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*Feast of the Holy Family*

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



### Mass Intentions & Parish Activities

#### **MONDAY 31 DECEMBER – ST SYLVESTER I, POPE**

7:30am Mass: + Fran Corso

4:30pm Mass: + Leonila Dalisay

#### **TUESDAY 1 JANUARY – THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

10:00am Mass: Pro Populo

11:30am Mass: + Sonny & Nan McDonagh & Isa Kerr

7:00pm Mass: + Steve Remy

#### **WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY- BASIL THE GREAT & ST GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS & DOCTORS**

7:30am Mass: Special Intentions – Desa family

#### **THURSDAY 3 JANUARY – THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

7:30am Mass: + Jack Arnold

#### **FRIDAY 4 JANUARY (FIRST FRIDAY)**

7:30am Mass: + Cecilia Badaraco

7:30pm Mass: + Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### **SATURDAY 5 JANUARY (FIRST SATURDAY)**

8:30am Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions

11:00am Mass: Traditional Latin Mass

4:30pm Mass: + Teresita Vincencio

#### **SUNDAY 6 JANUARY – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

8:30am Mass: + Desmond Saldanha

10:00am Mass: Pro Populo

11:30am Mass: Thanksgiving & + Alice Alemao

7:00pm Mass: + Gonsalves family & Holy Souls in Purgatory

**THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS  
IN MEMORY OF WALLY KHAN**

**First Friday:** Holy Hour at 6:30pm and extra Mass at 7:30pm

**First Saturday:** Traditional Latin Mass at 11am in the chapel

**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.

### FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

#### **MY FATHER'S AFFAIRS**

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple of which we hear in today's Gospel is the only event from the "hidden life" of Nazareth which is recounted in the Gospels. As with the entire infancy narrative which we have heard over the last week or so, this event is taken from St. Luke's Gospel and is evidence of the special connection between St. Luke and Our Blessed Lady, for only she can have given St. Luke the information on which he bases his accounts. In fact, on three occasions in St. Luke's account of the early years he uses a very telling phrase in connection with Our Lady—he tells us that "*Mary stored up all these things and pondered them in her heart*". This is the reason why this event is remembered—because She remembered it and pondered its true significance not just once but throughout her life. Our Lady is the first of Our Lord's disciples—the first to reflect deeply over and over again on the meaning and depth of all His words and deeds. She knew from the Angel Gabriel who her Son was, but she also grew in her own understanding of just

what it meant to say that He was the "Son of God". What does this event tell us about Our Lord and His Mother? First, that Our Lady remembered this event as the first indication from her Son that He knew exactly who He was Himself. He always behaved as the son of Joseph, living under his authority and even being known in Nazareth as Joseph's son. But in reality He knew, just as His Mother knew, that though He was certainly Mary's son, He was not conceived of Joseph. Secondly, it shows us that Our Lord was already a most impressive young boy, showing great intelligence and wisdom in connection with "His Father's affairs". The religious authorities based in the Temple were the leading scholars and teachers of the Jewish religion and of the interpretation of God's word in the Scriptures. They were "astounded" at the questions He asked them and the answers He gave to their own questions. Yet even after this, St. Luke tells us that Jesus "*continued to grow in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and men*". Some commentators have suggested that if Jesus could grow in wisdom and in favour with God, then He cannot already have been the Son of God, but rather was an exceptionally gifted child who grew into a special relationship with God. This idea is false because it ignores the central fact of the story, which was the very reason why Our Lady remembered it: *Our Lord's own words*. Our Lady recalled this event not because of the trauma of seeming to lose her Son for three days, however terrifying the experience was for her. That fact alone did not warrant its inclusion in the Gospel. No—the one reason why she pondered on this event and so recounted it to St. Luke for inclusion in his Gospel was because of Jesus's answer to her question, "*Son, why have you done this to us?*" He replied, in exactly the way He would so often do in His future public ministry, by posing another question to her: "*Why were you looking for me? Did you not know I must be busy with my Father's affairs?*" The very strangeness of the words and the depths of meaning that they implied was the reason for Our Lady's pondering them and telling them to St. Luke, so that he could in turn tell us about the self-understanding of the Son of God even when He was only a boy.

