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*Feast of the Holy Family*

## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH / C

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

### NOTES OF THANKS

**OUT OF THE COLD COLLECTION:** Thank you to all who generously donated to the Out of the Cold Christmas Dinner collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** On Wednesday, December 19th and on Friday, December 21st food hampers were successfully delivered to several families within our community. Thank you to Notre Dame High School and to Frank Ciddio of Food for a Month for their very generous support and food donations. Special thanks to Diana and Mary Fitzgerald for all their help and hard work in ensuring that the families were all taken care of. Thank you to all the volunteers for their commitment of time and energy in helping to pack, load and deliver the food hampers. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. May God bless you all and may God bless those families in need.

### 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, 2019

"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."

## DAILY READINGS ONLINE

Our St. Brigid's Parishioners can now find the Canadian daily readings from Living with Christ on our website. The Daily Readings tab can be found under the drop-down menu of ***Our Catholic Faith***. [stbrigids.archtoronto.org](http://stbrigids.archtoronto.org)

### WORLD DAY OF PEACE: JANUARY 1, 2019

The theme for Pope Francis' annual World Day of Peace message for 2019 is: '**Good Politics at the Service of Peace**'. Pope Francis emphasized that political responsibility belongs to every citizen and in particular to those that have received the mandate to protect and to govern. This mission consists in safeguarding the right of and in encouraging dialogue between the actors of society, between the generations and between the culture.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

**January 18th to the 25th, 2019** is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2019 finds its origins in Deuteronomy, "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20). It was chosen for its powerful message of promoting truth, equality and unity. For more information visit: [www.geii.org](http://www.geii.org).

### WORLD YOUTH DAY: JANUARY 22 to 27, 2019

World Youth Day will be celebrated in Panama starting January 22nd to January 27th, 2019. World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope which is typically celebrated every three years in a different country. WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter with their contemporaries centered on Jesus Christ. [worldyouthday.com](http://worldyouthday.com)

### ST. BRIGID'S PATRON SAINT FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS:

**TRIDUUM MASSES 2019:  
JANUARY 30th, 31st & FEBRUARY 1st**

Please join us for our annual Triduum Masses on Wednesday, January 30th, Thursday, January 31st, and Friday, February 1st at 7:00 pm in the Church as we celebrate the life of our Patron Saint.

### ST. BRIGID'S AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ANNUAL FEAST DAY DINNER DANCE

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2019**

Please join us for our **St. Brigid's and St. Catherine of Siena Annual Feast Day Dinner Dance** on **Saturday, February 2nd, 2019**. The festivities will take place in the Church Hall. More details to follow soon.

### ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR 2019

Starting January 2019 we will start a Children's Choir which will be led by **Daniel Colla**, a retired TCDSB Music Teacher and professional choral conductor. Children from ages 7 to 14 are encouraged to be part of this newly formed choir. The children's choir will be singing at every Saturday at the

5:00 pm Mass starting February 2nd, 2019. Practices will be held every Saturday at 4:00 pm starting January 19th. Please contact the Parish office to register your child.

### THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER A GLOBAL QUEST DOCU-SERIES

Starting **Tuesday, February 26th at 7:45 pm in the Church Hall** we will be presenting a nine-part video series on the **Truth About Cancer**. Each week we will present an episode with brand new international panel of doctors, scientists, researchers and cancer survivors who will reveal revolutionary cancer preventatives, therapies, and life-saving treatments that can protect you and your loved ones from cancer. All are welcome.

### HEALING SERVICE & HOLY MASS EVERY MONTH

Starting in March, we will have a monthly Healing Service followed by a Holy Mass. The first Healing Service and Holy Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 4th at 4:00 pm**.

### PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP: FEBRUARY 27, 2019

The *Prayer & Life Workshop* is a weekly program that helps you to learn and deepen the art of prayer. Sessions include methods such as prayerful reading, integral reconciliation, and contemplative prayer. The workshop will be held in the Rectory Hall and will start on **Wednesday, February 27th**. Each session is two hours long. The instruction is free; however, materials are \$15. Please contact the Parish office to register for this workshop.

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2019

Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto will take place on the weekend of February 9th and 10th, 2019. **The Celebration of Marriage Mass** will take place on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Avenue, Woodbridge). Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside over this special Mass where couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversaries will be honoured.

### WEEKLY AND MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending December 16th, 2018 was **\$4,981.10**. The regular collection for the week of December 23rd, 25th & 30th will be posted in the next bulletin.

The P.A.G. collection for the month of December was **\$4,860.82**. 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.

### 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 16 Dicembre 2018 e' stata **\$4,981.10**. La colletta regolare della settimana 23, 25, e 30 Dicembre 2018 sarà pubblicata nel prossimo bollettino.

La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Dicembre è stata **\$4,860.82**. 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, December 29th ~ St. Thomas Becket

- 9:00 a.m. For All the Members of Our Community Suffering with Illnesses  
5:00 p.m. +John Zimmer, req. by his Mother Maria Meyer  
+Beryl Monaghan, req. by Paul Monaghan  
+Giovanni & Maria Naccarato, req. by Joe Naccarato

### Sunday, December 30th

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**  
9:30 a.m. Una Benedizione Speciale Per L'intenzione di Tina Per Tutti I Defunti Delle Famiglie Pirrotta, Meilah & Infanti, req. by the Infanti Family  
+Natalino & Gino Schiavo, req. by the Schiavo Family  
+Carmine Schiavo, req. by the Parish  
11:00 a.m. +Danilo Dalida, req. by the Family

### Monday, December 31st ~ St. Sylvester I

- 12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of Our Community  
5:00 p.m. For All the Members of Our Community Suffering with Illnesses

### Tuesday, January 1st ~ Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**  
9:30 a.m. +Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family  
+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family  
+Antonina & Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family  
+Antonio Ammirato, req. by the Family  
11:00 a.m. For All the Souls in Purgatory, req. by Maria Calo & Family

### Wednesday, January 2nd ~ St. Basil the Great

- 12:00 p.m. For All the Members of Our Community Suffering with Illnesses

### Thursday, January 3rd ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction  
12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of Our Community

### Friday, January 4th

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

### Saturday, January 5th

- 9:00 a.m. +Linda Francis, req. by the Parish  
5:00 p.m. +Marisa Romano, req. by the Family  
+Jacqueline Le Blanc, req. by the Family

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