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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Mass Intentions & Parish Activities

MONDAY 1 JANUARY - MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10:00am Mass: Pro Populo
11:30am Mass: + Anthony D'Crus
7:30pm Mass: + Cecilia Hernandez

TUESDAY 2 JANUARY -- ST BASIL THE GREAT & ST GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS & DOCTORS

10:00am Mass: + Pam Williams

WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY -- MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

7:30am Mass: + Pam Williams
7:00pm Multiple Mass Intentions

THURSDAY 4 JANUARY

7:30am Mass: + Joseph Nasello
9:00am to 12 noon Children's Play Group
7:00pm Legion of Mary meeting

FRIDAY 5 JANUARY (FIRST FRIDAY)

7:30am Mass: + Pam Williams
6:30pm Holy Mass
7:30pm Mass: + Evangeline (Anne) Stratas

SATURDAY 6 JANUARY (FIRST SATURDAY)

8:30am Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions
11:00am Traditional Latin Mass
4:30pm Mass: + Mike Kielly.

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY -- EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:30am Mass: + Charles Alves
10:00am Mass: Pro Populo
11:30am Mass: + Ramon Bertol
7:30pm Mass: + Jose Furtado

A blessed Christmas and happy New Year to you and yours!

The Sanctuary lamp burns in honour of VanLangen & LaNave family members.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The Feast of the Holy Family fittingly takes the place of the Sunday in the Octave of Christmas. The entrance antiphon recalls that God the Son, in becoming man, makes His *home* on earth. He takes to Himself the natural human loyalty and affection of a family, and gives obedience and devotion to His human parents. We are reminded that the family is the "Church in the Home", in which we first learn the ways of the Faith: our prayers and the richness of loving human relationships. The family bond reflects in a way the life of the Blessed Trinity as a communion of Persons bound together in an unbreakable unity of love. In His family, Our Lord learnt love and self-sacrifice, the very qualities that prepared Him for His Public Ministry and the Work of our Redemption.

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Although we are used to thinking of Our Blessed Lady as the Mother of God, and honouring her as such, we must remember that there was a time in the history of the Church when certain theologians denied that Mary was God's Mother. They were prepared to allow that she was Mother of Christ the Lord, but claimed that she could not be, nor could any human person be, the Mother of Almighty God. But the Church constantly believes otherwise, and at the Council of Ephesus in the year

431 A.D. the Bishops of the Universal Church met together to decree solemnly that the faith of the Church from the time of the Apostles has always been that Our Blessed Lady is indeed the "God-bearer" or, in Greek, the "Theotókos". To celebrate this definition, Pope Liberius built a magnificent Church in Rome to honour Mary the Mother of God, the Church we still know today as "St. Mary Major", adorned with beautiful ancient mosaics depicting the role of the Mother of God and the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in her. The Roman Church from those times has honoured "The Mother of God" on January 1st.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

St Basil & St Gregory of Nazianzus were friends who studied together in Athens and both became bishops and Doctors (teachers) of the Church; Basil in Caesarea and Gregory in Nazianzus, both of which are in Cappadocia in modern-day Turkey.

The Most Holy Name of Jesus celebrates the meaning of the Name of our Saviour: "God saves", the name which was given to Him by the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation (Lk 1:31) and also communicated to St. Joseph in the dream which God sent him to assure him of Our Lady's innocence (Mt 1:21).

Feast of the Holy Family - December 31, 2017

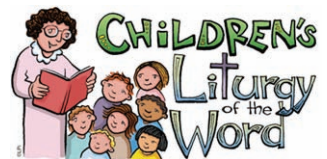
By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person.

Mary Mother of God - January 1, 2018

Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997** email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

First Saturday Rosary Devotion: Please join us in praying all 4 Mysteries of the Holy Rosary in the Chapel **Saturday, January 6th from 2:00 - 4:00pm**. We will pray the Mysteries along with dedications and Spiritual offerings. For more info please contact Teresa at 647-200-9315 or Adrian (after 5:00pm) at 905-839-1506.

