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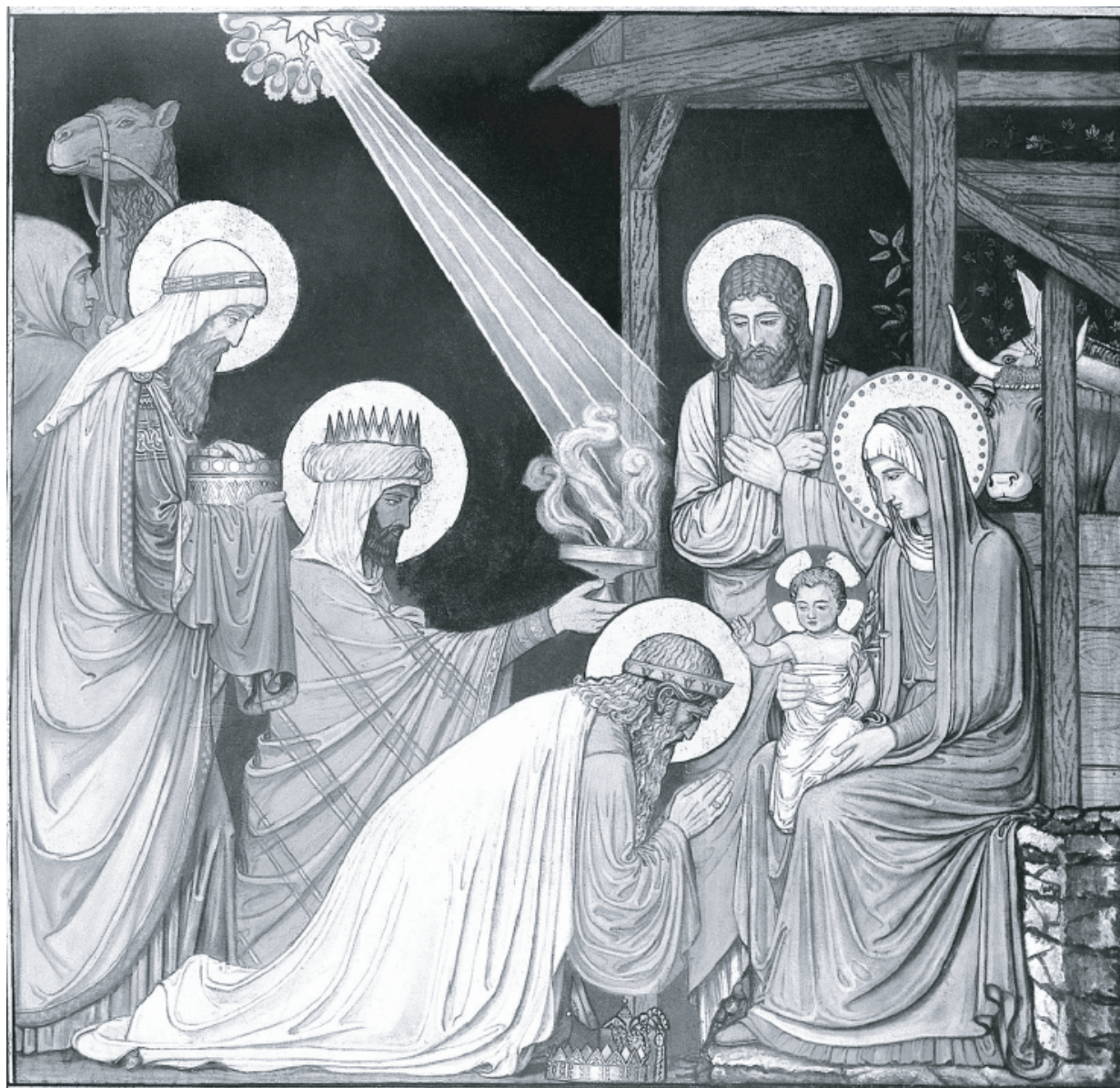
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*Feast of the Holy Family*

**Building Families on Prayer**  
**The Finding of Jesus in the Temple**  
 Luke 2.41-52

The Holy Family went through many of the same experiences that all parents and children experience today. They too would have had moments of great joy and difficult trials as well as many moments of simple ordinary life. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the perfect example of how families should live in holiness and stewardship. Let us take some time today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, to seek ways to imitate them.



