

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

WHEN MY CHILDREN were young, I developed an unexpected nightly ritual. Before going to bed, I went into their rooms and checked that they were asleep in their beds. I *knew* they were there – where else could they be? – but until I could see with my own eyes that they were safe, I could not get to sleep. Such is the protective instinct of parents.

Imagine what must have gone through Saint Joseph's mind when an angel came to him late one night and confirmed his worst fear – his child was in mortal danger and he had to do something. He got up instantly and, abandoning work, home and all social connections, hastily packed and led the child and mother away to safety.

To protect his child he chose to give up everything and become a refugee in a strange land. Such is the protective instinct of parents.

All parents want what Saint Joseph wanted – a safe home for their children. Some are forced to flee danger and become refugees, as he did. Others are more fortunate, and can stay in their homes and protect their children by ensuring them clean air, pure water, nourishing food, good education and a future filled with hope.

For parents, Saint Joseph offers a perfect lesson in parenting – take care of your children.

(Reflection of Patrick Gallagher, of Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 30, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Peter, Maria & Angela Lui

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Rose & James O'Dea

4:30 p.m. Special Intention of the Wong Family

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 New Year's Day

9:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Wong Family

11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Mazzitelli Family

Thursday, January 2, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Emanuel Tobios

Friday, January 3, 2020

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Catherine Kim

9:00 a.m. Holy Hour Adoration

Saturday, January 4, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Special Intention of Princess Kim Richard & Erica Regina

4:30 p.m. For All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Yuan Yung Fu & Maria Cheung Kee Sau

9:30 a.m. Special Intention of Liela

11:00 a.m. + Maria De Gaetano

Youth Ministry

Our EDGE (grade 6, 7 and 8 students) and Lifeteen (high school students) programs are both now in full swing! Please see the banners in the foyer for complete schedules or speak to our Youth Director, Jessica Bews for more information. New students can join at any time. The EDGE resumes on Jan. 10th. Life Teen resumes on Jan. 17th.

MARY MATHEWS SPEAKING CONTEST



The CWL League Invites students in Grade 7 & 8

Contest Date: February 2, 2020

A speech between 3 – 5 minutes

*****Register by January 12, 2020*****

For more information, please visit: cwltoronto.ca OR email: stedwardcwl@gmail.com

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin's talk to be live-streamed Sunday,

January 5, 2020

in the parish hall

Theme: Moses

Exodus 2:11-3:14

Vespers with Cardinal: 7:00 pm

Lectio Divina starts: 7:30 – 8:15 pm

The parish hall will be open from 6:30 p.m. – coffee, juice and water provided, prior to the start of the event. All are welcome.

Collections

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| September 1, 2019 | \$ 7,494.20 |
| September 8, 2019 | \$ 8,584.65 |
| September 15, 2019 | \$ 7,107.93 |
| September 22, 2019 | \$ 9,089.55 |
| September 29, 2019 | \$ 7,623.65 |
| Pre-Authorized Giving | \$ 2,440.66 |
| October 6, 2019 | \$ 7,185.10 |
| October 13, 2019 | \$ 7,883.05 |
| October 20, 2019 | \$ 7,815.00 |
| October 27, 2019 | \$ 7,720.25 |
| Pre-Authorized Giving | \$ 2,756.66 |
| November 3, 2019 | \$ 7,851.50 |
| November 10, 2019 | \$ 7,111.30 |
| November 17, 2019 | \$ 6,780.10 |
| November 24, 2019 | \$ 8,867.85 |
| Pre-Authorized Giving | \$ 2,781.66 |

Report of the second collections was in the previous bulletin.

**Fr. David's Series
The Gospel according to Matthew**

Our series on the *Gospel according to Matthew* will resume on Monday, Jan. 6th and will continue to Monday, Feb. 10th. We will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Coffee and refreshments will be served from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. You are welcome even if you missed the beginning of the series!

Also:
The Gospel according to St. Paul

It's not polite to read other people's mail, but we have been reading St. Paul's letters to the Churches for the past two thousand years. Unfortunately, his letters often leave us more mystified than enlightened.

Join us on six Monday evenings beginning Jan. 6th, as we try to understand what St. Paul was saying to the Churches and what he might be saying to us. We will meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Courage & EnCourage

Do you or does a loved one experience same-sex attraction? Courage & EnCourage provide spiritual support and pastoral guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity. For more information, see contact information below:

EnCourage: Spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to Church teaching on chastity.

Chaplain: Fr. Eric Rodrigues
Phone: 416-928-5094 or encouragetoronto@yahoo.com

Courage: Spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ.

Chaplain: Fr. Kevin Belgrave
Phone: 416-928-5094 or couragetoronto@yahoo.ca

All inquiries are kept confidential

The Archdiocese has endorsed these programs.

Little Lambs Ministry

Preschool children and their parents/caregivers are invited to attend the Little Lambs Ministry, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Classes will resume on January 5th, 2020.

A New Year's Prayer

*Lord, You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year. For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us A mighty flame So that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.
Amen*

On behalf of Msgr. Pat, Fr. David Warren, Deacon David Quail, Fraser McLaren, our seminarian, Jessica Bews, our Youth Director, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, our parish secretaries, and Lucas Pak our custodian, we wish all our parishioners and their families a Happy New Year.

New Year's Mass Schedule

**New Year's Eve
Tuesday, Dec. 31st – 4:30 p.m.**

**New Year's Day
Wednesday, Jan. 1st – 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

Parish Office Holidays Hours

Tuesday, December 31st – office will close at 12:00 noon
Wednesday January 1st – office closed

**Change of Time
First Friday Holy Hour**

Due to the Holidays, there will be **no** 7:30 p.m. Mass, on Friday, January 3rd. However, the Holy Hour will be moved earlier that day, and will follow the 8:30 a.m. Mass; it will be from **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** All are welcome

PAPAL HONOUR

Msgr. Pat will be presented a papal scroll in recognition of his being named a Monsignor at the 4:30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass, on January 11, 2020. All are welcome to this mass and to a reception in the parish hall as we congratulate Msgr. Pat on his recently being named a Monsignor by Pope Francis.

