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Feast of the Holy Family

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 28 – 12:10 P.M. The Holy Innocents
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 29 – 7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 30 – 12:10 P.M.
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 31 – eve of Solemnity of Mary Mother of God; Day of Obligation in Canada. Up to 5 Mass intentions
5:00 PM	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 1. The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; Day of Obligation in Canada; World Day of Peace
8:00 AM	
9:30AM	
12:00 NOON	
	NO EVENING MASS OR CONFESSIONS
SUNDAY	JANUARY 2 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00AM	
9:30 AM	
12:00PM	



The Holy Family

Marriage is too often conceived as the Sacrament which merely unites a man and a woman to form a couple. In reality, marriage establishes a family, and its purpose is to increase the number of the elect, through the bodily and spiritual fecundity and good of the Christian spouses



The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Feast of The Holy Family is celebrated in several ways—both in the Catholic Church and among individual parishioners. There are usually services and prayers held on this day, and many Christians write notes to Jesus, Mary and Joseph to appeal to them for a blessing from their family to their family. Some Christians also work through various charitable organizations to help families in need.

This is a day for people to pray for and reflect on their own family life as well. It’s a day on which people can think about how they can strengthen communication between all family members and how to heal past wounds. It’s also a day on which people can reflect on the virtue of their family in comparison with the Holy Family.

As this year draws to a close and we look ahead to a new year of God’s blessings we take to heart the words of St. Paul, “And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” May Jesus, Mary and Joseph be at the center of our families as we pray, “speak to me, Lord.”

Worth Noting

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God’s will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

Please preregister for all weekday and Sunday Masses via Eventbrite (<https://stgregoryoshawa.eventbrite.ca>), or call Jacqui at the office during the week so to reserve your ticket for one person up to five persons in the same social bubble and avoid crowding at the door. A social bubble is a group of people, members of the same household or people who are not keeping 6 feet physical distancing.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

If you are new to our Parish or have been attending but are not sure if you are registered, please complete a registration form as soon as possible. This is important, as you must be registered if we are to have jurisdiction in matters of **weddings, funerals, baptisms, letter of reference, income tax purposes, etc.** So, **IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED, PLEASE** pick up a registration form in the Sacristy and drop the completed form in the collection basket the following week or hand it to Father Marijan as you leave Mass.

Please remember St. Gregory’s Parish in your will.

Engaged Couples!

Marriage Preparation Classes at St. John The Evangelist
903 Giffard Street Whitby, Ontario phone 905-668-3676
Email stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org
Our next Marriage Preparation Course at St. John the Evangelist will be held on 6 Thursday evenings from January 20 to February 24, 2022 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Centre. Fee is \$200 per couple. Please contact the office as soon as possible.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

The next meeting and review sessions will be as follows:
First Holy Communion: Sunday January 9, 2022 in the Parish Hall.
Confirmation: Sunday January 16, 2022
Parents are welcome to stay if they wish.

**St. Gregory's St. Vincent de Paul Society
Report for the month of November, 2021**

DePaul Society has accomplished the following on your behalf.

Families Visited 118
Of Adults 161
#Of Children 74

EXPENSES

Grocery Store Vouchers Given Out	\$5,260.00
Clothing Vouchers Given Out	9
Value of clothing Vouchers Redeemed	\$ 558.00
Total expenses for November	\$5,818.00
Total poor box donations for November	\$1,933.00
Net Loss	\$3,885.00

If you are contributing to the poor box each week or even periodically, please be aware that if you put your donation in an SVDP envelope with pertinent information you will receive an income tax receipt at the end of the year. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.

Please feel free to drop your envelope in the collection basket. We would like to thank our Parishioners for their ongoing support!

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Can You Help?

We are looking to make a team of volunteers to help with Audio Visual transmission, live streaming and also a Webmaster. If you have experience in these fields and would like to help, please call the parish office.

Prayer Corner

Almighty God, we ask salvation for those who believe in you. Hear us on behalf of your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, that they may be restored to health. We pray especially for:

*The sick: Imelda Jones & Andrew Sim
For the recently departed: Msgr. John Wannamaker*

Warm Clothing is Needed!

The St. Vincent De Paul store is in need of warm clothing. Especially needed items are coats, boots, hats & gloves. Please remember the less fortunate. Drop off boxes are located at St. Mary of the People Church on Stevenson Road.

Pope's prayer intentions for 2022

**January
Human Fraternity**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Kasun, CSB -
February 13, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

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