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*Feast of the Holy Family*

## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH / A

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family. We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them.

### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

*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, we wish all our Parishioners and members of our community a very happy and healthy new year!*

### NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

ST. SYLVESTER / NEW YEAR'S EVE 2019

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

**12:00 Noon ~ 5:00 pm**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

**8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am**

### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020**

"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."

### FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Your **2020 donation envelopes** will be made available until the end of January. Please ask an usher if you require assistance. Please contact the Parish office if you have moved or changed your contact information.

**Holiday Schedule:** The Parish office will close at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, December 31st and will be closed all day on Wednesday, January 1st - New Year's Day.

### ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR 2020

The next St. Brigid's Children's Choir practice will be taking place next **Saturday, January 4th at 4:00 pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm**. Our children's choir is 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 choir. Please contact the Parish office to register your child.

**The Children's Choir is a great way for your children to expand their musical talents as well as learn the skill of working together in serving the Lord.**

## FEAST OF ST. BRIGID & ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

**PRAYERS & HOLY MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. BRIGID & ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020**

Please join us on Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 pm as we prepare for the Feast of St. Brigid and St. Catherine of Siena. All are welcome for prayers and Mass in honour of these two great saints.

**DINNER DANCE IN HONOUR OF ST. BRIGID & ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

On Saturday, February 1st, all are invited to attend the Annual St. Brigid and St. Catherine of Siena Dinner-Dance immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass. We look forward to celebrating together as a community, along with your friends and families. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm followed by dancing, door & raffle prizes and much more!

**TICKETS ARE \$55 FOR ADULTS AND \$30 FOR CHILDREN 12 YEARS OLD AND UNDER.**

Tickets may be purchased after each Mass or by visiting the Parish office (Monday to Friday).

### WORLD DAY OF PEACE: JANUARY 1, 2020

This year's message by Pope Francis on the 53rd Annual World day of Peace is: ***Peace as a journey of hope: dialogue, reconciliation and ecological conversion.*** "Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family. As a human attitude, our hope for peace is marked by an existential tension that makes it possible for the present, with all its difficulties, to be "lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey".<sup>[1]</sup> Hope is thus the virtue that inspires us and keeps us moving forward, even when obstacles seem insurmountable...."

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18 TO 25, 2020

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer For Christian Unity is ***"They showed us unusual kindness"*** (cf. **Acts 28:2**). Welcoming strangers — whether they are from other cultures or beliefs, immigrants or refugees — is both to love Christ and to love as God loves. Hospitality should be a hallmark of every Christian. It is important that Christians of all denominations collaborate to be examples of Christ's love.

There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service led by Christian Church leaders in the GTA. **His Eminence Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto** will be reflecting on the Word of God on **Sunday, January 26th, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church** (1585 Yonge Street, Toronto). Refreshments to follow.

If you would like more information, please contact the Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto at: (416) 934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or by emailing: [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org).

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2020 – FEBRUARY 8 & 9

Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto will take place on the weekend of February 8th and 9th, 2020. **A Special Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries** will take place on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the 11:00 am Mass where couples celebrating their milestone anniversary - 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ will be honoured. Please contact the Parish office to register.

### ST. BRIGID'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB STARTING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Starting on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 we will be starting a "Golden Age Club". The purpose of this club is to bring together the St. Brigid's senior parishioners in our community to share and participate in various activities.

The program will take place every two weeks on Wednesdays starting from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. If you are interested in knowing more, or to register for this group, please contact the Parish office.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**NOTE:** Due to the holiday schedule, Liturgical Publications requests that we submit our bulletins earlier than the normal schedule. Therefore, the regular collection for the week ending on December 22nd, 2019 will be published in the next bulletin.

### SANTA FAMIGLIA DI GESÙ, MARIA E GIUSEPPE / A

**Famiglia piccola Chiesa.** 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 constata 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 ANNO NUOVO

*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!**

### MESSAGGIO PER LA GIORNATA DELLA PACE 2020

Il testo integrale del Messaggio di Papa Francesco per la 53ª Giornata mondiale della pace, che si celebra il 1° Gennaio 2020, sul tema **La pace come cammino di speranza: dialogo, riconciliazione e conversione ecologica**. "La pace, cammino di speranza di fronte agli ostacoli e alle prove La pace è un bene prezioso, oggetto della nostra speranza, al quale aspira tutta l'umanità. Sperare nella pace è un atteggiamento umano che contiene una tensione esistenziale, per cui anche un presente talvolta faticoso «può essere vissuto e accettato se conduce verso una meta e se di questa meta noi possiamo essere sicuri, se questa meta è così grande da giustificare la fatica del cammino». In questo modo, la speranza è la virtù che ci mette in cammino, ci dà le ali per andare avanti, perfino quando gli ostacoli sembrano insormontabili.

### COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

**NOTA:** A causa del programma delle festività, le pubblicazioni liturgiche richiedono di inviare i bollettini prima dell'orario normale. Pertanto, la colletta regolare per la settimana che finirà il 22 Dicembre 2019 sarà pubblicata nel prossimo bollettino.

### MASS INTENTIONS / INTENZIONE DELLA MESSA

#### Saturday, December 28th ~ The Holy Innocents

9:00 a.m. +Thomas Richardson, req. by St. Brigid's Parish Community  
5:00 p.m. +John Zimmer, req. by his Mother-Maria Mayer  
+Beryl Monaghan, req. by Paul Monaghan

#### Sunday, December 29th ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**  
9:30 a.m. Special Blessing for the Scata Family especially on the birth of their new born baby Luigi, req. by Franco & Crocetta Paladino  
+Mariangela Castagnozzi & Antonio Maraia, req. by Schiavo Family  
11:00 a.m. +Alberto Fernandez, req. by the Family

#### Monday, December 30th

12:00 p.m. +Joe Galea, req. by the Parish

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

12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of St. Brigid's Church  
5:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of St. Catherine of Siena

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

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**  
9:30 a.m. +Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family  
+Antonina, Carmelo & Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family  
+Antonio Ammirato, req. by the Family  
+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family  
11:00 a.m. +Thomas Richardson, req. by St. Brigid's Parish Community

#### Thursday, January 2nd ~ St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

12:00 p.m. For All Those Suffering with Illnesses

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

12:00 p.m. +Immacolata Alfieri, req. by the Parish

#### Saturday, January 4th

9:00 a.m. +Matilda Mary Chaisson, req. by the Parish  
5:00 p.m. +Jacqueline Le Blanc, req. by Bill Le Blanc & Family

*Please pray for all our parishioners, friends and family suffering with illnesses. That our prayers may give them hope and comfort especially during this holiday season.*



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