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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH / B

Today's liturgy speaks of two families. The first is the family that consists of parents and children: "The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger." The first two readings are about the qualities of the people who make up such a family, and we pray that God may "unite our families in peace and love." We also pray that God may "help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love." Here the liturgy concerns the human family, of which the Holy Family is also a model: "we want to live as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in peace with you and one another."

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this New Year for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

On behalf of Father Carlos and the Parish staff, we wish all our Parishioners a very happy and healthy new year!

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1, 2018

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom."

The celebration of the **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** will take place on **Monday, January 1st** at: 8:30 am (English), 9:30 am (Italian) and at 11:00 am (English).

WORLD DAY OF PEACE: JANUARY 1, 2018

The theme for Pope Francis' annual World Day of Peace message for 2018 is: "Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in Search of Peace." Pope Francis' Message invites Catholics to embrace those who endure perilous journeys and hardships in order to find peace.

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parishioners for their support of the Family of Faith Campaign. Your pledges have helped us with fulfilling the needs as outlined by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan.

To date the Archdiocese of Toronto has received over \$170 million in pledges through this campaign. Funds have been allocated to some of the case components such as parish youth ministry, the Good Leaders Good Shepherd's Program, subsidies for Lay Pastoral Associates, which we have been fortunate to utilize, and church renovations. Over \$16 million has been returned to parishes to assist with the implementation of local case projects.

We are happy to share this information with you. Your support and contributions are being put to great use.

MAJOR RELIC OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER TO VISIT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

A first-degree relic of missionary Saint Francis Xavier is coming to the Archdiocese of Toronto from **January 12th to the 14th, 2018**. The forearm of the saint, permanently displayed at the *Church of the Gesù* in Rome, will be in Canada from December 29th to February 2nd, as part of a 14-city Canadian visit. In our archdiocese, the relic will be hosted by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (January 12th), St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga (January 13th) and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto (January 14th).

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 14, 2018**. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is "**Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees**" As Christians, we are called to reach out to and pray for all migrants to emphasize the unity of the human family and the values of acceptance, hospitality and love of neighbour.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

January 18th to the 25th is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2018 is "*Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power*" (Exodus 15:6). Throughout 2018, join Christians everywhere in prayer "*that they may all be one*" (cf. Jn 17:21). For more information, please visit: www.geii.org.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP: JANUARY 24, 2018

The *Prayer & Life Workshop* is a weekly program that helps you to learn and deepen the art of prayer. The workshop will be held in the **Rectory Hall** and **starts on Wednesday, January 24th**. Sessions are two hours long. The instruction is free; however, materials are \$15. **Formal registration will take place the weekend of January 6th and 7th.**

ST. BRIGID'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS TRIDUUM MASSES 2018

Please join us for our **Triduum Masses** as we celebrate St. Brigid – our Patron Saint. The Masses will take place on **Wednesday, January 31st, Thursday, February 1st, and Friday, February 2nd** at 7:00 pm in the Church.

SAINTS BRIGID & CATHERINE OF SIENA ANNUAL FEAST DAY DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2018

Our **St. Brigid and St. Catherine of Siena Annual Feast Day Dinner Dance** will take place on **Saturday, February 3rd, 2018** in the Church Hall. More details to follow soon. We look forward to a wonderful celebration.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2018

Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto will take place on the weekend of February 10th and 11th, 2018. An Archdiocesan Celebration of Marriage Mass will be held on **Sunday, February 11th, 2018** at 3:00 pm at **Blessed Trinity Parish in North York**.

SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES 2018

The following dates are for the **2018 special collections**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

ShareLife Sundays: March 18, April 22, May 27

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday): March 30

The Pope's Pastoral Works: May 6

Marygrove Camp: June 10

Canadian Missions: August 12

Needs of the Church in Canada: September 30

World Mission Sunday: October 21

Shepherds' Trust: November 18

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending December 17th, 2017 was **\$3,465.15**. The regular collection for the week of December 24th and 25th will be posted in the next bulletin.

