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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 30 - JANUARY 5, 2023

Saturday: 30 December

6:00 pm + Joshua Couto, José e Maria Jesus Alves, José Couto, Maria Eugenia Couto

Sunday: 31 December

9:00 am + Gregorio e Teresa Cirillo, Giovanbatista Cirillo, Angelo Scalamonia, Giuglio e Paola Sousa Costa

10:30 am - Acção de graça a Nossa Senhora de Fatima (Adelia)

+ Monica Sofia Pereira Janicas

+ Armando Nogueira

12:00 pm + Fidel Asuncion Lacap

Monday: 1 January

9:00 am -

10:30 am -

12:00 pm -

Tuesday 2 January

6:00 pm - No Mass

Thursday: 4 January

6:00 pm +

Friday: 5 January

6:00 pm + Jaime Pereira, Amadeu Goncalves, Antonio Barros



Office Hours:

Monday January 1, 2024 - closed

Tuesday January 2, 2024 - closed

Wednesday January 3, 2024 - closed

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FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024 NOVEMBER 8, 2023 TO JANUARY 15, 2024

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself.: (Luke 10:27), High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster

@ <http://surl.li/mlfkw>

and submit their entries at

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

We do not only give thanks to God for all the blessings that we continue to receive but we must also share them with our brothers and sisters who are in need. We invite our parishioners to bring non-perishable food to the church which we will be collecting for **GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE**. Please **no clothes just food**. Thank you.



Most Holy Family of Nazareth, you were a true school of love in which the perfection of family love grew strong. Please bestow upon me, my family, and families everywhere the grace needed to more fully imitate the love you shared, so that families everywhere will continue to be the fundamental building block of the world. Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us and have mercy on all. Jesus, I trust in You.



World Day of Prayer for Peace

January 1st

God, Creator of the world,

Please help us to love one another.

Make nations friendly with other nations.

Make all of us love one another

Like brothers and sisters

Help us to do our part

To bring peace in the world

And happiness to all people.

Message

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all our parishioners and friends who have journeyed with us and who have supported us this year. May the year 2024 bring us more opportunities to celebrate together as one community of believers the many gifts of God; to reach out to those in need; to open the doors of our church to those who seek God.

To all of you, have a Blessed New Year!

THANK YOU!

Fr. Joseph



Mary, most Blessed Mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we join you in a quiet moment to reflect on what a special gift it is we receive in the Eucharist, the Body of Christ. Help us to keep this reality of God's love always in our hearts just as you did in Bethlehem, so that when we must bear our own crosses, we may embrace them with love, knowing that Jesus will always be at our side. Amen.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2024 Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m.

St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral - 455 Ferrier St., Markham

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27) Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS: Little Johnny wanted \$100 for a new bike and prayed for two weeks, but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter asking for the money. When the local postmaster saw the letter addressed to "God, Canada" he decided to send it to the Prime minister of Canada. The Prime Minister was so impressed, touched and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5 bill. Little Johnny was delighted with the \$5 and wrote a thank-you note to God. It read: "Dear God, thank you for sending the money. However I noticed that for some reason you had sent it through Ottawa. As usual, those crooks deducted \$95.



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SANTA FAMIGLIA DI GESÙ, MARIA E GIUSEPPE

Contempliamo la santa Famiglia de Nazaret, specchiamoci in essa, confidiamo nel Figlio di Dio e imitiamo la mitezza e la fede di Maria e Giuseppe. Con il loro aiuto le nostre famiglie potranno affrontare vittoriose l'onda distruttiva che le minaccia, per servire sempre e unicamente il Signore.

PREGHIERA PER LA FAMIGLIA

Dio, dal quale proviene ogni paternità in cielo e in terra, Padre, che sei Amore e Vita, fa che ogni famiglia umana sulla terra diventi, mediante il tuo Figlio, Gesù Cristo, "nato da Donna", e mediante lo Spirito Santo, sorgente di divina carità, un vero santuario della vita e dell'amore per le generazioni che sempre si rinnovano. Fa' che la tua grazia guidi i pensieri e le pene dei coniugi verso il bene delle loro famiglie e di tutte le famiglie del mondo. Fa' che

le giovani generazioni trovino nella famiglia un forte sostegno per la loro umanità e la loro crescita nella verità e nell'amore. Fa' che l'amore, rafforzato dalla grazia del sacramento del matrimonio, si dimostri più forte di ogni debolezza e di ogni crisi, attraverso le quali, a volte, passano le nostre famiglie. Fa' infine, te lo chiediamo per intercessione della Sacra Famiglia di Nazareth, che la Chiesa in mezzo a tutte le nazioni della terra possa compiere fruttuosamente la sua missione nella famiglia e mediante la famiglia. Tu che sei la Vita, la Verità e l'Amore, nell'unità del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo. Amen

(+) *Joannes Paulus PPII*



AUGURIAMO A TUTTI VOI ASSIEME ALLE VOSTRE FAMIGLIE UN FELICE E SANTO ANNO NUOVO PIENO DELLE BENEDIZIONI DI DIO! PADRE JOSEPH

Iniziamo il nuovo anno confidando nella protezione della Vergine Maria, la Madre di Dio e celebrando la 57ª Giornata mondiale della pace. L'intercessione maternal di Maria ci sostenga sempre nel nostro cammino alla sequela del suo Figlio, nostra salvezza e nostra pace vera.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo

Sunday, February 11, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street)

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

SAGRADA FAMÍLIA DE JESUS, MARIA E JOSÉ

Tema da Festa da Sagrada Família...O Deus que se vestiu de menino frágil e se apresentou aos homens no presépio de Belém encontrou abrigo numa família humana, a família de José e de Maria, dois jovens esposos de Nazaré, uma aldeia situada nas colinas da Galileia. Neste domingo, ainda em contexto de celebração do Natal do Senhor, a liturgia convida-nos a olhar para essa Sagrada Família; e propõe-nos que a vejamos como exemplo e modelo das nossas comunidades familiares.



Senhor, nosso Pai,
Tu quiseste que o Teu Filho
nascesse e crescesse
no seio de uma família como as outras.
Por isso, Senhor, nosso Pai, nós Te pedimos
que as famílias de hoje sejam fortes,
estáveis e vivam em harmonia.
Que cada um atinja o pleno
desenvolvimento na alegria de estar juntos,
até ao perdão.

Oração a Maria



Ó Maria, Vós sempre resplandeceis sobre o nosso caminho como um sinal de salvação e de esperança. Confiamos-nos a Vós, Saúde dos Enfermos, que permanecestes, junto da cruz, associada ao sofrimento de Jesus, mantendo firme a vossa fé. Vós, Salvação do Povo Romano, sabeis do que precisamos e temos a certeza de que no-lo providenciareis para que, como em Caná da Galileia, possa voltar a alegria e a festa depois desta provação. Ajudai-nos, Mãe do Divino Amor, a conformar-nos com a vontade do Pai e a fazer aquilo que nos disser Jesus, que assumiu sobre Si as nossas enfermidades e carregou as nossas dores para nos levar, através da cruz, à alegria da ressurreição. Amen. À vossa proteção, recorreremos, Santa Mãe de Deus; não desprezeis as nossas súplicas na hora da prova mas livrai-nos de todos os perigos, ó Virgem gloriosa e bendita.



Feliz Ano Novo! Que o próximo ano distribua muita paz, amor e felicidade a todos nós! Pe. Joseph



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**NEW YEAR'S DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024
SOLEMNITY OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD
9:00 am – Italian
10:30 am – Portuguese
12:00 pm – English**



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