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Feast of the Holy Family



**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY & JOSEPH**

The family is a jewel of God’s creation. Our God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is a family. Just as individual humans are made in the image and likeness of God, so is the human family. For this reason, Satan seeks to destroy both the institution and our personal families. This is evident in the cultural and spiritual war against the family we see happening all around us. Many of us are also disheartened by the heavy discord in our own families.

Let us turn to the Holy Family for help. In Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we see the human family as God intends it to be. Their home was uncorrupted by sin. For thirty years, Jesus lived in this setting. Contemplate the harmony, warmth and love in their household. Meditate on how selfless, patient, gentle and kind they were with each other. Imagine the peace and joy in the home of the Holy Family.

If there is pain, anger or discord in your own family, do not lose heart. Call upon Jesus, Mary and Joseph, for they will bring healing, forgiveness and peace. If you feel discouraged by the apparent demise of the family in our society, do not be afraid. Pray to the Holy Family and remember God’s solemn promise. The gates of hell shall not prevail.

(Reflection of Connor Brownrigg, Ottawa, of Living with Christ)



Monday, December 28, 2020

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Lenny Renda

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

8:30 a.m. For the Holy Father Pope Francis

Thursday, December 31, 2020

4:30 a.m. Special intentions of the Wong family

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:30 a.m. Special intentions of the Wong family

Saturday, January 2, 2021

9:00 a.m. Special intentions of Seung Ja Catherina Kim

4:30 p.m. Special intentions of Jessica Bews

Sunday, January 3, 2021

11:00 a.m. + Joseph Yuan Yung Fu & Maria Cheung Kee Sau
+ Elba Graciela Moreno
+ Jakub Bizub

SHARELIFE - UPDATE

St. Edward’s Parish has raised \$117,226.00 towards the annual appeal for ShareLife, a very impressive amount considering the lockdown of churches. Msgr. Pat received an email from Arthur Peters, at ShareLife, offering words of gratitude on behalf of all the charitable agencies that will benefit from this help. Thanks to all for your generous support of ShareLife!


CHILDREN’S RESOURCES

The Children’s Liturgy of the Word team have placed Sunday Resources for the children of our parish on the parish website: www.stedward.ca These may also be downloaded for the children to keep and read.

ANGEL TREE

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Angel Tree Program, which assists the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, Children's Aid Society, and the Good Shepherd Ministries. Gifts and gift cards will be distributed before Christmas. A report of what was raised will be provided following Christmas, as donations to the St. Vincent de Paul collection are still coming in. May God bless all our works and outreach to the needy this Christmas.

SHEPHERD'S TRUST

 The Shepherds' Trust fund support the needs of retire clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. By support of the Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. To date, St. Edward's has collected \$7,717.00 for Shepherds' Trust. Thank you to all for your contributions. For more information about the Shepherds' Trust, please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

As we celebrate Christmas let us all reach out to one another in our continuing journey to the kingdom.

This Christmas season let us remember the CHRIST who cares for the hurting, the lonely, the hungry, the homeless, the sick, the oppressed, and the victims of injustice.

*The heart of the Christmas story is that in Jesus "God has visited His people",
Let us make Him welcome.*

God's enduring presence is the source of the joy of this season.

In the face of all we know, and all that challenges our wellbeing,

We are reminded that we are not alone.

In Jesus, our Emmanuel, God is with us.

On behalf of Msgr. Pat, Deacon David Quail, Sean Jacob, our seminarian, 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.

Mass Schedule

Livestreamed

Christmas Eve: December 24th – 4:30 p.m.
(Celebrant Bishop Robert Kasun)

Midnight Mass (12:00 a.m.)

Christmas Day: December 25th – 11:00 a.m.

Holy Family Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 27th – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 28th – 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Mass

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

New Year's Day: Friday, January 1st – 11:00 a.m.

(All weekday Masses will continue to be livestreamed)





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