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Feast of the Holy Family

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 30, 7:00PM

+Aleixo Domingues +Maria Jose Pereira +Marie Nakhleh
+Emma Correa & Eduino Cabral *Special Intention for
Janusz Janulewicz & Family * Special Intention for
Celestina May

TUESDAY, December 31, 5:00PM, 7:00PM

See Christmas Mass Schedule

WEDNESDAY, January 1, 10:00AM, 12 Noon

See Christmas Mass Schedule

THURSDAY, January 2, 9:00AM – No Mass

FRIDAY, January 3, 7:00PM

+Romel Baal +Samantha Diogo

SATURDAY, January 4, 9:00AM -First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, January 4, 5:00PM

+Joao Balugas +Isabel Camacho & Manuel
Feliciano Coelho +Manuel da Silva +Maria &
Eugenio Arruda +Romanko Sakac +Jose
Romeiro *Special Intention for Zinc Clair &
Marjorie McEvnuue *Special Intentions for Victor
Domingues

SUNDAY, January 5, 8:00PM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 5, 10:00AM

+Carlos Marques & Grandparents +Carlos Pais

SUNDAY, January 5, 12:00pm

+Maria Dolores Vigario *Special Intentions of the
McEvenue Family

SUNDAY, January 5, 2:00pm

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission) *ProPopulo



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be on Friday January 3, 2025
at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass

MONTHLY REQUIEM MASS AT HOLY MARTYRS

OF JAPAN Requiem Mass will be held at the church on
January 3, 2025, at 11:00am. Mass Intentions can be
booked at the parish office

2025 OFFERTORY BOXES READY

**2025 Offertory Boxes will be available for pick up in the
foyer until December 22, 2024!** After this date, offertory
boxes can be picked up at the parish office. **If you do not
find your box, please contact the parish office.**

NOTE TO ALL USING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

We kindly ask that you please complete the full name and
address on each envelope, to ensure proper allocation of
funds for tax purposes. If you are new to our parish
community, and would like to register with our parish, or
would like to start using offering envelopes or wish to set
up Pre-Authorized Giving, please contact the parish office
at 905 775 2065. **We would kindly ask that parishioners
not use old envelope numbers from previous years for
your offering as old numbers may no longer be active.**
If you have moved, please don't forget to notify the parish
office so we can update our database. Thank you for your
kindness, support, and generosity.

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](#) (Gospel Year B)*

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. *My Catholic Life! 2024*

Christmas Mass Schedule

Holy Family – Sunday December 29, 2024

8:00am, 10:00am (Livestream), 12 Noon, 2:00pm

Vigil-Mary Mother of God–Tuesday December 31, 2024,

5:00pm-Spanish, 7:00pm-English

Mary Mother of God -Wednesday January 1, 2025

10:00am (Livestream), 12 Noon

Please note: There will be No Mass on Thursday January 2, 2025 and the office will be closed on January 1, and 2, 2025.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

All Sunday, Christmas Day, (The Nativity of the Lord) and New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God) are days of Holy Obligation for Catholics in Canada.

ShareLife

No one is turned away from Share-Life funded agencies due to inability to pay. This is all thanks to your compassionate and generous heart. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate. Please help us reach our goal!

VOCATIONS

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good news of God's Great Love? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997 email: vocations@archtoronto.org

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2024-2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!!

Thank you to all who have registered to receive the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for the spring of 2025. As of November 30, 2024, the registration process for the Sacraments is now closed and we are able to move into the next stages of the planning process based on our number of registrations. For all those who have not registered for the 2025 Sacramental season, we look forward to celebrating these Sacraments with you next year. Be sure to visit our website and Online bulletin for future communication regarding the registration process for next year.

Happy New Year 2025!

Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis declared that 2024 be marked as a year dedicated to prayer in preparation of the Jubilee. The year of prayer is, in the Pope's words, focused on "rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life in the life of the Church, prayer in the world." In 2025, let us turn to our example of our Holy Mother, and learn from her live everyday, every moment, every occupation with our inner gaze turned to Jesus. In preparation of the 2025 Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope, which starts December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve), to January 6, 2026 (Feast of the Epiphany), let us continue to pray for peace, in our hearts, in our homes, in our workplaces, in our communities, our city and world. Let us pray for peace and for one another.

Pope Francis: "Peace is not the responsibility of a few, but of the entire human family. Let us all cooperate to build it with gestures of compassion and courage!"

A Jubilee year is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew and focus on the spiritual life. In the Hebrew tradition, as recorded in Leviticus, a Jubilee was celebrated every 50 years with the freeing of slaves and the forgiveness of debts. In the 1300, Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Christian Jubilee, and since then the Church has designated each new Jubilee as a special year of grace and forgiveness, offering the faithful an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence. Let us unite in prayer for an international outpouring of graces for belief, love and adoration of the Eucharist, to reach every Catholic, all non-believing or lapsed Catholics, and every non-Catholic!

Holy Spirit, stir up and awaken within us, within our diocese, within our parishes, and within all the faithful a lively devotion, profound reverence, and deep love for the Sacrament of Eucharist. Grant us the grace to hunger and thirst for you in the Eucharist. Help us to approach You in Holy Communion frequently and to receive you worthily and fruitfully. 2017 Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough

YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. To register, please scan QR code. **Next Edge Night: January 10 – Winter Games**



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 Lifeteen Night is: January 17 – No Strings Attached**

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