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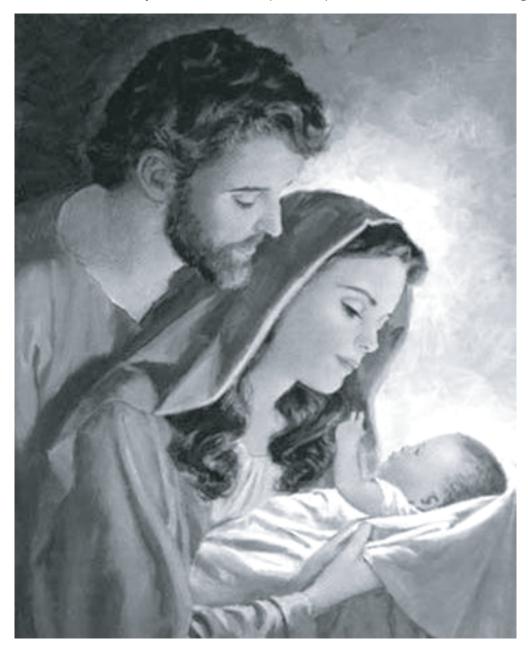
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Feast of the Holy Family



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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3.1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2.41-52 (The Finding of Jesus in the Temple)

#### Regular Mass Schedule Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass is celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

#### Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses 9:00 am, 10:30 am and

12:00 noon

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#### **Building Families on Prayer**

The Holy Family went through many of the same experiences that all parents and children experience today. They too would have had moments of great joy and difficult trials as well as many moments of simple ordinary life. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the perfect example of how families should live in holiness and stewardship. Let us take some time today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, to seek ways to imitate them.

The Gospel from Luke recounts how "every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover." Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. They realized that while there are many important things that a child needs to grow, their relationship with God should be their priority. They would have also taken Jesus to the synagogue and taught him how to pray and read the scriptures.

We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well. We can strive to be great parental stewards just like Mary and Joseph. For starters, we should make attending Sunday Mass the most important aspect of our week. We can supplement this by regularly going as a family for times of Confession and trying to pray together at home. One beautiful practice we can try to adopt is praying the Rosary together. If an entire rosary together is too difficult due to everyone's schedules, perhaps we can pray just one decade together. Let us commit to making our families beautiful and holy just like that blessed family from Nazareth.

#### Summary

The Gospel from Luke today recounts how "every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover." Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well by teaching the importance of the Mass and family prayer.

#### Mass Intentions for the Week Dec 28 / 29, 2024

#### Saturday December 28th

5:00 pm + Deceased members of the Don Paul

family

+ Victor George Haughton

#### Sunday December 29th

9:00 am + Joseph Gayondato

+ Francesco & Maria Macri

10:30 am - For All Parishioners

12:00 pm + Joe Gayondato

+ Philip Wyn McNalley

#### Monday December 30th

NO MORNING MASS

#### Tuesday December 31st

8:30 am

5:00 pm - For the Church and the People

of our Parish

#### Wednesday January 1st

9:00 am + Andrew D'Cruz

+ Kevin Edmonson

10:30 am - For the Church and the People

of our Parish

12:00 noon - S.I. for Hyacinth Samaroo

+ Neil Baylon

#### Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 am - Thanksgiving & S.I. for Florence

+ Alex Cabal Jr.

#### Friday January 3rd

8:30 am - Mass of Thanksgiving

+ Cecilia Ho & all deceased members of the Ho family.



#### **NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

#### New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31st - 5:00 pm

#### **New Year Masses**

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

#### **Parish Weekly Fact**

Today's Mass celebrates the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, an appropriate solemnity soon after the birth of Jesus, and this year coinciding with the Feast of The Holy Innocents, traditionally on December 28.

In a few days, on January 1<sup>st,</sup> we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It has also been designated World Day of Peace. As mentioned in the Parish Facts a few weeks ago, it remains a Holy Day of Obligation in Canada.

Let us Pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

#### PARKING ON DEC 31<sup>ST</sup> AND JAN 1<sup>st</sup>

Parking is on a first-come basis. Please do not park in front or at the side of the Church as it is a fire route and must be kept clear. Additional parking is available at SMDP Catholic School which is adjacent to the church. Thank you for your cooperation.



#### 2025

Kindly start using your 2025 donation envelopes from January 1<sup>st</sup>. PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR 2024 DONATION ENVELOPES.

Thank you.



"Eternal God, you gave us the greatest gift: the gift of life.

In the coming year, help us use it wisely.

May we grow in generosity, kindness and
forgiveness, hope, faith, and love.

Amen."

Wishing you and your family a happy & Prosperous New Year!

From: Fr. Anthony Gonsalves and the Staff at St Martin de Porres



#### <u>Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope</u>

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025.

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "Pilgrims of Hope". In the words of Pope Francis: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

The Holy Father will open the Jubilee Year on December 24, 2024, with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and continuing until January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Holy Door. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited to join in this special celebration. Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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