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Feast of the Holy Family

MARY MOTHER OF GOD



MARY, is often associated with mercy and rightly so. As Jesus lay in the Manger with no more than the breath of the donkey and ox to keep Him warm, Mary wanted to alleviate all that caused the Blessed Lord harm and to comfort Him. Whenever we are moved to do the same with those we see, that is true mercy in action.

Mary also held up Her Divine Son to the Wise Men showing Him to them and to all who come seeking God. In this way, Mary acts as the perfect model and Mother of the Church and all of us Her children, both showing Christ to all who come to us, so that they may know and Love Him and in imitation of our Blessed Saviour to show mercy to them as well. In this way, Mary fulfills the two great laws of Christ: to Love God in all our strength, mind and soul and to Love our neighbour as ourselves.

As a true disciple of her Blessed Son she stays close to Him throughout her life and this finds her standing at the foot of the cross. At that moment, Jesus gave us Mary as our Mother too, after he had been nailed to the cross, He addressed her in these words “women behold your Son” then he said to John “behold your mother”. Jesus looks at us one by one; behold your mother, he says. John took her into his home, received her lovingly and cared for her with the greatest respect. He brought Mary into his home, into his life. Spiritual writers have seen words of the Gospel as an invitation to all Christians to bring Mary into their lives.

Our Lady, close to her Son, fulfills her mission as mother of all by interceding continually for them. On this Solemnity of Our Lady, we begin the new year. Truly there could not be a better start of the year and all the days of our life, then being very close to Mary. With the confidence of children, we go to her, so that she may help us to live holiness every day of the year.

**SYNODALITY,
THE POPE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

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.



HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR,
LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER,
THAT WE MAY ALL BE KEPT SAFE,
HEALTHY AND IN THE GRACE OF GOD.
MAY 2022 BE THE END OF THE
PANDEMIC AND THE YEAR WE
CELEBRATE THIS JOYFUL EVENT WITH
ALL OUR PARISHIONERS.



A very heartfelt Thank you to all of the staff and students of St. Bernard School who donated boxes of food for our Food Drive and helped make it a great success.

Thank you also to all our parishioners who generously donated food and toys. We received more than we expected, your charity is wonderful to see.

May God continue to bless you for your faith and kindness.

Our Parish is open for Individual Prayer

On Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday the church will open at 9:00 am and will close after the evening Mass.

On Tuesday and Thursday the Church will open at 9:00 am and will be closed at 6:00 pm.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COVID 19
PROTOCOLS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Due to the potential risk of the Omicron Variant of Covid 19 and the fact that we may have new parishioners joining us for the Solemn celebrations for Christmas and the Solemnity Mother of God on January 1st, we need to introduce a slightly different Covid Protocol for the holidays.

A reminder capacity limit in the Church is 125 people.

These new protocols will be strictly enforced:

1. We will be entering and exiting from the main doors, a reminder masks must be worn.
2. As soon as you come in, we are asking for your contact information, name and telephone number.
3. As you enter the Church your hands will be sanitized.
4. In order to celebrate with us, you must ensure that your mask is properly worn at all times, covering your nose and mouth.
5. It is important that we continue to practice social distancing.
6. We ask you to continue the normal safety protocols when in the Church: namely; that we come up for Communion one row at a time and that if you are feeling ill, especially if you are coughing, that you refrain from celebrating in person.

We encourage everyone to arrive earlier than normal, so that we may avoid longer wait times and lines as you try to enter.

2022 Offertory Envelopes

Your 2022 Sunday donation envelopes are available for pick up. **Due to Covid19 restrictions, we will let 5 people in the Gold Room at one time and your envelopes will be handed to you.** Thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation. If you would like to register please fill out the form available.

**SONO PRONTE LE BUSTE PER L'OFFERTA
DOMENICALE 2022.**

Vi preghiamo di prelevare il vostro pacchetto nel Gold Room. Se iniziate quest'anno ad usare le buste, chiamate in ufficio per registrare. Grazie a tutti per il sostegno finanziario che date alla parrocchia.

Weekly Collection

This week our collection was \$3,259.50

It takes 5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.

Thank you to those who supported us during this very difficult time. Your charity means a lot!



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT DECEMBER 25th - SUN JANUARY 02nd, 2021

Sat	25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY	
		9:00 am	
		10:30 am	
		12:00 pm	
Sun	26 th	9:00 am	Giovanni Monte Mauro Ardizzi & Pia Ardizzi Fiore Molinaro Luciano Russo Giovanni & Ascienza De Vona Nazzareno Tari Natalina & Ervino Segna Francesco Conforti Adolfo Molella Dante Mazzini (10 yr death anniversary)
		10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
		12:00 pm	Natalina & Ervino Segna
Mon	27 th	7:00 pm	Enzo Simone Giorgia Boyd Simone
Tues	28 th	8:00 am	
		7:00 pm	Maria Peluso Memorial Mass
Wed	29 th	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass
Thurs	30 th	8:00 am	Zita Lena
		7:00 pm	Maria Teresa Sanzo Memorial Mass
Fri	31 st	NEW YEAR'S EVE	
		5:00 pm	
Sat	01 st	NEW YEAR'S DAY	
		9:00 am	
		10:30 am	
		12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO
Sun	02 nd	9:00 am	Adelia & Rocco Corsi Mauro Ardizzi & Pia Ardizzi Nicola & Adolorata Matricciano Filippo & Maria Tatangelo Francesco Conforti Giulio Quintieri
		10:30 am	Costanzo & Filomena Mastrangelo
		12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO

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