after the Saturday morning Mass** at the **west parking lot**. When you drop off, pick up an empty container for next time. That's it!

Want to Join or Have Questions?

Contact **Peter or Annie Alkins** at **(416) 283-7420**.

2026 Drop-Off Dates **Jan 3 | Feb 7 | Mar 7 | Mar 28 | May 2 | Jun 6 | Jul 4 | Aug 29 | Oct 3 | Nov 7 | Dec 5**

Lift Your Voice – Join Our Choir!

The 9 a.m. Choir is looking for altos, tenors, and basses! Our rehearsals are friendly, supportive, and full of laughter and sometimes cookies!



If you're interested or would like more information, please speak with Isis Rebello after the 9 a.m. Mass, contact the parish office, or call Isis at 416-528-4185.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fr. Francis invites you to join him for our parish pilgrimage to visit Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico from April 29 to May 6, 2026. We only need your deposit of \$300 by January 10, 2025. Praying that you can join us. Thank you.



2026 DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2026 donation envelopes are available in the Narthex for pick up. Please be patient and ensure you are picking up your own box.

We thank you for your generosity!

IMPORTANT : 2025 TAX RECEIPTS

Please note that only donations received at the parish office by **December 31st, 12 noon** qualifies for a 2025 Tax Receipt.

Important Update on Parish Envelope Numbers

Due to rising costs and decreased envelope use, envelope numbers will be reassigned **effective in year 2027**. Beginning in 2027, envelope numbers will be reassigned annually to help us use resources wisely. Unused envelope boxes will be reassigned, and boxes will not be issued the following year if they are not used.

If you donate through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), please consider switching to a **boxless number**. Your donations will continue to be tracked by number, without the cost of envelope boxes. "2nd Collections only" envelopes can also be provided if needed.

If you have any questions, please contact us at **416-282-0370**.

New Year Mass Schedule

News Years' Eve Mass— 5 PM

New Year's Day— 9 AM, 11 AM, 7 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve: Closed at noon

New Year's Day: Closed



BEFORE YOU FIX YOUR WEDDING DATE

Thinking about doing your wedding in the Church? Great move! The way to go is to call the parish office and schedule an appointment with the priest **at least 12 months** before your desired wedding date. It is a requirement in the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. Hoping for the best for you as you process and make this important life-long decision.



Did you know that ?

☞ The baby in the manger is the same Jesus we receive in the Eucharist. God still choosing to come so close to us? (Luke 2:16; Matthew 26:26)

☞ Christmas is the shocking truth that God chose to be born into a messy, stressful, imperfect, ordinary world, just like ours, so He understands real life, including yours? (John 1:14; Luke 2:7; Hebrews 4:15)

☞ The Nativity scene shows us that God chose closeness over comfort and love over luxury and that Christmas joy isn't about escaping problems but knowing God is with us in the middle of them all? (Matthew 1:23; 2 Corinthians 8:9)

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026

Registration for youth in Grade 6, 7, and 8 is still open! EDGE meets on the **2nd and 4th Fridays of each month**. Come discover the EPIC Universe! For more information contact **Jeremy at JTanuan@archtoronto.org or (416)282-0370 Ext.**

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