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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH
THE NEW YEAR**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

TODAY'S READINGS HAVE a strong and obvious theme of God's faithfulness. How does this relate to the Feast of the Holy Family? How does this help us understand our own families and our role in them?

I remember one day when my first child had just discovered that game all toddlers love while sitting in their high chair: dropping food and watching mommy frantically clean up. Grace delighted in dropping bits one by one, even dropping them on me as I was bent over, clearing up. I was getting frustrated; but later, while she was blessedly napping, I reflected on St. Teresa of Kolkata's words about the holiness of little things done with great love.

What is family life but a series of little things, mundane chores, done over and over? It is keeping faithful, staying with the routine: the lunches, drop offs, sign ups, forms, backpacks. The day-in and day-out of family life is not glamorous or exciting but it does call out from each of us a depth of faithfulness that finds its inspiration in God's faithfulness to Abraham, to Simeon and to Anna. These holy ancestors only realized God's presence, the graces of the events, because their "eyes had seen [God's] salvation." Do we have eyes to see the graces in the ordinary, everyday life given to us? *(Reflection of Maureen Wicken of Living with Christ)*

LITTLE LAMBS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Little Lambs or Children's Liturgy December 17, 24, and 31. Classes will resume on Sunday January 7, 2024.

Senior Residence Mass – January 2024

Friday, January 12th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 17th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, January 29th – AMICA – 10:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 1, 2024 – Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m. Our Holy Father Pope Francis
9:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Wong Family
11:00 a.m. + Agnes Greaney

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Murchison Stephen Amoroso
Catherine Chang

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:30 a.m. + Hannah Donaghy

Thursday, January 4, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Catherine Kim
+ Agnes Monka

Friday, January 5, 2024

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Pereira Family

Saturday, January 6, 2024 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Agnes Greaney
+ Doreen Stuart

4:30 p.m. + Murchison Stephen Amoroso

Sunday, January 7, 2024 – Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. + Julia Hung
9:30 a.m. + Maureen Perry
11:00 a.m. + Alfredo Davila

Parish Office New Year's Hours

Friday, December 29 - office will close at 12:00 noon
Monday, January 1 - office closed – New Year's Day
Regular hours resume Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Although the office is closed, please note that phone messages and emails, are checked and answered as soon as possible.



Offering envelopes for 2024 are available in the foyer of the church. The boxes are in alphabetical order. Please check your name and address on the box. If there is a change of address, please contact the Parish office. Note: If you are donating through PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) a box is still assigned to you and we ask that you pick it up.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember the poor and needy with contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box located in the church lobby each and every weekend. This parish has always been very generous in their efforts to support the poor and needy and we are all indeed grateful!



New Year's Mass Schedule

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30, 2023

4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 31, 2023

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sunday, December 31, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1, 2024

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



I wish to thank the Musicians, the Lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, Altar-Servers, Ushers, Sacristans, the teachers of our children in the Little Lambs Ministry, the catechism courses and the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and all who assisted at our Christmas Masses. A special thank you to Maria Amodio, and all who assisted her, in decorating the Church.

Thank you to all the children participating in the Nativity Pageant and a special thank you to Connie Marsh for organizing it.

Fr. Pat

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, and St. Clare's council, 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.

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. Dave Warren (retired), Deacon David Quail, Matthew Tulio, our seminarian, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, our secretaries, our youth office workers, Keith Villanueva our Youth Minister, and Aldrin Fernandes, our custodian, we wish all our parishioners and their families a Happy New Year.

GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES



A reminder that the casseroles for Good Shepherd Ministries are due the second weekend of the month. Thank you for providing a hot nourishing meal for the homeless people at Good Shepherd Centre.

Good Shepherd Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve meals to the needy at the Good Shepherd Refuge on the 2nd Thursday and/or 4th Wednesday each month from 2 – 4 PM. If you are interested, please contact Margaret at 416-226-1449 for more details.

Special Brochure

A special brochure, highlighting in pictures the special events of the past year in the life of parish, was distributed at Christmas, and will be made available for the New Year. As well, they will be distributed on our weekly FlockNote to all parishioners.

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