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Feast of the Holy Family

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 1, 10:00AM, 12:00NOON

*ProPopulo

TUESDAY, January 2, 9:00AM – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 7:00PM

+Rommel Baal

THURSDAY, January 4, 9:00AM

+Maria Dolores Vigario

FRIDAY, January 5, 7:00PM

+Michael & Gabriela Mongillo

SATURDAY, January 6, 9:00AM – First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, January 6, 5:00PM

+Antonio Carneiro & Antonio Cardoso

+Samantha Diogo +Firmino Santos +Jose Maltez

& All Deceased Family Members +Garcia &

Luisa Miguelo +Gloria & Manuel Grego +

Antonio Janeiro & All Souls +Maria & Eugenio

Arruda +Jose Romeiro +Manuel Da Silva

SUNDAY, January 7, 8:00AM

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 7, 10:00AM

*Special Intention for Father John Pak &

Father Joseph Baal

SUNDAY, January 7, 12:00PM

+Carlos Marques & Grandparents

SUNDAY, January 7, 4:30PM

El Sembrador

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 7, 6:30PM

+Leopoldo Volpe



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Will be held on January 5, 2024, at 7:30pm
following the 7:00pm Mass

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CHURCH – Friday January 5, 2024,

Please join us in a Mass celebration at Holy Martyrs of Japan for the faithful departed, the first Friday of every month at 11:00am.

WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS

To All of you, from those who generously donated food to our food bank, those who supported our campaign for those less fortunate through ShareLife, and to the volunteers who gave of their time to serve our parish community, your gestures of kindness have been humbly received. May your kindness and generosity continue to shine even after the season of Christmas is over. May we continue to keep the light of Christ shining in our everyday encounters with one another, everywhere we go, whatever we are doing, and whoever we meet. From a simple smile and kind word we give a stranger, the patience and understanding we wear in crowds, and in the heart we carry, may we continue celebrate Christ's birth all year long.

REFLECTION

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. [Luke 2:39-40](#)

Today we honor family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families. By God's providence and design, the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was spoken of in the Scripture very little. We read of the birth of Jesus, the presentation in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve. But other than these stories of their life together, we know very little.

The line from today's Gospel quoted above does, however, give us some insight worth pondering. First, we see that this family "fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord..." Though this is in reference to Jesus being presented in the Temple, it should also be understood to apply to all aspects of their life together. Family life, just like our individual lives, must be ordered by the laws of our Lord. The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and "communion of love" found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives.

Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfill this duty of love?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to share in a communion of life, not only with the Most Holy Trinity but also with those around you, especially your family. Try to ponder the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and seek to make their family relationship the model for how you love others. May their perfect communion of love be a model for us all. *Catholic News Agency2021*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph |
December 31, 2023



Please note: There will be No Mass on Tuesday December 26, 2023, and Tuesday January 2, 2024, and the office will be closed on Monday December 25th, 26th 2023, and Monday January 1st, and Tuesday January 2nd, 2024.



2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Were made available for pick up on
December 2-15 at any Saturday

or Sunday Mass. If you were unable to pick up your box, please contact the parish office directly. Offertory boxes can be picked up anytime after December 17, at the parish office. Pre- authorized Giving (PAG) is also an option. This allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. Please contact the parish office or email:

[holymartysofjapan@archtoronto.org](mailto:holy martysofjapan@archtoronto.org).



Lord, draw me into the life, love and communion that You lived with Your Immaculate Mother and Saint Joseph. I offer You myself, my family and all those to whom I am called to love with a special love. May I imitate Your family love and life in all my relationships. Help me to know how to change and grow so that I may more fully share in Your family life. Jesus, I trust in You. Catholic News Agency 2021

CELEBRATION OF INFANT JESUS

/ EL SANTO NINO Sunday January 21, at 2:00pm

You are invited to bring your infant Jesus statue with your name on it and place it on the table near the Altar before the celebration of Mass. Father John and Father Joseph will call up all the children and bless them and the statues of the Infant Jesus. After Mass there will be a celebration of "Sinulog", a traditional Filipino dance in honor of Infant Jesus in the parish Hall. All are welcome!

SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR 2024 FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW CLOSED!

Thank you to all who registered to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for Spring of 2024. Registration is now closed, and we are now able to move forward with the next stage of our planning process; sacramental preparation, and the recruiting of the volunteers required to assist with the number of children registered.

For all those who have not registered for the 2024 sacramental season, we look forward to celebrating these sacraments with you next year. Be sure to visit our website and online bulletin for future communications regarding sacramental registration for next year.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Edge is a fun, exciting and free Program that offers youth the

opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith. This semester we will be diving deeper into each fruit of the Holy Spirit. Each Edge Night will be themed with a different superhero as a fun way to demonstrate each fruit of the spirit.

Next Edge Night: January 12 – Captain America



LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!

Next Life Teen Night: January 19 - Fanatic

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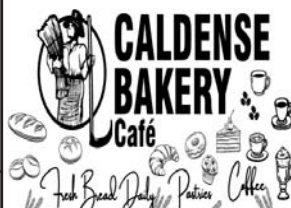


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