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## *Feast of the Holy Family*

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**28 December 2025**

And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the Prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

*Matt 2:22b-23*

**First Reading + Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**

**Second Reading + Colossians 3:12-21**

**Gospel + Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

### Mass for the Intentions Week

#### **Monday, December 29**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

#### **Tuesday, December 30**

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS\*\*

7:00pm+(*Multiple Intentions, RIP*)

Brian DURKAN, Emilia TORCATO,

Michael BOTELHO, Joe ROQUE, Don BERTRAND

#### **Wednesday, December 31**

8:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

5:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

#### **Thursday, January 1**

#### **8:00am+No Morning Mass**

(9:00am mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

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

10:30am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

#### **Friday, January 2**

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Rev. John GOVAN, RIP –Arch TO

#### **Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass**

#### **Saturday, January 3**

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rebecca Casaleno, Per. Int.-M/M Berberick

5:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

#### **Sunday, January 4**

9:00am+Maria GERONIMO, RIP-D. Geronimo

10:30am+Jaime DANIEL, RIP – N. Daniel

6:00pm+Minino ANTAO, RIP-Antao family

**Saint of the Week:** Whosoever wisely examines the works of God will speedily discover what is next to be done. - *Thomas Becket (1118-1170), Martyr, Feast Day December 29*

### From the desk of Father Norberto

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In God's beautiful design, the Church allows us this year to celebrate, within the same week, the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the beginning of the New Year. This is not a coincidence, but a profound invitation to reflect on how faith, family, and hope are deeply woven together in our Christian life.

We begin with the Feast of the Holy Family. In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we see a family that was simple, humble, and deeply rooted in trust in God. Their home in Nazareth was not without struggle or uncertainty, yet it was filled with love, obedience, and prayer. By placing this feast at the heart of the Christmas season, the Church reminds us that God chose to enter the world through a family. In doing so, He sanctified family life itself. Our own families - imperfect, diverse, and sometimes fragile - are precious in God's eyes. They become holy when Christ is welcomed at the center and when love, forgiveness, and faith are lived each day.

As we continue this sacred week, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This title affirms the great mystery of Christmas: that the child born in Bethlehem is truly Emmanuel, God-with-us. Mary's motherhood is not only biological, but deeply spiritual. Through her humble "yes," she became the first disciple and the model of faith for the Church. In honoring Mary, we are reminded that God accomplishes great things through humility, trust, and openness to His will. As our Mother, Mary continues to accompany us, intercede for us, and gently lead us closer to her Son.

These two feasts naturally lead us to the celebration of the New Year. Standing at the threshold of a new beginning, we pause to give thanks for the year that has passed - for blessings received, lessons learned, and for God's faithful presence in moments of joy and trial. At the same time, we look ahead with hope, aware that the future is unknown but held securely in God's loving hands.

Celebrating all these moments in one week gives us a powerful message: the future of the world begins in families, is nurtured by faith, and is entrusted to God. The New Year invites us to renew our commitment to making our homes places of prayer, peace, and love. It calls us to imitate the Holy Family in patience and trust, and to follow Mary in saying "yes" to God, even when the path ahead is unclear.

As a parish community, this week also challenges us to live more deeply our vocation as one family in Christ. May we support one another, care for the vulnerable, and become signs of hope in a world longing for peace. The peace we desire for the New Year begins in our hearts, grows in our families, and flows outward through our parish into the wider community.

May the Holy Family bless all our families. May Mary, Mother of God, cover us with her loving intercession. And may the New Year be a time of renewed faith, deeper love, and lasting peace for each one of you.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed New Year,

Fr. Norberto A. Eyule



**Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'**  
**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph –**  
**Dec 28, 2025**

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocation Director, 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

#### Wednesday- December 31<sup>st</sup>

8:00am – Daily Mass  
 5:00pm - at St. Paul's

#### Thursday- January 1<sup>st</sup>

**No 8:00am Mass at St Paul's**  
 9:00am - at Immaculate Conception  
 10:30am - at St Paul's

#### St. Paul the Apostle Parish Celebrates 150 Years Join us for



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#### **Fr. Bennett Hall on Thursday January 29, 2026** **Doors open at 6:30 pm, Games from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

Players will move from table to table as the games unfold.  
 A general knowledge of the rules of the game would be beneficial.  
 There will be prizes and light refreshments.

#### Special Anniversary Mass – February 14th at 10:30 AM

As part of our parish's 150th anniversary celebrations, we invite all couples marking milestone anniversaries in 2026 – 25 or 50 years (in multiples of 5) to join us for a Special Anniversary Mass on **Saturday, February 14th at 10:30 AM**.

Following the Mass, refreshments/cake will be served in **Fr. Bennett Hall** as we continue the joyful celebration together.  
 To participate, please call or email the parish office to register your anniversary.

If you would like us to apply for **optional papal blessing** on your behalf, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. We will provide you with full details regarding the application process, including requirements, timelines, and associated costs.

If interested, please contact the office. **Applications can be submitted only three months from the anniversary date.**  
 Let us come together in thanksgiving for the gift of marriage and celebrate this historic parish occasion with faith, joy, and community!

The 150th Anniversary Committee has organized a pilgrimage to visit shrines in Montreal and Quebec City. This 5-day trip is scheduled for **May 11–15, 2026**.

Registration is now open, but only until **31<sup>st</sup> January**. For more information, please see the 150th Anniversary bulletin board in the Narthex. Please contact **Paul Healy at (705) 435-4951** or email: [pfhealy@yahoo.com](mailto:pfhealy@yahoo.com).

#### Support Local Charities—Knights of Columbus Council

##### 9352 - 50/50 Lottery

Knights of Columbus Council 9352 of St. Paul the Apostle invites parishioners and community members to support our charitable works through the Ontario Provincial 50/50 Lottery.

Draw Date: December 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Estimated Grand Prize: Over \$19,000

Tickets: Start at \$10

Eligibility: Ontario residents only – 18+ to play

Purchase tickets online:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/4>

For assistance, please contact Patrick Hayes at 705-250-3472 or [council9352@ontariokoc.ca](mailto:council9352@ontariokoc.ca)

#### Attention Offertory Envelope Users

##### 2026 offertory envelopes are now available in the narthex.

- If you cannot find your assigned box, please contact the parish office.
- If you would like a box, you may take one marked **"New 2026."**
- Each **new box** includes a **registration form**. Please complete the form and return it to the office or place it with your offertory so the office can assign the box to your household.
- Please note - boxes are not assigned automatically, but only if requested for.

Thank you for your continued support to our parish.

#### Warm Up Wednesdays – Volunteers Needed!

As part of our commitment to giving back to the community, we are excited to announce the launch of a **Soup Kitchen**. This will be a trial run over the next couple of months.

We are looking for caring and enthusiastic volunteers to help make this project a success! Whether it is serving meals, preparing food, or lending a hand with organization or donation in cash or kind, your support will make a real difference.

To volunteer, please contact: **Anne Newman- 705-435-5977** or **Theresa Pappas – 647-625-0937**

Together, we can spread warmth, kindness, and nourishment to those who need it most. All volunteers must complete a screening process before beginning their service.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...

Before the **2025 tax receipts** are issued, we kindly ask all parishioners to **update their contact information**. Please ensure your name and current address are clearly written on the envelope. This will allow us to prepare and issue your tax receipt accurately and without delay. **The tax receipts will be mailed out to the address on file.**

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

*Wishing you and your families a very Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!*

**HAPPY  
 NEW  
 YEAR  
 2026**

*From Father Norberto and the staff*

**Office will be CLOSED from  
 December 24 - 12:00 noon to January 1, 2026**



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