

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | **Feast of the Holy Family | 28 Dec 2025**



Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod.

Matthew 2.14

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 2026 is in the months of August and September 2025

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2026 is in the months of August and September 2025

Wedding – Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday Masses

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday Masses

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph **Dec 28th**
Pray for us.

“May our family be like yours.”



“The family is beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings! In sum, it is the perfect setting for rearing a child.” Pope Paul VI

The celebration of Christmas continues, for this solemnity is celebrated for eight days. The Christmas Season, then will last until the feast of the baptism of the Lord although some dioceses end the season end at Epiphany

After the Eternal Word of God; Jesus, took on our mortal flesh and entered into our time, the next mystery dawned unto us! God the Father, entrusted the care of His Son to a to a husband and wife; to Mary and Joseph; ordinary people; and the three became a Family

God by entrusting his Son to a family affirmed the importance of this unit in its functions and limitations! This is the unit built in love and for love; It enables love to be transmitted, experienced and shared! It's a unit governed by principles, at different times; many times, called to, selfless-giving and sacrificial generosity.

The first and second readings of today, presents us with such challenges; *“Wives, be subject to your husbands as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children obey your parents ... for this is what pleases the Lord.*

“Fathers, do not provoke your children lest they become discouraged.”

“Whoever respects their mother is like one who lays up treasure. The Person who honors their father will have joy in their children.”

Pope Leo XIV, in his message on Holy Family urged us to imitate the Holy Family of Nazareth as a model; *“The Perfect model for all families; the model that forge love, and model of holiness, where God dwells, offering lessons in faith and mutual support and beacon of hope.”*

Pope Paul VI in 1964, reflecting in today's Gospel and the troubles with King Herod; would write; *“The family is beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings! In sum, it is the perfect setting for rearing a child.”*

Imagine the problem in the Gospel of today; It would be a nightmare for any parent; Joseph and Mary with a young infant are commandment to take a very lengthy journey to Egypt to save the child for the wrath of Herod; *“Joseph, get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”*

We witness the greatness of Joseph, again; He is silent! We read; *“Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod.”*

Then we read *“This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord though the Prophet, Out of Egypt I have called my Son.”*

Joseph and Mary are at the core of God's plan to save humanity, and none of them question; they heed the Will of the Lord in sincere and absolute obedience.

May the Lord grant us the grace to emulate them.

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

II. THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' INFANCY AND HIDDEN LIFE

The mysteries of Jesus 'hidden life'

531 During the greater part of his life Jesus shared the condition of the vast majority of human beings: a daily life spent without evident greatness, a life of manual labour. His religious life was that of a Jew obedient to the law of God,²²¹ a life in the community. From this whole period it is revealed to us that Jesus was "obedient" to his parents and that he "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man."²²²

532. Jesus' obedience to his mother and legal father fulfils the fourth commandment perfectly and was the temporal image of his filial obedience to his Father in heaven. the everyday obedience of Jesus to Joseph and Mary both announced and anticipated the obedience of Holy Thursday: "Not my will. . ."²²³ The obedience of Christ in the daily routine of his hidden life was already inaugurating his work of restoring what the disobedience of Adam had destroyed.²²⁴

533. The hidden life at Nazareth allows everyone to enter into fellowship with Jesus by the most ordinary events of daily life:

The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus - the school of the Gospel. First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us. . . A lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character... A lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the "Carpenter's Son", in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work. . . To conclude, I want to greet all the workers of the world, holding up to them their great pattern their brother who is God.²²⁵

To read more click this link. [Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

ec 27-Sat,5:15PM Vigil Mass +Maria Noel Ledesma
 Dec 28- Sun 9:00AM + Elias & Francisco Occiano
 12:15 PM + The Parishioners
 5:30 PM + Guadalupe & Doming Bispo
 Dec 29-Mon,7:00PM+Priscilla Cruz 9days of passing
 + Johnny San Pedro
 Thanksgiving 8th Wedding Ann Roy & Jacqueline
 Dec 30-Tue, 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Garcia Family
 Dec 31- Wed, 9:00am Thanksgiving of Marieta Lopez
 Thanksgiving of Alice Serafico
 Dec 31 -Wed, 7:00 PM Vigil Mass The Parishioners
 Jan 01 -Thu, 9:00 AM The Parishioners
 12:15 PM Nida & deceased Donado family
 Jan 02 -Fri, 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Zeny Crescini
 Jan 03-Sat,9:00AM +Raul Aquino & Willie Agustin Sr.

