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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate

the splendour of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience violence,
rejection and division;

may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the
family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

(Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 325)



Thank you to all who assisted at the Christmas Masses. 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 and Angela for organizing it.

Msgr. Pat

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O God our Father, we thank you for protecting us and bringing us safely through another year. Help us to grow not only in body, but also in heart and mind. May we look upon each new day as another chance to follow you more closely. As the new year unfolds, may we be more merciful towards others and more generous in serving you. Amen

On behalf of Msgr. Pat, Fr. Andrew Taylor, Fr. Dave Warren (retired), Deacon David Quail, Francesco Rampino, our seminarian, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, our secretaries, Maribeth Go our Youth Minister, and Clare Koo, our custodian, we wish all our parishioners and their families a Happy New Year.



Monday, December 30, 2024

8:30 a.m. + Susanna Kim

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Lucia De Santis
+ Shui-Lin Wang
+ Pope Benedict XVI

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

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho
9:30 a.m. Intentions of the Wong family
11:00 a.m. + Jakub Bizub & Parents

Thursday, January 2, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Marchison Steve Amoroso

Friday, January 3, 2025

8:30 a.m. + Mary Wilkinson

Saturday, January 4, 2025 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Special Intentions for Catherine Kim

4:30 p.m. + Marchison Steve Amoroso

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Wong Family
9:30 a.m. + Patrick Callan
11:00 a.m. + Mary Gibson

New Year's Mass Schedule

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 28th – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 29th
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31st – 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, January 4th – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 5th
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Parish Office New Year's Hours

Tuesday, December 31 – office will close at 12:00 noon
Wednesday, January 1 – office closed – New Year's Day
Regular hours resume Thursday, January 2, 2025

Although the office is closed, please note that phone messages and emails, are checked and answered on a regular basis.

ORDINARY JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025

This year our Christmas celebrations was informed by the Jubilee Year which Pope Francis launched and invites us to share, inspired by the theme “*Pilgrims of Hope*”. Jubilee Years ordinarily happen every twenty-five years and are meant to be a time of great spiritual renewal and reconciliation. Our Holy Father announced the Jubilee expressing his desire that “the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the “door” (cf. Jn 10:7-9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always everywhere and to all as “our hope” (1 Tim 1:1).

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica, continuing until January 6, 2026, with the closing of the Holy Door. He has asked that on December 29, in cathedrals around the world, a holy Mass be celebrated as a solemn opening of the Jubilee Year in each diocese.

Here, in the Archdiocese of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo, will be presiding over a Eucharistic celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on December 29 at 5p.m.. All are invited to join in that Mass in union with all other dioceses around the world in giving witness to that hope and love which comes from the heart of the Saviour.

As in the past, the Archdiocese has identified holy places of worship in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year. For the Central Region, St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York is one of the parishes that has been selected.

To help parishes bring the Jubilee to life more concretely, you can find many of resources by visiting www.archtoronto.org/jubilee.

Three Exciting Contests for Youth in 2025

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is thrilled to announce 3 inspiring contests for the youth of our parish! Do not miss this opportunity to showcase your talents and make an impact.

1. Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest

Eligibility: Students in Grades 7 and Grade 8
Participants will present a prepared speech (3–5 minutes) on a topic of their choice and participate in a 1 minute impromptu speech.

Event Date: **Sunday, February 2, 2025**

Time: **1:00 p.m.**

Location: Parish Hall

Registration Deadline: **Saturday, January 11, 2025**

2. Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry Contest

Eligibility: Students in Grades 7 – 12
Share your perspective on the Sanctity and Dignity of Life through an Essay or Poem.

Submission Deadline: **Saturday, January 25, 2025**

Registration Deadline: **Saturday, January 11, 2025**

3. Jean McCann Service Award

Eligibility: Confirmed Catholic youth ages 15–18
This award honours youth who have made meaningful contributions to our parish.

Submission Deadline: **Sunday, February 22, 2025**

Registration Deadline: **Saturday, January 11, 2025**

Important Details:

Sign-Up Sheet: Available on the St. Edward's CWL Website

Questions? Email us at stedwardcwl@gmail.com

More Information: Visit the CWL Bulletin Board in the Parish Foyer

For full details on each contest, please visit the Catholic Women's League section on our Parish Website. We look forward to seeing the amazing contributions from our parish youth!

Senior Residence Masses – December 2024

Monday, December 30th – AMICA – 10:30 a.m.

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