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*Feast of the Holy Family*

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



### **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** **29 December 2024**

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in favour with God and human beings.

*Luke 2:51-52*

**First Reading + 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**

**Second Reading + 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24**

**Gospel + Luke 2:41-52**

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 30**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, December 31**

**5:00pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass, Per. Int.)**

John Orr, David King, Larry & Theresa Keogh,  
Ruby Bailey

**Wednesday, January 1**

*(9:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Michael & Maria Berberick, Per. Int.-M/M Berberick

10:30am+For the People of the Parish

**Thursday, January 2**

8:00am+Holy Souls in Purgatory – T. O'Reilly

10:30am+ Mass at Kingsmere Retirement Home

**Friday, January 3**

*(Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

12:10pm+*(Multiple Intentions Mass, Per. Int.)*

Darren Ross, David King & John Orr

**(Followed by Adoration till Saturday 8:00am)**

**Saturday, January 4**

*(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)*

9:00am+Gino GISMONDI, RIP-CWL Friends

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Sunday, January 5**

9:00am+Goretti SILVA, RIP – L/M Gasper

10:30am+Lou BIFFIS, RIP – M/L Fanelli

6:00pm+Menino ANTAO, RIP- Antao Family

### **Saint of the Week:**

Who shall resist Anti-Christ when he comes if we show such patience towards the vices and crimes of his precursors? By such leniency, we encourage kings to become tyrants and tempt them to withdraw every privilege and all jurisdiction from the Churches. - *Thomas Becket (1118-1170), Martyr, Bishop, Feast Day December 29th.*

### *From the desk of Father Norberto*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and welcome the New Year 2025, we are invited to reflect on the beauty, strength, and holiness of family life as God intended. The Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - reminds us that God chose to enter the world in the context of a family. This speaks powerfully of the family's central place in God's plan for humanity.

In our modern world, families face many struggles - pressures of work, financial burdens, illness, misunderstandings, and societal challenges. Yet, the Holy Family shows us how love, trust in God, and selfless sacrifice can transform these difficulties into moments of grace.

Our celebration today reminds us that the Holy Family endured trials and hardships. They fled to Egypt as refugees, faced uncertainty, and lived humbly. Mary and Joseph loved, protected, and nurtured Jesus, even when they did not always fully understand God's plan. Their faithfulness and perseverance inspire us today as we strive to build stronger, Christ-centered families.

As we step into the New Year 2025, we do so with hope, trusting that God's grace will sustain us through the year ahead. This new year holds special significance as we enter the Jubilee Year: "*Pilgrims of Hope*", proclaimed by Pope Francis. The Jubilee is a time of renewal, joy, and spiritual revival, a time to celebrate God's mercy and to become "pilgrims" who bring hope to others.

The theme "Pilgrims of Hope" calls us to journey together - individually, as families, and as a parish community - with a renewed sense of faith and purpose. Pilgrimage reminds us that we are all on a journey towards God. Whether we are navigating personal challenges, family struggles, or joys and blessings, we are never alone. God walks with us.

Hope is a gift we receive from God, but it is also a responsibility. As "pilgrims of hope," we are called to be signs of God's presence in the world, first, by strengthening our families. Let us follow the example of the Holy Family, making time for prayer, forgiveness, and love in our homes. A family rooted in Christ becomes a beacon of hope for others. Second, by caring for those in need. In this Jubilee Year, let us be especially mindful of the poor, the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Hope is shared when we extend our hearts and hands in service. And, third, by deepening our relationship with God. The Jubilee is a time for prayer, confession, Eucharistic celebration, and pilgrimage. Through these spiritual practices, we draw closer to God, who is the true source of our hope.

As we welcome 2025, let us take the opportunity to renew our commitment to live as disciples of Christ, firmly anchored in faith and hope. Let us not be afraid of the challenges that lie ahead but face them with the confidence that, like the Holy Family, God will guide and strengthen us.

May this New Year bring peace, joy, and blessings to you and your families. May our parish become a community where hope abounds, where families thrive, and where Christ is always at the center. Together, let us embrace the Jubilee Year with hearts full of gratitude and hope, walking as pilgrims toward the fullness of God's love.

Wishing you all a blessed Feast of the Holy Family and a hope-filled New Year 2025!

In Christ,

**Fr. Norberto A. Eyule**  
Pastor

**Feast of the Holy Family - December 29, 2024**

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**5:00pm** at St. Paul's Church

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00am** at Immaculate Conception Church

**10:30am** at St Paul's Church

**2025 CWL Membership Drive**

Our annual CWL membership drive commenced with the fall dinner. There is a pre-printed **blue CWL envelope** in your offertory box or you may use a plain envelope. Please fill out the front of the envelope completely with your full name, address, postal code, phone number and email address. The 2025 membership remains at **\$40**. A check is preferred for tracking purposes. Checks made payable to **St. Paul's CWL**. Please drop the envelope in the collection basket or give it to a CWL member before the deadline of **Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** to win **free membership for 2025**.

We are looking forward to growing our membership and we welcome newcomers to join us!

**Toonies for the Lord**

We have an ongoing second collection after every weekend mass. The amount collected will go towards the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations for St Paul's. Till take we have collected little over **\$2700/-**. Your generous donations are most appreciated.

*Every toonie counts....*

**St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent de Paul is striving to ensure the less fortunate of our community experience moments of joy at Christmas. Our Conference is holding a Christmas Drive during the month of December to raise funds so we can purchase gift cards so they can shop for gifts for children and themselves. Please contribute by using the green envelopes in your regular church envelope box or find a special St. Vincent de Paul envelope found on the table at the rear of the church. Please provide your name and address so we can send you an income tax receipt.

*Also, we require volunteers to join our ministry in helping the poor. Please call **Paul Healy on (705) 435-4951** for more information.*

**Save the date...**

Knights of Columbus Valentines Day Dance – **February 8th** - Father Bennett Hall.

**Tickets will go on sale early January.**

Plan early as it is usually a sold-out event.

**Brain Trust: Share Your Talents with Our Parish!**

Our parish is blessed with the many hidden talents among you and your families, and we invite you to help build and strengthen our community. Whether your skills lie in construction, marketing, fundraising, legal expertise, entertainment, or other areas, your God-given abilities can make a meaningful difference in our parish projects.

If you can spare some time, please reach out!

Contact our parish office (705-435-6325) or via email at [StPaultheApostleAL@archtoronto.org](mailto:StPaultheApostleAL@archtoronto.org) You can also fill out the inventory form at the narthex and drop it in the collection basket.

Let's work together to create something beautiful for our community!

**FINAL DAYS - Knights of Columbus Ontario State MEGA 50/50 Draw!**

Time is running out! Current take **home jackpot** is already **\$11,250** and still growing!

TICKET PACKAGES:

- **10 tickets** for \$10, **40 tickets** for \$20
- **125 tickets** for \$50, **300 tickets** for \$100

Final Draw: **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Get your tickets now after all weekend Masses, online at [knightsofcolumbusalliston.ca](http://knightsofcolumbusalliston.ca) or from any Knights of Columbus member.

The more tickets you buy, the better your chances to win! Don't miss this last opportunity to win big while supporting our charitable works.



***Wishing you all a very Happy and blessed New year 2025!***

***From Fr Norberto and the Pastoral Team***

***\*\*Please note the parish office will be closed from 1200 noon on December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>. \*\****

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