

## Sunday



### *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

EACH OF THE readings for this Feast of the Holy Family features something atypical in the experience of most families. First, Hannah leaves her long-awaited first-born son at the temple to keep her promise to God. Then, John reflects on adoption as the great mark of belonging to God's family. Finally, Mary and Joseph lose 12-year-old Jesus, their son and the Son of God, on a family trip to the largest city in the area. The readings are a blessed far cry from "traditional family values," whatever that means.

Jesus radically redefined family for His contemporaries, challenging their understanding of belonging. He continues to challenge us to see the places where we judge our own or others' families. Home schooling or boarding school? Foster children or biological? Members lost or found? No option renders us outside of God's family.

Jesus' wonderfully adolescent question to His shocked parents is a great question for us too. When our own families are struggling, we will always find shelter and love, growth and hope in the God who has gifted us with our beautiful and broken families. Family is the place where we are called into the radical and abundant love found in the homes of generous parents. May God help us to love our families well, and may our witness inspire others to do likewise. *(Reflection of Leah Perrault of Living with Christ)*

### 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 were distributed. A report of what was raised will be provided in the next couple of weeks, 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.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Monday, December 27, 2021 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving Faith Blessings & Answered Prayers

### Tuesday, December 28, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Emilia, Teofilo & Felicidad De Quiroz

### Wednesday, December 29, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Celestino Rodrigues

### Thursday, December 30, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Susana Kim

### Friday, December 31, 2021 New Year's Eve

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Edward's

4:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving – Wong Family

6:30 p.m. + Steve Knorr

### Saturday, January 1, 2022 New Year's Day

8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Wong Family

9:30 a.m. + Stanley Waldegger

11:00 a.m. Special intentions of Jackie Grossi

### Sunday, January 2, 2021

8:00 a.m. + Steve Knorr

9:30 a.m. + Fe Nenita Delloso

11:00 a.m. + Jakub Bizub & parents

### Congratulations

The new Executive of the St. Edward's Catholic Women's League is:

<b>President</b>	Marie Barry
<b>Vice-President</b>	Geraldine Rebello
<b>Secretary</b>	Nancy Cummings
<b>Treasurer</b>	Monica Figueredo
<b>Past President</b>	Elisabeth Quail

### **Standing Committee Chairs:**

Debra LeBleu  
Genevieve Gonsalvez  
Valentine D'Souza

### Children's Liturgy

Please note that the Children of the parish can access Children's Liturgy of the Word resources on our website:

<http://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.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, Fr. Dave Warren (retired), Deacon David Quail, Jeremy Zou, our seminarian, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, our parish secretaries and Aldrin Fernandes, our custodian, we wish all our parishioners and their families a holy and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Synod on Synodality**

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit:

[www.archtoronto.org/synodality](http://www.archtoronto.org/synodality).

**New Sunday Missals**

The new St. Joseph Sunday Missals for 2021 – 2022, are available after each Mass, for persons wishing to obtain their own copy. Each Missal costs \$5.00.



Offeratory envelopes for 2022 are available in the hall. The boxes are in alphabetical order.

If there is a change of address, please contact the Parish office.



***New Year's Mass Schedule***

**Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

**New Year  
New Year's Eve Vigil Masses  
Friday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

**New Year's Day - Saturday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

**Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

**Registration is required for all Masses.**

**Visit:** <http://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org>

**Parish Office Christmas/New Year's Hours**

- Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> – office closed – Statutory Holiday
- Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – office closed – Statutory Holiday
- Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – office closed
- Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – office closed – New Year's Day
- Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – office closed – Statutory Holiday

Regular hours resume Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

Please note that although the office is closed, phone messages and emails will be checked and answered as soon as possible.



***I wish to thank all the Volunteers who assisted throughout the year and at the Christmas Masses.***

***A special thank you to Maria Amodio for the great work in decorating the Church.***