

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | Feast of the Holy Family | 29 December 2024

### Feast of the Holy Family

*Jesus, Mary & Joseph*



**“The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant Jesus laying in a manger.”** Luke 2.16

**HAPPY & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!  
WELCOME 2025!**

### Welcome New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the church activities. We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

For Registration form, ask anyone of the Ushers or Call the office.

Your Pastor,

**Fr. David**



**Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:15pm**

**Sunday Mass – 9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm**

**Weekdays:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

**Baptism**- every Saturday of the month.

Preparation class is required. Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday masses.

**Confession** every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

**Confirmation** - for Grade 7 & up registration for 2025 is in the months of September and October 2024

**First Holy Communion** – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

**Wedding** – call the office for appointment

**Anyone who wants to become**

**Catholic** – call the office for appointment  
**Parish School-**

**St. John XXIII Catholic School**  
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Tel. 416-393-5348

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**St. Sylvester Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Pray for us.**

**“Timothy left to me only the heritage of his faith and courage.”**



**“Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”** *Luke 2.41-52*

Today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. As we follow the Gospel of Luke, we continue to fix our gaze on Jesus; The Revelation of the Father.

Today, the liturgy presents to us the Virgin Mary, Joseph and Jesus, faithful to the tradition of their people. They go to Jerusalem for the Passover taking the 12-year-old Jesus with them. The first time that Jesus had entered the Temple of the Lord was 40 days after his Birth. The Parents had offer on his behalf, “a pair of turtledoves, or two pigeons.

At Christmas, the wonders of God were shown to us, as in Jesus as we saw the Face of God. We had lost God’s Presence among us, with the Sin of Adam and Eve in Garden of Eden. Now, God was physically present again, present among humanity.

After the “Eternal Word of God;” Jesus Christ, took on our Flesh and entered into time, the next Mystery we behold was that, God the Father entrusted his care to human beings; Mary and Joseph, ordinary people; living ordinary lives together, in an ordinary place call Nazareth. Jesus lived and experienced an ordinary human life among his mother and father, his family and people.

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus once more is in the Temple, but this time he has a different role. He remained in the Temple and Mary and Joseph searched for him for three days. They found him in the Temple conversing with the teachers of the law. When Mary asked for an explanation, her Son Jesus, revealed to them that they ought not have searched for him, since that place, the Temple, was the house of his Father.

The Church presents to us this Family of Nazareth as a model of encouragement. The Church affirms the importance of this unit considering the trust given to it by God. This unit of Love enables love to be transmitted, shared and experienced. Founded on the indissoluble union between a man and a woman, the family constitutes the privileged reality in which human life is welcomed and nurtured, from its beginning to its natural end.

May the love, loyalty and dedication of Mary and Joseph be an uplifting example to all Christian Couples who are custodians of God’s invaluable gift. May, the Son of Mary, Jesus, who experienced Family Life sanctify Families and fill them with his Divine Grace.



**Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

The Fourth Commandment:  
Honor your Father and your Mother

**455. What does the fourth commandment require?** 2196-2200, 2247-2248

It commands us to honor and respect our parents and those whom God, for our good, has vested with his authority.

**456. What is the nature of the family in the plan of God?**

2201-2205, 2249

A man and a woman united in marriage form a family together with their children. God instituted the family and endowed it with its fundamental constitution. Marriage and the family are ordered to the good of the spouses and to the procreation and education of children. Members of the same family establish among themselves personal relationships and primary responsibilities. In Christ the family becomes the domestic church because it is a community of faith, of hope, and of charity.

**457. What place does the family occupy in society?** 2207-2208

The family is the original cell of human society and is, therefore, prior to any recognition by public authority. Family values and principles constitute the foundation of social life. Family life is an initiation into the life of society.

**458. What are the duties that society has toward the family?**

2209-2213, 2250

Society, while respecting the principle of subsidiarity, has the duty to support and strengthen marriage and the family. Public authority must respect, protect and foster the true nature of marriage and the family, public morality, the rights of parents, and domestic prosperity.

**459. What are the duties of children toward their parents?**

2214-2220, 2251

Children owe respect (filial piety), gratitude, docility and obedience to their parents. In paying them respect and in fostering good relationships with their brothers and sisters, children contribute to the growth in harmony and holiness in family life in general. Adult children should give their parents material and moral support whenever they find themselves in situations of distress, sickness, loneliness, or old age.

To read more click the link below:

[Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Dec 28-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Randy Goertzen

Dec 29- Sun 9:00AM +Conchita & Leoncio Ayala

12:15 PM + The Parishioners

5:30 PM + Agapito & Melita Ruz

Dec 30 -Mon,7:00PM + Josefa Pepita Verayo

+ Anacleta Estrada

Dec 31 -Tue, 9:00 AM +Josefa Pepita Verayo

Dec 31 -Tue, 7:00 PM The Parishioners

Jan 01 -Wed, 9:00AM +Fr. Rudy Imperial

12:15PM + Fr. Daniel Palilio

Jan 02 -Thu, 9 AM +Fr. Rudy Imperial

Jan 03 -Fri, 7:00 PM + Raul Aquino

Jan 04- Sat, 9 AM + Lerma Ayala

**7-day Vigil Lamp Intention –Dec 28-Jan 03, 2025**

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Hayde

Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

Chapel ---- +Lerma Glen Ayala

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**“FAMILY”**

**-The Christian family is called the domestic church because the family manifests and lives out the communal and familial nature of the Church as the family of God. Each family member, in accord with their own role, exercises the baptismal priesthood and contributes toward making the family a community of grace and of prayer, a school of human and Christian virtue and the place where the faith is first proclaimed to children. (CCC 1655-1658,1666)**

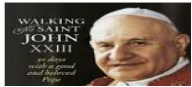
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***Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention – December 2024 – FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE***

*“We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.”*



Our Patron Saint...



"Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas." Pope John XXIII

St. Sylvester 1 Dec 27<sup>th</sup>

St. Sylvester 1 was the 33<sup>rd</sup> pope, succeeding Pope Militades on Jan 31, 314. Although he became pope during peaceful times, his reign occurred during the persecution of Diocletian. This persecution mass came to an end when Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity.

A popular legend states that Constantine was cured of leprosy by Pope Sylvester, after which he converted to the faith. Constantine built several churches during his reign with the help of Pope Sylvester.

[Prayers, Quips and Quotes: St. Sylvester I, Feast Day December](#)

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

-before the Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors—Proclaimers of God’s words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women’s League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

If you are interested to join, please email us at [stjohn23do@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohn23do@archtoronto.org) and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us." St. John XXIII

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Francis: "I hope that during this Jubilee, we can practice kindness as a form of love to connect with others" (archive photo) (VATICAN MEDIA Divisione Foto)

Pope Francis: Hope and kindness make the world more beautiful

[Pope Francis: Hope and kindness make the world more beautiful - Vatican News](#)



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO

Friday, December 20, 2024



CARDINAL LEO JOINS ST. PETER'S PARISH FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MEAL

Tuesday, December 24, 2024



REFLECTING ON THE SUCCESS OF RENEW TORONTO: A GATHERING OF OVER 750 YOUNG ADULTS

Friday, December 20, 2024

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

\*\*click the link above to read the full text of the news\*\*

Announcements!!!

- ✠ Masses on New Year are as follows:  
December 31<sup>st</sup> – 7pm -Vigil Mass  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – 9am and 12:15pm
- ✠ Hang your Christmas prayer intention to the Christmas tree project, contact Cora & Lynda, Office for the card;
- ✠ For those Parents of First Holy Communion Candidates, whose child has not taken the First Test, please email the office to schedule your child to take Test 1;
- ✠ 2025 Donation Envelopes are ready for pick up.



## CHARTER OF THE RIGHTS OF THE FAMILY

*Presented by the Holy See to all persons, institutions and authorities concerned with the mission of the family in today's world October 22, 1983*

### Preamble

Considering that:

A. The rights of the person, even though they are expressed as rights of the individual, have a fundamental social dimension which finds an innate and vital expression in the family;

B. the family is based on marriage, that intimate union of life in complementarity between a man and a woman which is constituted in the freely contracted and publicly expressed indissoluble bond of matrimony and is open to the transmission of life;

C. marriage is the natural institution to which the mission of transmitting life is exclusively entrusted;

D. the family, a natural society, exists prior to the State or any other community, and possesses inherent rights which are inalienable;

E. the family constitutes, much more than a mere juridical, social and economic unit, a community of love and solidarity, which is uniquely suited to teach and transmit cultural, ethical, social, spiritual and religious values, essential for the development and well-being of its own members and of society.

F. the family is the place where different generations come together and help one another to grow in human wisdom and to harmonize the rights of individuals with other demands of social life;

G. the family and society, which are mutually linked by vital and organic bonds, have a complementary function in the defense and advancement of the good of every person and of humanity;

H. the experience of different cultures throughout history has shown the need for society to recognize and defend the institution of the family;

I. society, and in a particular manner the State and International Organizations, must protect the family through measures of a political, economic, social and juridical character, which aim at consolidating the unity and stability of the family so that it can exercise its specific function;

J. the rights, the fundamental needs, the well-being and the values of the family, even though they are progressively safeguarded in some cases, are often ignored and not rarely undermined by laws, institutions and socio-economic programs;

K. many families are forced to live in situations of poverty which prevent them from carrying out their role with dignity;

L. the Catholic Church, aware that the good of the person, of society and of the Church herself passes by way of the family, has always held it part of her mission to proclaim to all the plan of God instilled in human nature concerning marriage and the family, to promote these two institutions and to defend them against all those who attack them;

M. the Synod of Bishops celebrated in 1980 explicitly recommended that a Charter of the Rights of the Family be drawn up and circulated to all concerned;

*To continue reading click the link below.*

[https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/family/documents/rc\\_pc\\_family\\_doc\\_19831022\\_famil-y-rights\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/family/documents/rc_pc_family_doc_19831022_famil-y-rights_en.html)



*¡Feliz Navidad y prospero ano nuevo*

*Buon Natale e Felice Anno nuovo*

*Joyeux Noël et bonne annee*

*Frohe Weihnachten und ein gluckliches Neues Jahr*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Krisamas aur naya saal mubaarak ho*

**Heri ya Krismasi na Mwaka Mpya**

*Maligayang Pasko at  
Manigong Bagong Taon!*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAY!**

***JESUS***



*Dear Jesus,*

*As the star was the guide of the Wise men to see your face and honor you, we pray that you are our guiding star in our daily lives going to the Father who loves us.*

*St. John XXIII Community*

*O Come let us adore Him Christ our saviour!*

*MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!*