Children's Liturgy is for those in Junior Kindergarten up to and including grade 3 (ages 4 to 8 years). **Children under the age of 4 years are welcome, but MUST be accompanied by an adult.** Both adult and youth volunteers are needed to assist at the 10:00am Mass. High school students are welcome and can use the hours toward the required community service.



Please Notice This



The office will be **closed from noon Friday, December 22nd through Sunday, January 7th**. The office will reopen on Monday, January 8th, 2018 at 9:00am.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Don't forget to make a good confession in preparation for Christmas, having your soul made ready like the stable in Bethlehem, to receive the Lord. Our regular parish schedule for the Sacrament of Forgiveness is: Saturday 9:00 to 9:30am, 3:45 to 4:15pm.

Sunday: 15 minutes prior to each Holy Mass.
(Any time by appointment)

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN (PAG)

PAG allows parishioners to make their **regular Sunday offering, Renovation fund** and if they wish their **ShareLife offering** using the direct debit system. PAG is an option, not a requirement. It is widely used in the Toronto Archdiocese and we want to make PAG available to all parishioners who would like to take advantage of it.

When you participate in pre-authorized giving, your offering is withdrawn from your account once a month on or about the 20th day of each month and deposited into the parish account.

If you are enrolled in our PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) you will still be getting a box of envelopes for next year. Please continue to drop your offertory envelope in the basket – just write PAG across it before placing it in the basket. This way we encourage each other to support our parish and continue to teach our children the value of Christian stewardship. Also, the colored envelopes in your boxed sets for special collections are not included in PAG. Continue to use your special collections envelopes at their designated dates. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish needs!

If you are interested in PAG or want additional details, please visit our website at <http://stisaacjogueschurch.com> and look under “Forms & Information” for the **Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) brochure**.

SANCTUARY LAMP: the lamp hanging in the sanctuary, when lit, indicates the Real Presence of Christ, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, reserved in the Tabernacle (the veil of the Tabernacle indicates the same reality). The flickering light is also a sign of the prayers of the faithful which remain after they have left the parish church. This is the whole purpose of votive lights, which we have before images of the Sacred Heart, Our Lady, St Joseph, etc. The suggested offering is \$20.00.

The Saint Isaac Jogues Catholic Women’s League has had a very active fall season hosting monthly luncheons, our Annual Turkey Dinner, a bake sale, and the co-hosting of the St. Michael’s Youth Choir. We would like to once again invite the women of the Parish who wish to join a vibrant and bustling organization to join us in our community service work. The CWL serves the needs of not only our immediate community but of those in need around the GTA and even around the world. We are also known to have some fun as well. If we have tweaked your interest please give us a call at 905-839-8890.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
 Saturday 30 December 4:30pm
 Sunday 31 December 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Holy Day of Obligation ~ New Year's Eve Mass
 Sunday 31 December 4:30pm
New Year's Day Masses
 Monday 1 January
 10:00am, 11:30am & 7:00pm (no 8:30am Mass)

TUESDAY 2 JANUARY
 10:00am - *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors*

WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY
 7:30am & 7:00pm – *Christmas Weekday – The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

OUR PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

St. Isaac Jogues Parish is accepting 2018 Mass Intentions for parish weekday Masses (Monday-Friday) and weekend Masses. Offering for single announced date \$20.00 per Mass and for multiple announced date \$10.00 per Mass. An unannounced date \$10.00 per Mass, may be sent to priests outside the parish to be celebrated in the near future.

Due to the large number of requests for Masses, the parish was given permission to celebrate Mass with multiple intentions **every Wednesday at the 7:00pm Mass and every Saturday at the 8:30am Mass**. As this is something which requires special permission from the Bishop, the parish cannot accept multiple intentions on other days.

Smile of the Day:

Which number wears ornaments and flashing lights?
The Christmas Three.

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