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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions for the Week

January 1 - 7, 2018

Monday, January 1

9:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass
10:30 am - Thanksgiving Mass
12:00 noon - Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday, January 2

9:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass
7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, January 3

7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, January 4

+ 40th day death Jess DeGuia

Friday, January 5

9:15 am - Birthday blessings Emma Givera
7:00 pm +Francisco Yamson

Saturday, January 6

9:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass
5:00 pm - Thanksgiving for favors received

Sunday, January 7

8:30 am + Annamma Aseervathan
10:00 am - Community of Prince of Peace
11:30 am + Mary Lo Man Li
1:00 pm + Peter Jeevaratnam



The Holy Family

On the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. On this day we offer our own families and all the members of our community on the altar for God's blessing from the Holy Family. The feast of the Holy Family reminds us that as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. The Holy Family is the

name given to the family unit of Jesus: The Divine Son of God Jesus, his mother Mary, and his foster-father Joseph. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the Canonical Scriptures. They speak of the early years of the Holy Family, including the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt, the finding of Jesus in the temple and their life at Nazareth. By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that he might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God.

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. This Feast aims to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. We also consider our role to promote the value of the family in the world and to imitate the Holy Family that is Jesus, Mary, and Joseph particularly in our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities. We pray to the Holy Family to inspire into our hearts the mutual love necessary to build a harmonious family. **May God continue to bless our families!**



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Last Sunday Collection: \$ 11,042

SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR!

With grateful hearts!

- ⇒ On behalf of Fr. Michael and Fr. Lorenzo, we would like to thank all of you for your best wishes, thoughts, generous gifts and prayers.
- ⇒ Many thanks to all different ministries who worked so hard for this year and specially during the Christmas season.

PEACE ON EARTH



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

* **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**
December 30th/31st

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am;10:00am;11:30am;
(No 1:00pm Mass)

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

* **NEW YEAR'S EVE/ Dec. 31st**

6:00 pm & 10:30 pm

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
from 7 pm - 10:15 pm***

* **NEW YEAR'S DAY/ Jan. 1st,
2018**

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 noon;
(No 1:00pm Mass)

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***The Parish Office will be closed
January 1st, 2018***

A New Year Prayer

Holy Father, God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows. We praise You for Your unequaled greatness. Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead. Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more. To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them. To teach others to love by loving them. Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us. So that Love could be with us, and we could know You. That we could share Love with others. Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards, in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children. Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs, so that we may know You better and better. We rejoice in the world You loved into being. Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day. We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others. Forgive us for falling short this past year. We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the unknown new year knowing You will go with us. We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want. I say it again, we rejoice! In Jesus name, Amen.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Couples planning on being married in 2018 are asked to come and pick up the registration package from the parish office or call the office if you would like it to be emailed to you. Marriage Preparation course is mandatory. 2018 Course dates at Prince of Peace are as follows:

- Sunday, February 4, 2:00 to 4:00
- Sunday, February 11, 1:00 to 4:00
- Sunday, February 18, 1:00 to 4:00
- Sunday, February 25, 1:00 to 4:00
- Sunday, March 4, 1:00 to 4:00
- Sunday, March 11, 1:00 to 4:00



**Course fee is \$120 per couple.
For information, please call the parish office.**

Registration packages will be available beginning January 2, 2018.

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO

This year the conference will be held July 13-15 at the UOIT/ Durham College in Oshawa. Registration opens Monday, January 15, 2018. Price per person: \$275 CAD (with housing): \$225 CAD (without housing). For more information, please call:416-599-7676.



With Grateful Hearts!



A big "Thank You" to those who donated flowers for our sanctuary during this Christmas seasons.

VOCATIONS CORNER.....

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 contact: **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**
Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
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