



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 enters on our human school of love, the family. Sirach comments on the

fourth commandment, to honor one's parents. The last verses 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 readings 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 – Dec. 27, 2015

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. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** at 416-757-2806 or email at olfatima@rogers.com for further information.



The annual **SOCK DRIVE** by the #5080 St. Francis Council of the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** closes after New Year's Day. Proceeds are given to needy persons living on the streets or in Shelters. Thank you so much to the good hearts that already contributed.

Tickets for the parish's **NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY NIGHT** this Thursday, December 31 are still available from the office.

Family Dinner & Dance & Karaoke Night

Get your tickets from the office or our volunteers at the back of the church

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

Get tickets NOW ... a chance not to be missed !



		Dec 28, 2015 – Jan 03, 2016
Mon 28	8:00 am	Anne Collins [D]
Tues 29	8:00 am	Salvatore Meleca [I]
Wed 30	7:00 pm	Jean & Steven D'Costa [I] <i>Thanks.</i>
Thur 31 New Year's Eve	8:00 am	FV Foods Company - <i>Thanksgiving</i>
	5:30 pm	<i>End-of-year Thanksgiving Mass & for the People of the Parish</i>

Happy New Year

Fri 01 <i>New Year's Day</i> Mary, Mother of God World Day of Peace	9:00 am	Prathi & Fe Edirisingha [I] <i>- Thanksgiving</i>
	10:30 am	Martin Fernando+Christy Silva
	12:15 pm	Eugene & Arthur Amodeo [D]

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Sat 02 <i>First Saturday</i>	9:00 am	Deloris Alves [D]
	4:30 pm	Madeline Caroline Cannon [D]
Sun 03 The Epiphany of the Lord	9:00 am	Jesus & Veronica Dela Cruz [D]
	10:30 am	Angela Massaro [D]
	12:15 pm	Flor Vendiola [D] <i>& People of the Parish</i>

The 2015 OLF Christmas Concert
Christ the Saviour is born!

Another great performance by our church choirs!

Well done Mrs. David Lamb and all choir members ...

YOU MAKE US PROUD GUYS!



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 2016. Thank you all for your help and support. We are really proud and privileged to be with you in the service of the Lord.



Our Parish

Octave of Christmas – Holy Family Sunday – Sunday, Dec 27
 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 – Friday, Jan 01, 2016
 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!



Sunday of the Epiphany of the Lord – Sunday, Jan 03
 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:

Price

Mon. December 28, 2015 --- half day: 9.00 am to noon
 Tue. December 29, 2015 --- half day: 9.00 am to noon
 Wed. December 30, 2015 --- half day: 9.00 am to noon
 Thur. December 31, 2015 --- half day: 9.00 am to noon
 Fri. January 01, 2016 --- closed all day
 Sat. January 02, 2016 ----- half day: 9.00 am to noon
 Mon. January 04, 2016 ----- back to regular hours

**May your
 NEW YEAR
 be
 Joyous & Fruitful**



Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools

Kindergarten Registration starts on Wednesday, **January 6th 2016** – for children born in the years 2011 and 2012. Registrations will be accepted online at <http://soar.tcdsb.org>.



For more details contact the Schools office

DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2016

The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2016 are being prepared for pick up. They will be sorted in trays in alphabetical order according to the family's **last name**. Registered parishioners are kindly asked to inform the office of any changes to their personal data. **New** parishioners are encouraged to register and get their personal box number so that contributions will be acknowledged by the issuing of a tax receipt at the end of the year. Updated information is always a great help to the office. *Thank you.*



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ... result of draw

The draw for the artistic Nativity Set took place last Sunday December 20, at the end of the 2015 FATIMA CHRISTMAS CONCERT
The winning numbers are:
 1) **534889** [main prize] & 2) **535144** [token prize]
Thank you all for your support.



Jubilee of Mercy – The Holy Door

How to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

For those who are elderly, confined and the ill, Pope Francis said that they may obtain the indulgence by "living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial" and by receiving the Eucharist or by attending Mass and community prayer, "even through the various means of communication" (for instance, a Mass offered on television). For those in prison, they may obtain the indulgence in their prison chapels. Indulgences may be obtained for the dead by the carrying out of these same acts by the Faithful with the intention of offering the indulgence for someone who is deceased. And finally, for all Catholics, this jubilee indulgence may also be obtained when a member of the Faithful personally performs a spiritual or corporal work of mercy.



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