**Every blessing to you all this Christmastide!!**

#### **FEASTS OF THE WEEK**

**St Sylvester** was Pope at the time of the Constantine's accession as first Christian Emperor of Rome. Freedom from persecution granted by the new Emperor allowed him to build up the public life of the Church, founding the Church of St. John in the Lateran Palace, which remains to this day the Cathedral of the Pope.

**The Holy Mother of God:** On the eighth and final day of the Octave, the Gospel commemorates the Circumcision and naming of Our Lord on the eighth day after His birth. Nevertheless, from the earliest times in the Roman Church, this day has been kept as a special feast of Our Lady, focusing particularly on her divine motherhood. Since Our Lady is the Mother not of a nature but of a Person, and that person is Almighty God made man, we can put the truth simply but absolutely truthfully, by saying that she is the Mother of God, nothing less.

**St Basil the Great** (c. 330-79) Having studied in Athens and Constantinople, he founded a monastery in the Middle East. He was renowned for his preaching and writings and his work on the Holy Spirit is unsurpassed in Catholic theology.

**St Gregory Nazianzen** (329-89) A friend of St Basil's he joined him as a monk but had to return home to help his aged father who was bishop of Nazianzus in Southern Turkey. Elected to succeed him, he also became renowned as a theologian and preacher and was called to Constantinople to restore the Orthodox faith following the death of the heretic Arian emperor, Valens. But, he was soon forced out by those opposed to his Catholic teaching and he returned to Nazianzus where he died an austere and holy monk.

**The Most Holy Name of Jesus** was given Him by command of the Angel Gabriel at God's behest, hence the reverence with which we treat the Holy Name. It is good to remind ourselves of this by bowing our heads whenever we say or hear the name "Jesus."

**First Saturday Rosary Devotion:** Please join us in praying all Mysteries of the Holy Rosary in the Chapel **Saturday, January 5th from 2:00 to 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.



**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!

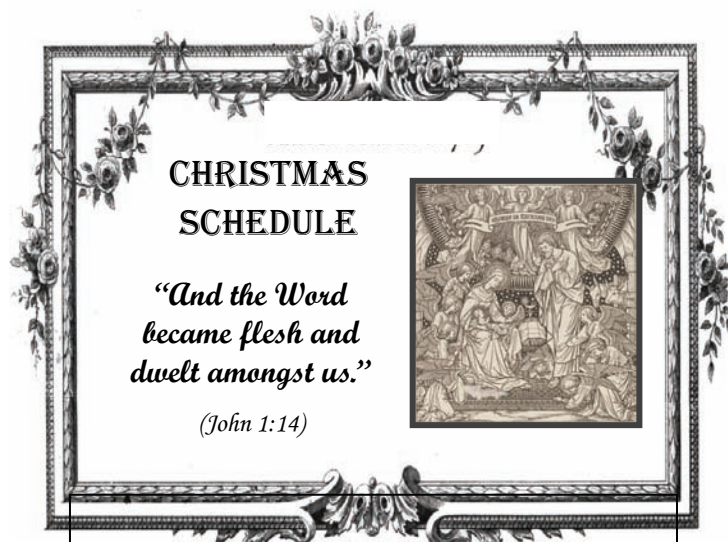
If you are interested in PAG or want additional details, please visit our website at <http://stisaacjogues.archtoronto.org> and look under "Forms & Information" for the **Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) brochure.**

**Smile of the Day:**  
Why did the cucumber need a lawyer?  
*It was in a pickle.*

Please Notice This




The office will be **closed from noon Friday, December 21st through Sunday, January 6th.** The office will reopen on Monday, January 7th, 2019 at 9:00am.



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us.”*

*(John 1:14)*



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Saturday 29 December 4:30pm

Sunday 30 December 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am & 7:00pm

**Monday 31 December 7:30am**

*Seventh Sunday of the Octave of Christmas*

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

*Holy Day of Obligation ~ New Year's Eve Mass*

Monday 31 December 4:30pm

*New Year's Day Masses*

Tuesday 1 January

10:00am, 11:30am & 7:00pm (no 8:30am Mass)

**WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY**

7:30am & 7:00pm - *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors*

**THURSDAY 3 JANUARY**

7:30am – *Christmas Weekday – The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

Would you like to have the current parish bulletin delivered to you via email? Would you like to be notified about funeral Masses taking place in our parish? You choose which items you wish to know about and we do the rest. <https://stisaacjogues.archtoronto.org> and open the "Contact Us" and "Sign Up" tabs.





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