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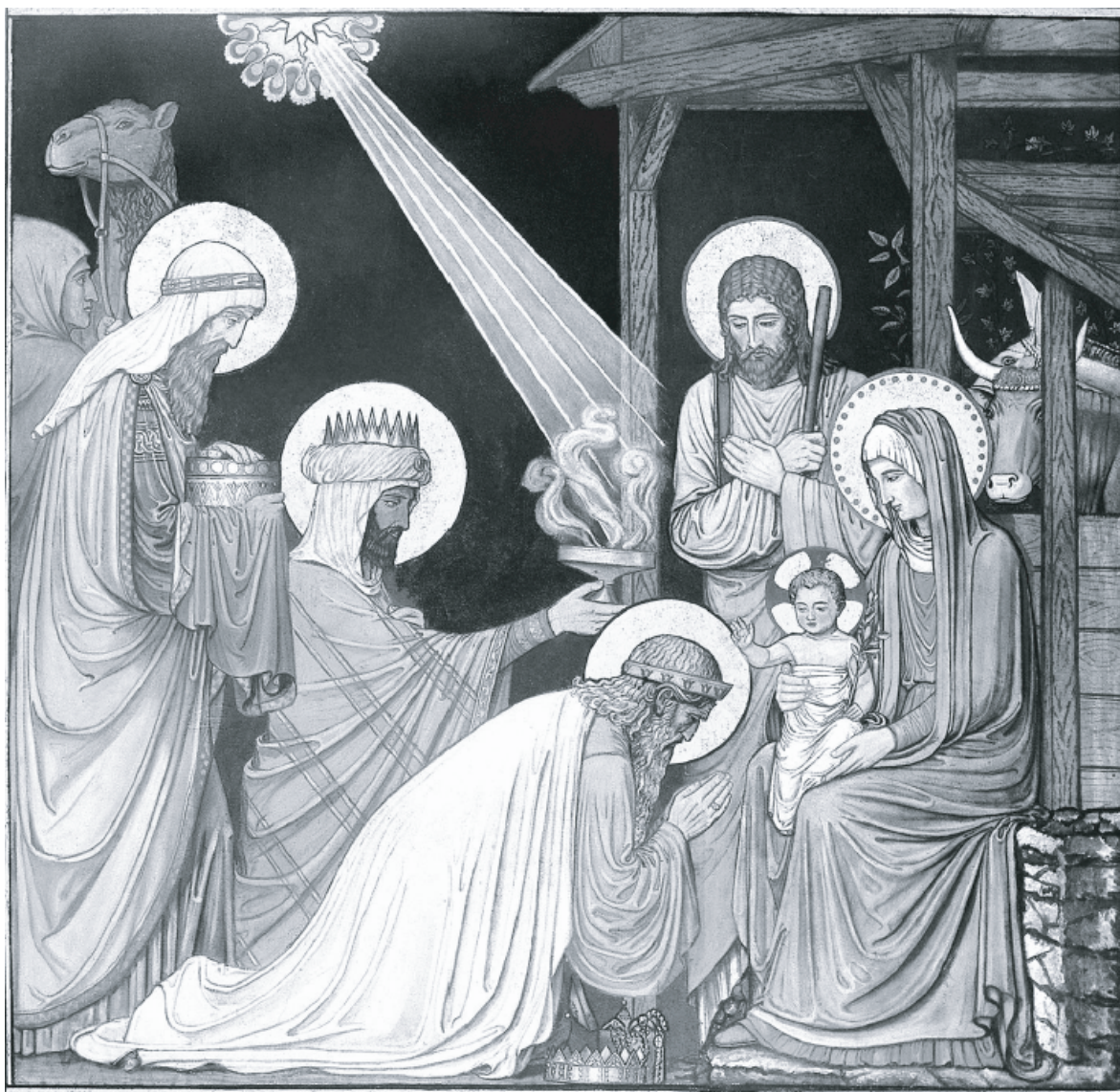
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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

"The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger."

(Luke 2.16)



The Pastor's Reflection

"Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover." (Lk 2:41)

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

On the 5th day of Christmas, the Church invites us to reflect on the great gift of The Holy Family. God chose to be born of a real family made of flesh and blood. He created Mary to be his mother. She brings all of the gifts of her femininity and everything proper and unique to womanhood. Mothers are irreplaceable. The Heavenly Father also chose Joseph to be his adopted earthly representative. He brings all the gifts of his masculinity and everything proper to his manhood. Fathers are also irreplaceable. Both mother and fathers are both unique and necessary. The Holy Family is the model for all families according to God's original plan.

