

# *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 31

5:00 pm Thanksgiving for Emmanuel Madrigal  
(*Belen Bayawa*)  
Thanksgiving for Jonathan Jason Javier (*Mother*)

### Wednesday, January 1

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
10 am Thanksgiving of Aida Go & Family

### Thursday, January 2

**Saints Basil and Gregory Nazianzen**  
7:00 pm † Wilfrido Paragas (*Belen Bayawa*)  
† Shanti Lucy Hazra (*Angelina Hazra*)

### Friday, January 3

7:00 pm Healing for Marta Garcia (*Madeleine Franco*)  
† Teresa Dancan (*Juchniewicz Family*)

### Saturday, January 4

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
5:00 pm † Deceased Members of the Smith Family  
(*Donna Giblin*)

### Sunday, January 5

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
10:00 am All Parishioners at St Theresa's Church  
12:00 noon † Joan Summers (*Mary Anne Hoyle*)

## Today is the Feast of the Holy Family



Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states:

The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit.

(True Christmas Spirit, ©1955, St. Meinrad Archabbey, Inc. Source: Catholic Culture)



## Let Us Pray

### FOR THE SICK

Paul Pinnington, Dorothy Belins, Jim King, Rita Wojick, Adrian & Marcelle Britto, Joe Santoro, Derek Dalton, Gordon Giblin, Valerie Trutwein, Ariel Lingad, Paul & Vivian Potter, Sheila & Cedric Wilson, Gloria Sunico, David Deeson, Carmelina Aquino, Colleen Mills, Earl Villareal, John Facchini, Sally Baker, Irene Barnes, Margaret Wilson, Norma Salmingo, Paul & Monica Brewster

## Light A Sanctuary Candle

Offering: \$20.00

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024

Blessed Sacrament: Soul of Fe Pabilona  
Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention for Carmela Aldorasi

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2025



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is celebrated every year on January 1 – New Year's Day, to honor Mary's role as the mother of Jesus Christ. The day is set aside to reflect on the role of Mary as a model of faith and obedience to God's will.

Best Wishes for a Blessed New Year  
of Happiness, Peace, and Prosperity



## New Year Mass Schedule

### New Year's Eve Mass

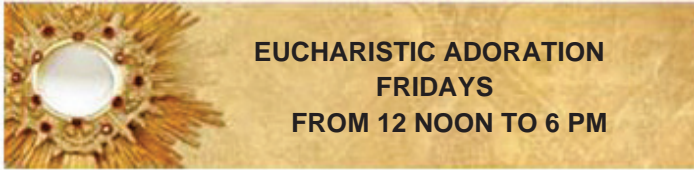
Tuesday, December 31, 2024  
5 PM Mass

### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2025  
10AM Mass

### New Year's Day Mass

Holy Day of Obligation  
(No 12 NOON Mass)



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FROM 12 NOON TO 6 PM**

## MARRIAGE SUNDAY

### Celebration of Marriage with Bishop Ivan Camilleri Mass – Feb. 9, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St. Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

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Thank you!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to our Christmas celebrations:

- ♥ **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ushers,** and all who actively participate in the liturgies.
- ♥ **Choir groups** for providing beautiful music during our masses.
- ♥ **Altar Guild** for cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas.
- ♥ **Knights of Columbus** for setting up the Creche and Christmas trees.
- ♥ **Frank & Margaret** for taking care of the church and ensuring the parish premises are clean and safe.
- ♥ **Eucharistic Ministers** who serve the residents at Midland Gardens Care Community and Craiglee Nursing Home.
- ♥ **Eucharistic Adoration Group, Counters, Office Volunteers** and all volunteers who generously give their time and talent.
- ♥ **Women's Group** for organizing special events for the St. Theresa's community and raising funds for the church.
- ♥ **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** for helping St. Theresa's community reach out to our less fortunate brothers and sisters, and to the **Knights of Columbus** for their charitable work.

**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!**

## Sunday Offertory Envelopes for 2025

Kindly start using your 2025 envelopes next weekend. Make sure to write your name and phone number on the envelopes, at least in the month of January. Always indicate the amount of your donation.



## 2024 Charitable Tax Receipts

Your 2024 Charitable Tax receipts will be available first week of February at the back of the church. The tax receipt you receive each year will result in charitable income tax credits.

**Please help us reduce the spread of colds and flu this season. Please do not leave used tissue in the pews! Your co-operation in keeping our church clean will be greatly appreciated.**

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