The Gospel from Luke recounts how “every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.” Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. They realized that while there are many important things that a child needs to grow, their relationship with God should be their first priority. They would have also taken Jesus to the synagogue and taught him how to pray and read the scriptures.

We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well. We can strive to be great parental stewards just like Mary and Joseph. For starters, we should make attending Sunday Mass the most important aspect of our week. We can supplement this by regularly going as a family for times of Confession and trying to pray together at home. One beautiful practice we can try to adopt is praying the Rosary together. If an entire rosary together is too difficult due to everyone’s schedules, perhaps we can pray just one decade together. Let us commit to making our families beautiful and holy just like that blessed family from Nazareth.

**Summary**

The Gospel from Luke today recounts how “every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.” Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well by teaching the importance of the Mass and family prayer.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



**Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05 pm †** Maria Christina Morra  
*requested by Carol Morra*

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year’s Eve**

**5:00 pm** For the intentions & good health of our parish priests, Fr. Charles & Fr. Peter  
*requested by the Sevilla family*

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year’s Day|  
 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

**10:00 am** For the People of the parish

**Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**12:05 pm**

**Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**12:05 pm**

**Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am**

**5:00 pm** For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany of the Lord**

**9:00 am †** Antonio Frias on his death anniversary  
*requested by Nereza Frias*

**11:00 am †** Eldefonsa Potal  
*requested by Thelma Potal & family*

**NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE**



**New Year’s Eve – Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
 5:00 p.m.**

**Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Wednesday,  
 January 1<sup>st</sup>  
 [New Year’s Day]  
 10:00 a.m.**

**DEADLINE  
 FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS**

Tax receipts will be issued for donations received at the parish no later than Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD January 1<sup>st</sup>

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God is a very appropriate way to begin a new year. This celebration reminds us that the



Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is also our Heavenly Mother. This is an occasion to renew our devotion to Mary, who is also Mother of the Church because she is our spiritual mother — and we are the Church.

In 1970, Pope St. Paul VI instituted the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. In his encyclical on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Marialis Cultus*, he wrote,

*“This celebration, assigned to Jan. 1st in conformity with the*

*ancient liturgy of the city of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the ‘holy Mother ... through whom we were found worthy ... to receive the Author of life.’ The solemnity shows the relationship of Jesus to Mary. It’s a perfect example of how we should venerate Mary under all of her titles and is a good foundation for our understanding of Mary’s place in Christology. The Church puts the feast of this solemnity on the first day of the New Year to emphasize the importance of Mary’s role in the life of Christ and of the Church. We commemorate the various saints on the different days of the year, but Mary is the most prominent of them all. She has a special role and mission given to her by God. As Mother of our Redeemer and of the redeemed, she reigns as the Queen at the side of Christ the King. She is a powerful intercessor for all of our needs here on earth. In celebrating her special feast day, we acknowledge this great gift for the Church and world; we call on her to be actively involved in our daily life; we imitate her virtuous life as a great inspiration; and we cooperate with all the graces we get through her.”*

**Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother.** Promise her that we will practice her virtues of Faith, obedience, purity and humble service.

**We need our Heavenly Mother’s prayers to have a better physical life and spiritual life in the New Year** so that we may glorify God.

**We need to honour Mary as the Mother of Jesus:** We honour Mary by actively participating in today’s Mass and in all the Marian feasts of the Church throughout the year.

~ by Fr. Antony Kadavil ~

**‘May Mary help us discover the face of Jesus, Prince of Peace. May she support and accompany us in this new year; may she obtain for us and for the whole world the desired gift of peace!’ ~ St. John Paul II ~**

## A Prayer for the New Year

May God make our year a happy one!  
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making our path easy,  
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from us,  
But by taking fear from our heart;  
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making our life always pleasant,  
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,  
and by making us anxious to be there to help.  
God’s love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead. - Author Unknown



**Holiday Office Hours**  
Closed from Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Will reopen on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## Registration

Kindergarten Registration opens in January 2025 for children born in 2020.

**Please note:** Children baptized in a recognized Christian Orthodox Church affiliated with the See of Constantinople or Alexandria are welcome to apply

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