We also recognize that sin and human frailty have wounded God's plan for the natural family. The Church warmly embraces all those who recognize their need for mercy and forgiveness. Like a good mother, she offers hope and healing to all those who feel lost, broken and alienated. Mary and Joseph invite us to kneel next to them in their adoration of the Christ Child. It is through this humble recognition of our need for salvation that we can grow in our identity of beloved sons and daughters of God. There is a place for everyone who loves Jesus and seeks to live the Gospel. No one is excluded. We are the ones who exclude ourselves by refusing his perpetual invitation.

I pray that you all have a blessed new year. Under the mantle of Mary and the cloak of St. Joseph, may you grow in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ. May all of the gifts, fruits and charisms of the Holy Spirit be granted to you and our community for the continued growth and flourishing of God's Kingdom on earth. Finally, I leave you with the prophetic words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. "Openness to life and responsible parenthood is the design that the Creator has implanted in the hearts and bodies of men and women, a mission the Lord has entrusted to spouses and to their love...working towards a future filled with the laughter of babies and children, in order to fill the empty cradles in so many parts of the world." (#9) Do not be afraid to have children. They are always and only a gift from God!

Announcements

1. Christmas Mass & Parish Office Hours Schedule:
 - **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Sunday, December 29th**
8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM
(Parish office is open from 9 AM - 2 PM)
 - **Monday, December 30th**
12:10 PM Mass
(Parish office is open from 9 AM - 5 PM)
 - **New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31st**
5 PM Mass
(Parish office is open from 9 AM - 12 PM)
 - **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Wednesday, January 1st**
8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM Masses
(Parish office is CLOSED)
 - **Thursday, January 2nd**
9 AM Mass
(Parish office is open from 9 AM - 5 PM)
 - **Friday, January 3rd**
9 AM Mass
(Parish office is open from 9 AM - 5 PM)
 - **Saturday, January 4th**
9 AM & 5 PM Masses
(Parish office is open from 10 AM - 5 PM)
 - **Epiphany of Our Lord - Sunday, January 5th**
8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM Masses

*Masses will be livestreamed on December 25th at 10 AM & Sundays at 10 AM

2. Important Tax Information: Any donations received in the Parish Office by December 31st by 12 PM will be credited towards your 2024 income tax receipt. Donations received after 12 PM on December 31st will be considered 2025 donations. In accordance with CRA regulations, donations submitted by Canada Post must be postmarked by December 31st, 2024 to be eligible for a 2024 income tax receipt.

3. Please note, that there will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Saturday, January 11th to Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025 inclusive. This includes Sunday, January 12, and Sunday, January 19th. The Church will be open beginning at 7 AM on those two Sundays. Our regular schedule resumes on Thursday, January 23rd.

DECEMBER 29th, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 30, 2024

12:10 pm. In Thanksgiving (60th Birthday)
Requested By: Marie Garol

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

12:10 pm. Maria Thuyen-Dinh (+)
requested By: Yen Bui

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners
10:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners
12:00 pm. Holy Rosary Parishioners

Thursday, January 2, 2025

Saint Basil the Great

9:00 am. Elfriede Maria Ezren (+)
Requested By: Norden Connolly

Friday, January 3, 2025

9:00 am. Courtney Roche (+) & Fr. Vito
Marziliano
Requested By: Santina Fantetti

Multiple Intentions:
Joseph (+) & Angela Mazzotta (+)
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 4, 2025

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin
Mary and in reparation for all sins
committed against her Immaculate
Heart

5:00 pm. Pasquarosa Stornelli (+)
Requested By: Lillian Nasello

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners
10:00 am. Antonio Mendonca
Requested By: Ed & Natalie Piccinin
12:00 pm. Nadia Digiorgio (+)
Requested By: Anna Werden



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Fr. Daniel Callam, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeek, Mario, Edward Haggarty, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie

Please remember those who have recently died, especially: Danielle Fuoch-Switzer (+)

Protect Christians in Canada Petition: Many Christians in Canada are concerned about government and corporate overreach in their communities, workplaces, or schools. Anti-Christian bigotry and discrimination also affect Christian citizens and organizations in our country. Protect Christians in Canada has launched an online petition urging all levels of government to take action to protect Christians in Canada. This petition will be presented by Member of Parliament Jamil Jivani in the nation's capital in February 2025 and calls on governments to:

- Defend the rights of parents to play a leading role in their children's education and important decisions involving their children.
- Safeguard conscience rights and the freedom of religion for unionized and non-unionized workers, including health care professionals.
- Strengthen penalties and increase law enforcement in response to crime targeting churches and places of worship.
- Protect the legal status and freedom of expression of Christian charities.

Take a stand in support of Christians in Canada. Please visit www.protectchristianscanada.com to learn more and sign the petition.



The **DECEMBER** Food of the Month donation is **FAMILY-SIZED DRY PASTA**.

The **JANUARY** Food of the Month donation is **CANNED FRUIT**.

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