



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Every year Christmas unites the weary and warring human family for a few days of rejoicing. Each year we are surprised anew at the richness of God's gift to us of Christ. From contemplating this gift we learn the meaning of self-giving love. Today's Mass centers on our human school of love, the family. Sirach comments on the fourth commandment to honor one's parents. The last verse of Colossians draw on a pre-Christian household code, but its first two sections are remarkable within a patriarchal culture for their fully Christian values: relationships are based on mutual love and forgiveness rather than subordination. With such love God sent his Son. The gospel reading remind us that the Holy Family was not spared the pain, separation, and need for trust experienced by those who love. Our suffering can be transformed by imitating Christ's love – a love which he learned from his parents. The miracle of Christmas assures us that God boundlessly enriches our everyday lives when lived with love.



Feast of the Holy Family – December 28, 2014

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon. By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux** at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor Mallia ocd** at 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@rogers.com for further information.



OFFERING for CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We welcome offerings in support of the supply of Christmas flower pots decorating the altar and the church during this festive time. Kindly pick up an envelope at the steps of the Fatima Shrine, fill in the requested information and your donation envelope number [if you want your donation to be included in the tax receipt], seal envelope with your offering and place it in the candle box at the shrine or hand it in at the office. **Thank you very much.**



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| | | Dec 29, 2014 – Jan 04, 2015 |
| Mon 29 | 8:00 am | Baby Dugayo [D] |
| Tues 30 | 8:00 am | Pilar Martin [D] |
| Wed 31 New Year's Eve | 8:00 am | Brian & Honorato Olmillo [D] |
| | 5:30 pm | End-of-year Thanksgiving Mass & for the People of the Parish |

Happy New Year

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| Thur 01 Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day | 9:00 am | Harry Kam & Mary Jong [I] - 33 rd Wed. Ann. |
| | 10:30 am | Adams Family [I] |
| World Day of Peace | 12:15 pm | Martin Fernando [D] |

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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| Fri 02 First Friday | 9:00 am | Estanislao & Felicisimo Abrede[D] |
| | 12:30 pm | Segundina Arquisola [D] |
| Sat 03 First Saturday | 9:00 am | Thanksgiving Mass [I] |
| | 4:30 pm | Florencia Vendiola [D] - 1 st Ann. |
| Sun 04 The Epiphany of the Lord | 9:00 am | Dennis Moulds [I] - Thanksgiving |
| | 10:30 am | Theresa Yantha [D] |
| | 12:15 pm | People of the Parish |



The PASTORAL TEAM at Fatima, the Parish PASTORAL COUNCIL and the FINANCE COUNCIL wish to extend to parishioners, their families and visitors heartfelt wishes for a blessed, peaceful and prosperous 2015. Thank you all for your help and support. We are really proud and privileged to be with you in the service of the Lord.

The 2014 OLF Christmas Concert
 Rejoice, be glad,
 ... God is with us!

Another success!
 A big hit again!

Well done to our musical director and the choir members.

KEEP UP THE EXCELLENT WORK GUYS



Our Parish

Octave of Christmas – Holy Family Sunday – Sunday, Dec 28
 Today we celebrate the Feast of Christian Families, remembering them all in our Mass and prayers. The regular schedule for Sunday Masses is followed. **NO Children's Liturgy or The Lord's Flock meetings today.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION

at all Masses on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
Your Gift to the Parish
 on the Octave Day of Christmas
Thank you!



NEW YEAR'S DAY – Mary, Mother of God – Thursday, Jan 01, 2015



Time and again the Old Testament considers the birth of a child, especially a first-born son, to be God's greatest blessing. But a more pessimistic strain occurs also, for to be human is to know uncertainty, pain and death. None can avoid this law. In his letter to the Galatians this is Paul's starting point. God's Son, a Jew born of Mary, knew the subjection of human life even to undergoing his people's custom of circumcision. His perfect acceptance of human life has filled it with glorious possibilities. Before we were slaves; now in the name of Jesus and through his Spirit we can call God Father. But what have these readings to do with Mary, mother of God? From the fifth century, January 1, was celebrated in Rome as her feast. The mother of this child must be remembered with him. Mary's assent to God's plan marks the new age of humanity allowing us to pass from slavery to the freedom of God's children. How blessed were we when God chose Mary to be the mother of his Son!

First Friday of the month – Friday, Jan 02
First Friday devotions start at 8.50 am and include prayers, Divine Mercy chaplet and holy Mass. Silent adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament proceeds throughout the morning. Prayers and Benediction at 12.00 noon are followed by Holy Mass at 12.30 pm in conclusion of the day's devotions.

Sunday of the Epiphany of the Lord – Sunday, Jan 04
 The feast of the **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** is the last of the major Christmas celebrations. Next Sunday's feast of the *Baptism of the Lord* concludes the season. The regular schedule for Sunday Masses is followed and there will be **no Children's Liturgy** today.

OFFICE HOURS during the rest of the festive Season:

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| Mon | December 29, 2014 | --- half day: 9.00 am to noon |
| Tue | December 30, 2014 | --- half day: 9.00 am to noon |
| Wed | December 31, 2014 | --- half day: 9.00 am to noon |
| Thur | January 01, 2015 | ----- closed all day |
| Fri | January 02, 2015 | ----- half day: 9.00 am to noon |
| Mon | January 05, 2015 | ----- back to regular hours |

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www.fatimashrine.ca
Bulletin and Announcements updated weekly

Feast of the Infant Jesus – Jan 07

A Holy Hour of prayer, meditation and adoration of the Most Blessed Eucharist starts at **6.00 pm**. The Rosary will be recited and benediction concludes the prayer hour. The festive Mass starts at **7.00 pm**. **All are welcome especially the Secular Carmelites and their friends.**



First Holy Communion & Confirmation classes – 2015

We remind parents, students and candidates registered in our parish's classes for 2015 that these start meeting next weekend. **Friday, Jan 09 at 7.00 pm** we have a parents meeting in our church hall for First Holy Communion applicants. **Classes are on Sundays at 9.30 to 10.15 am (for FHC applicants in public schools) and at the 10.30 am Mass for all as of Jan 18, 2015.** Applicants in the Confirmation class have an **Information Meeting for parents and candidates on Thursday, Jan 08 at 7.00 pm in our church hall.** On Saturday, January 10 all candidates and parents are to participate in The Enrolment Celebration, in church, during 4.30 pm Mass. Regular classes are on Saturdays – 2.30 to 4.00 pm – as of January 17. Attendance is mandatory for all meetings and the Sunday Eucharist. *See the notes and schedule attached to the application form.*



Kindergarten Registration

Registrations in the schools start **Thursday, January 8, 2015** at 10.00 am. Parents with children born in 2011 or earlier who will be enrolling in Kindergarten have the opportunity to apply on-line using the *Student On-line Admission and Registration* platform known as S.O.A.R. and found at the following link: <http://spar.tcdsb.org>. The on-line application offers access to translations in different languages, 24 hours a day, and with built-in help functions and features. For more details contact the school office.



DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2015

The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2015 are being ready for pick up at the back of the church. They are sorted in alphabetical order in trays according to the **family's last name**. The new boxes are used in the New Year as of January 1st. All registered parishioners are kindly asked to inform the office of any changes to their personal data. *Thank you.*



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ... result of draw

The draw for the artistic Nativity Set took place on Sunday December 21, at the end of the 2014 FATIMA CHRISTMAS CONCERT. The winning numbers are:
 1) **534742** & 2) **534842**



Thank you all for your support.

