

# *St. Theresa's Parish Shrine of the Little Flower*

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## *Feast of the Holy Family*



## Mass Intentions For the Week

### Tuesday, December 28

#### The Holy Innocents

7:00 pm † Lucille Summers (*Mary Anne Hoyle*)

### Wednesday, December 29

7:00 pm For the People

### Thursday, December 30

7:00 pm † Anicia Ampioco (*Ramil Ampioco & Family*)

### Friday, December 31

#### New Year's Eve

5:00 pm New Year's Day Mass

### Saturday, January 1

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 am New Year's Day Mass

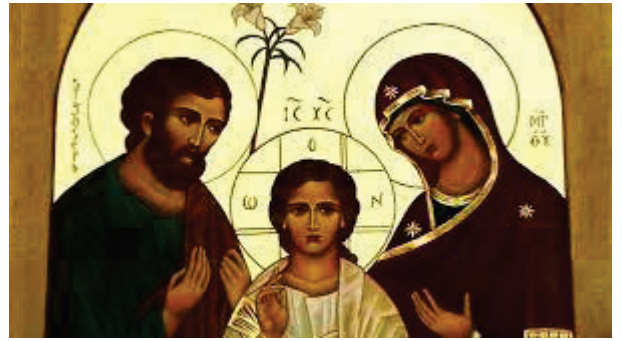
### Sunday, January 2

#### Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 am

12:00 pm † Basilisa Wong (*Zenaida Tare*)

## Today is the Feast of the Holy Family



The **Feast of the Holy Family** is a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church in honour of Jesus of Nazareth, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph -- as a **family**. The primary purpose of this **feast** is to present the **Holy Family** as a model for Christian **families**.

Marriage is too often conceived as the sacrament which unites a man and a woman to form a couple. In reality, marriage establishes a family, and its purpose is to increase the number of the elect, through the bodily and spiritual fecundity of the Christian spouses.

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. 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.

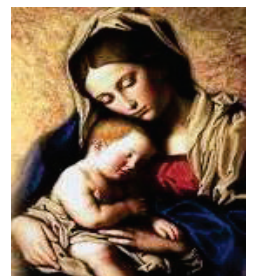
Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping.

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## Solemnity: Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2022

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of obligation.

On this holy feast day, we take a moment as we start our new year to honour our Blessed Mother, who in her "Yes" to God brought our Saviour into the world to redeem us.



## Let Us Pray For Our Sick

Peter Rollins, Marianne Wilson, Linda Rodgers, Leticia Tan Ching, Hal McCullough, Valerie Trutwein, Anton & Bobby Melchers, Rosie Jane Rocha, Frederick Lopez, Danny & Pamela Dupley, Adam Jane Villalon, Madeleine Franco, Sophy McDonald, Gail MacEachern, Jolanta Mirkowski-Paszal, Rene Romero, Jane Frias Eigo, Elizabeth Callaghan, James Halder, Phyllis Randolph, Karlos Ebcas

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



The Parish office will be CLOSED on December 28, 2021 and Jan. 3, 2022 in observance of Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day falling on the weekend.

The World Day of Peace is a feast day of the Catholic Church dedicated to universal peace, held on 1 January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Pope Paul VI established it in 1967, being inspired by the encyclical *Pacem in Terris* of Pope John XXIII and with reference to his own encyclical *Populorum*. The day was first observed on 1 January 1968. Families, as well as the Parish community, are encouraged to pause on this day to discuss their responsibility to work and **pray for peace.**



## Thank you!

♥ Thank you to Deacon Peter Lovrick, the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Sacristan, Altar Servers, the Digital Ministry, and those who actively participate in the liturgies.

♥ Thank you to the Altar Guild Ministry, and other volunteers who cleaned and decorated the church for Christmas.

♥ Thank you to John Aldorasi and the custodians especially Frank & Margaret for taking care of the church and ensuring that parish premises are clean and safe.

♥ Thank you to our Choir groups who provided beautiful music during our mass and celebrations in church.

♥ Thank you to all the parish stewards – the Ushers who have been very generous with their time especially during this time of pandemic.

♥ Thank you to the different organizations such as the Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for helping St Theresa's community reach out to our less fortunate brothers and sisters within and outside our community.

♥ To all our parishioners and visitors of St. Theresa's Church, **thank you very much for celebrating Christmas with us, and for your generous Christmas offerings!**

## First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Information about the Preparation Classes for these sacraments will be announced shortly.

Please also remember that if your child is receiving First Communion or Confirmation, **you have to be a registered member of St. Theresa's Parish and attend Sunday Mass regularly.**



### *Fr Simon de Gale's Installation*

*You are cordially invited to join and celebrate with us the Installation of Rev Fr. Simon de Gale as our Parish Pastor on Sunday, January 16th at the 10 am Mass*

*His Excellency, Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, will celebrate the Mass.*

*Your prayers and support are most appreciated.*

## Offertory Envelopes for 2022



Kindly start using your 2022 envelopes next weekend. Do not recycle your old envelopes as your number may have changed. For the first 3 weeks, please write your name and address on the envelopes. Always indicate the amount you offered so it may be posted accurately. For those who were not assigned any envelopes, please call the office. And if any of your contact information has changed, please advise the office to keep the records updated as we are also preparing your 2021 charitable tax receipts.

## Synod on Synodality: Share Your Thoughts

*The Synod on Synodality, a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023.*

*To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit:*

[www.archtoronto.org/synodality](http://www.archtoronto.org/synodality)



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