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Feast of the Holy Family



Fr. Mario, Fr. Gerardo and Deacon Sergio want to thank all our parishioners who have helped to make our Christmas celebration a blessed and fulfilling experience for all. We ask the Lord to bless you and your families with joy and happiness in this season. May the New Year be filled with much love and success.

THE HOLY FAMILY

As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more “dramatic” events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us (especially in the shorter version), there were also the so-called “hidden years” - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. The family is a basic unit of our Christian society, despite coming under threat nowadays. Our celebration of this feast, and the Word of God we proclaim, announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

On January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This feast proclaims a central truth of our faith: that Jesus Christ is truly God, and Mary by God's grace is truly His mother. As we begin the New Year, we turn to Mary's maternal intercession, asking her to lead us ever closer to her Son and to help us welcome Christ more fully into our lives. Through Mary, we receive the Prince of Peace and entrust the coming year to God's loving care.

OFFICE HOURS

December 31 9:00AM-12:00noon
January 1 CLOSED

NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that our weekday Mass schedule will change starting **Friday, January 2**

New Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00AM in English

Wednesday, Friday

7:00PM in English

PLEASE NOTE THE 12:05PM MASS WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED.

The 8:00AM mass will continue to be celebrated in both English and Italian.

NEW YEARS' MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve

4:00 p.m. Mass in English

New Year's Day

9:00 a.m. Mass in English

11:00 a.m. Mass in Italian

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday Mass and Holy Hour January 2 at 7 PM. Confessions will be heard as well. All are welcome to come and spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

CWL – BETHLEHEM CRÈCHE FUNDRAISER BRUNCH

The St Charles Borromeo Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Fundraiser Brunch for the Bethlehem Crèche on Sunday, February 1st at Venu Event Centre from 11am to 3pm. There will be raffles and door prizes. All proceeds in support of the Bethlehem Crèche run by the Sisters of St Vincent de Paul, an orphanage for abandoned babies and children in need in the Holy Land. The Sisters rely on the generosity of donors and do not receive any governmental funding. The Bethlehem Crèche has struggled over the years of the pandemic and now with the war. Tickets are \$100 a person with a cash bar.

For more information and tickets, please contact Gigetta Rizzo 416-857-0108. Tickets are also available in the Parish Office.

LA SACRA FAMIGLIA

Come esempio da seguire, la Sacra Famiglia può sembrare un po' troppo perfetta: se consideriamo gli eventi più "drammatici" della storia di Natale e Pasqua, può sembrare così lontana da noi. Eppure, come ci ricorda il Vangelo di oggi (soprattutto nella versione più breve), ci furono anche i cosiddetti "anni nascosti" - i molti anni di vita familiare a Nazareth, trascorsi nelle cose ordinarie. Durante quel periodo, sentiamo come Gesù crebbe e maturò, e in uno scorcio di quella vita familiare vediamo il nostro esempio. La famiglia è un'unità fondamentale della nostra società cristiana, nonostante sia oggi minacciata. La nostra celebrazione di questa festa e la Parola di Dio che proclamiamo annunciano che c'è un valore duraturo negli ideali della vita familiare e nel rapporto tra marito, moglie, genitori e figli. Qualunque siano i dettagli mutevoli di ogni epoca, onore, comprensione e amore rimangono sempre la ricetta per la famiglia umana perfetta e santa. È l'amore che indossiamo sopra tutti gli altri abiti delle culture e dei luoghi che cambiano, per garantire la vita della famiglia, a imitazione della Sacra Famiglia di Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe.

SOLENNITÀ DI MARIA SANTISSIMA MADRE DI DIO

Il 1° gennaio la Chiesa celebra la Solennità di Maria Santissima Madre di Dio. Questa festa proclama una verità centrale della nostra fede: che Gesù Cristo è veramente Dio e Maria, per grazia di Dio, è veramente Sua madre. All'inizio del nuovo anno, ci rivolgiamo alla materna intercessione di Maria, chiedendole di condurci sempre più vicini a suo Figlio e di aiutarci ad accogliere Cristo più pienamente nella nostra vita. Attraverso Maria, riceviamo il Principe della Pace e affidiamo l'anno a venire alla cura amorevole di Dio.

CWL- RACCOLTA FONDI PER BETHLEEMME CRÈCHE

La St Charles Borromeo Catholic Women's League organizzerà un brunch di raccolta fondi per l'orfanotrofio di Betlemme domenica 1° febbraio presso il Venu Event Centre dalle 11:00 alle 15:00. Ci saranno lotterie e premi a sorte. Tutto il ricavato sarà devoluto a sostegno della Bethlehem Crèche gestito dalle Suore di San Vincenzo de' Paoli, un orfanotrofio per neonati abbandonati e bambini bisognosi in Terra Santa. Le Suore contano sulla generosità dei donatori e non ricevono alcun finanziamento governativo. La Bethlehem Crèche ha sofferto negli anni della pandemia

e ora con la guerra. I biglietti costano 100 dollari a persona, con bevande alcoliche a pagamento.

Per ulteriori informazioni e biglietti, si prega di contattare Gigetta Rizzo 416-+857-0108. I biglietti sono disponibili anche presso l'Ufficio Parrocchiale.

NUOVO ORARIO DELLE MESSE FERIALI

Si prega di notare che il nostro orario delle Messe feriali cambierà a partire da **venerdì 2 gennaio 2026**.

Nuovo orario:

Lunedì, martedì, giovedì

9:00 in inglese

Mercoledì, venerdì

19:00 in inglese

**SI PREGA DI NOTARE CHE LA MESSA DELLE
12:05 NON SARÀ PIÙ CELEBRATA.**

**La messa delle 8:00 continuerà a essere celebrata
sia in inglese che in italiano.**

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

4:30PM Erlinda Perez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00AM Pro Populo

9:30AM Regina Aldea

11:00AM Connie e Paolo Morresi, Maria
Campione, Anime in Purgatorio

12:30 PM Antonio & Lina Remigio

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00AM Anime in Purgatorio

12:05PM Paolo & Ermita Gentile

7:00PM Nazzareno Azzoli

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

12:05PM All Souls In Purgatory, Desmond Cruz

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 – New Year's Eve

4:00PM Mass in English

THURSDAY JANUARY 1 – New Year's Day

9:00AM Mass in English

11:00AM Mass in Italian

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 First Friday

8:00AM Luigi e Anna Iannacci

7:00PM John Giang

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

4:30PM Mass Association

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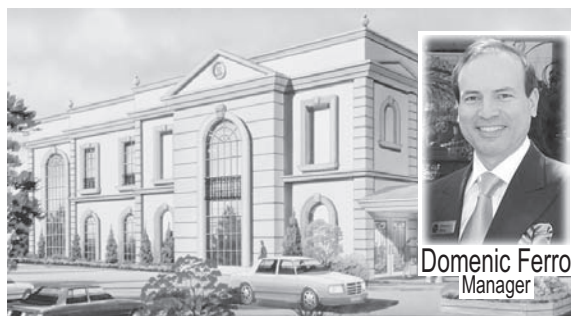
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