The P.A.G. collection for the month of December was **\$5,126.99**. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and contributions to all of our collections. **Please remember St. Brigid's Parish in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)!**

SANTA FAMIGLIA DI GESÙ, MARIA E GIUSEPPE

La Chiesa e il mondo contemporaneo s'interrogano, oggi più che mai, circa il disegno di Dio sulla famiglia. Mentre da una parte emergono alcuni grandi valori che manifestano la presenza di Dio, come la crescita della libertà e della responsabilità nella paternità e nell'educazione, la legittima aspirazione della donna all'eguaglianza di diritti e di doveri con l'uomo, l'apertura al dialogo verso tutta la grande famiglia umana, la stima delle relazioni autenticamente personali..., dall'altra si constatano crescenti difficoltà, come la degradazione della sessualità, la visione materialistica ed edonistica della vita, l'atteggiamento permissivo dei genitori, l'indebolirsi dei vincoli familiari e della comunicazione tra generazioni.

MARIA SANTISSIMA MADRE DI DIO

In questo primo giorno del nuovo anno è caro a tutti scambiarsi gli auguri di bene e di prosperità: essi ci provengono anzitutto dalla benedizione di Aronne che chiede al Signore di proteggerci e di far brillare il suo volto su di noi. E Dio ha esaudito questa invocazione attraverso il suo Figlio incarnato. Maria, obbediente alla volontà del Padre, ha dato alla luce la persona del Verbo e per questo possiamo invocarla a buon diritto con il titolo alto e sublime di "Madre di Dio".

La Messa di Maria Santissima Madre Di Dio sarà celebrata il 1 di Gennaio alle 8:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am.

PREGHIERA PER IL NUOVO ANNO

Signore Gesù, oggi mi dedico nuovamente a Te. Voglio che nell'anno nuovo Tu prenda in mano la mia vita e tu ne faccia uso in Tuo onore. Ti prego di proteggermi dal peccato e da tutto ciò che potrebbe offendere il Tuo Nome. Fa che io rimanga aperta agli insegnamenti dello Spirito Santo. Amen.

Padre Carlos e il personale della Parrocchia vi augurano a tutti voi, nostri parrocchiani, un felice anno nuovo!

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare della settimana 17 Dicembre 2017 e' stata **\$3,465.15**. La colletta regolare della settimana 24 e 25 Dicembre 2017 sarà pubblicata nel prossimo bollettino.

La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Dicembre è stata **\$5,126.99**. Grazie per la vostra contribuzione per aiutare alle spese della chiesa. Dio vi recompense. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia puo' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 30th ~ Sixth Day Within The Octave Of The Nativity

9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Candace Bernadette Lim, req. by her Mother

5:00 p.m. +Danilo Dalida, req. by the Family
+John Zimmer, req. by His Mother

Sunday, Dec. 31st ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**

9:30 a.m. Per Tutti I Defunti Delle Famiglie Pirrotta & Infanti, req. by Emmanuelle & Nella Infanti
+Antonio Ammirato, req. by the Family
+Antonio Maraio & Mariangela Castagnozzi, req. by Schiavo Family
+Incoronata Cornacchia, req. by Angelo Cornacchia

11:00 a.m. +Andrew Tay, req. by Eugene Tay & Family

Monday, Jan. 1st ~ Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**

9:30 a.m. In Onore di Santa Lucia, req. by Nicola & Chiara Grande
Benedizione Speciale per le Famiglie Grande e Cozzi
+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family
+Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family
+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family

11:00 a.m. For All the Souls in Purgatory, req. by Maria Calo & Family

Tuesday, Jan. 2nd ~ St. Basil The Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen

12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of St. Brigid's Church

Wednesday, Jan. 3rd ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of St. Catherine of Siena

7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, Jan 4th

12:00 p.m. +Michael & Josephine Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande

Friday, Jan. 5th

12:00 p.m. +Denis Moulds, req. by the Parish & School Community

Saturday, Jan. 6th ~ St. André Bessette (Brother André)

9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Healing for Members of the Community

5:00 p.m. +Jacqueline Le Blanc, req. by the Family

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