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Dec 27-Jan 02, 2025
 Sanctuary--- + Raul Aquino
 Virgin Mary- + Lerma Glen Ayala

WORD OF THE WEEK

FAMILY

The Catholic Church teaches that the family is the "domestic church", a small reflection of the universal Church. This concept highlights the family's role as a place where faith is first lived and shared. Parents and children together create an environment where prayer, moral values, and love for God grow. The church sees this as essential to the spiritual health of both the family and society. By calling the family a domestic church, the Church emphasizes its sacred purpose. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains this role in sections life CCC 1655-1658. Together, the family becomes a living witness to God's presence. [Click the link to read more](#) [What Are the Roles and Responsibilities of the Family?](#)

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention - December 2025 - For Christians in areas of conflict

"Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope."



Our Patron Saint...



"We have a wonderful opportunity here in this world, and I believe that God has placed us here for a reason." Pope John XXIII

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph *Dec 28th*

Devotion to the Holy Family flourished in the Renaissance. The leading artists of the time – Michaelangelo, Raphael, El Greco, Rembrandt, Rubens, to name a few – often portrayed the Holy Family in their work. When this feast day was instituted in 1921, it was originally assigned to the third Sunday after Christmas. It is now observed on the first Sunday following Christmas (unless Christmas itself falls on a Sunday, in which case Holy Family is celebrated on Friday, December 30).

Living with Christ December 2025 edition

IN THE NEWS



Closeness is the legacy of the Jubilee, says Cardinal at closing of St. John Lateran Holy Door

[Click the link to read more Vatican News: Closeness is the legacy of the Jubilee, says Cardinal at closing of St. John Lateran Holy Door - Vatican News](#)



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO
Wednesday, December 24, 2025



INVITATION TO THE CLOSING MASS FOR THE YEAR OF THE JUBILEE - DECEMBER 28, 2025 AT 5:00PM
Wednesday, December 10, 2025



CARDINAL LEO AFFIRMS CONCERN OF CANADIAN BISHOPS RE: BILL C-9
Friday, December 05, 2025

[Click the link to read more Archdiocese News: Archdiocese of Toronto - News](#)

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 and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

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

Announcements!!!

 **Registered Parishioners**, if you have changes in your address, please email the office to update your information;

 **Parents of all First Holy Communion Candidates**, please email the office to schedule your child for Test 2;

 **New to the Parish?** Please register, fill up a Parish Registration Form and submit to the Office or to Fr. David.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

≈ Did you know??? ≈

What is the role of parents in nurturing the faith to their children?

Answer: Parents hold a central role in Catholic teaching as the primary educators of their children. This duty goes beyond academic learning to include moral and spiritual formation. The Church expects parents to teach their children about God, prayer, and the sacraments. They must model virtues like charity, patience, and honesty in daily life. By doing so, they prepare their children for a life of faith. Parents are also responsible for ensuring their children receive the sacraments, such as Baptism and Confirmation. This role is not optional but a serious obligation in Catholic belief. The Church supports this in CCC 2221-2231, stressing the importance of parental guidance. Failure to fulfill this duty can weaken the family's spiritual life. Ultimately, parents shape the next generation of the Church.

Nurturing faith within the family is a shared task, led by parents but involving all members. Daily prayer, such as the Rosary or grace before meals, builds a habit of turning to God. Attending Mass together as a family reinforces this commitment. Parents must also explain Catholic teachings in ways children can understand. This might include discussing the meaning of Sunday readings or holy days. The Church sees this as vital for passing down the faith. Children grow in faith by seeing it lived out at home. The Catechism highlights this in CCC 1656-1657, linking family prayer to spiritual strength. Neglecting this responsibility risks distancing the family from God. A faith-filled home, then, becomes a source of grace.

Read more at: <https://www.catholicshare.com/catholicism-and-the-family-roles-and-responsibilities/>



May the Lord grant our wishes this Christmas or on His appointed time!

MERRY CHRISTMAS



JUBILEE 2025- Pilgrims of Hope

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us in your
son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the
flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the
blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us into tireless
cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos in
the sure expectation of a new heaven
and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil
vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Franciscus

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

**December 31 – Wednesday – 7:00pm Vigil Mass for the
Solemnity of the Mother of God**

January 1, 2026 Thursday – New Year's Day

9:00 AM

12:15 PM

5:30 No MASS

January 2, 2025 - Friday – 7:00 PM

English – HAPPY NEW YEAR

FRENCH – BONNE ANNEE

**Filipino – MANIGONG
BAGONG TAON**

Spanish – FELIX Año NUEVO

**SWAHILI – HERI YA
MWAKA MPYA**

MERRY CHRISTMAS