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Feast of the Holy Family



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 30

7:00 pm ⊕ All Souls in Purgatory

- ⊕ Camilus JohnPulle (Mary Tisseverasinghe)
- ⊕ Anicia Bambao (Bambao Family)

Wednesday, December 31

5:00 pm For the People of St Theresa's Church

Thursday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 am Thanksgiving for Lily Alfonso (*Theresa Ortiz*)

Thanksgiving for Lydia Plariza (*Cely Silo*)

Good Health for Carmela Aldorasi (*Luna Vince*)

Friday, January 2

7:00 pm

↑ Lilia and Isiderio Tavarro (Luna Vince)

Saturday, January 3 (Vigil Mass)

Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Theresa's Church

Sunday, January 4

Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 am ⊕ Teresa Duncan (Juchniewicz Family)
12:00 noon Thanksgiving for Carter Vince (Luna Vince & Family)



Roman Mulugetta, Dagamy Ayelew Jim King, Trina Ryan, Sophy McDonald, Emily Cooper, Carmelina Aquino, Teresa Kath, Ashley Brewster, Sean Hayes, Baby Corazon de Villa, Margaret Swain, Minda Elehino, Jan Melchers, Adrian & Marcelle Britto, Gordon Giblin, Paul Potter, Sally Baker, Norma Salmingo

Light A Sanctuary Candle

Offering: \$20.00

DECEMBER 28, 2025 - JANUARY 4, 2026

Blessed Sacrament:

Thanksgiving of Cely Silo & Family

Blessed Virgin Mary:



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

The liturgical focus on the Holy Family provides a yearly opportunity for the Church to celebrate, uphold, and renew the sanctity of the family unit as the foundational building block of the Church and society.

The readings, prayers, and reflections encourage the faithful to emulate the virtues practiced by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:

- Jesus's obedience and respect for his parents (Luke 2:51).
- Mary's profound faith, humility, and nurturing care (her fiat or "yes" to God).
- St. Joseph's faith, quiet strength, diligent work, and protective role as the "Custodian of the Redeemer."

Family Life: The feast is a call to:

- Place God at the center of family life.
- Cultivate love, forgiveness, patience, and charity within the home.
- Treat the home as the primary school of the Gospel and the first place where children learn to pray and practice the faith.

New Year Schedule



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass Wednesday, December 31 5:00 PM Feast Day Mass Thursday, January 1 10:00 AM

CLOSING OF THE HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

As our "Pilgrims of Hope" journey concludes,



Archbishop Frank Leo invites the faithful to the Closing Mass for the Holy Year of Jubilee on Sunday, December 28 at 5:00 PM at St. Michael's Cathedral

Basilica. Confessions will be heard from 3:30 – 4:45 PM.

In his message to the faithful, the Archbishop shares:

"I am eternally grateful for the fruits of our labour and pray that this Jubilee Year has stirred and nurtured the seeds of faith within each one of us and sparked a joy and love for our Lord... that will continue beyond a designated year."

We hope to see you there as we give thanks for the outpouring of blessings received this year.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. 2026 Offertory Envelopes

Kindly start using your 2026 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.

For Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), or online donation options, kindly contact the parish office.

2. TIPTAP Debit/Credit Card Giving

If you would like to make a gift to the parish using your debit or credit card, a donation device is available in the foyer. Simply tap your card on the device—quick and easy!

3. Let's Keep Our Church Healthy and Welcoming

As we enter cold and flu season, please dispose of used tissues properly—do not leave them in the pews. Kindly refrain from bringing food or drinks into the church.

4. Parish Office New Year Schedule

The parish office will be **closed** on the following dates:

- December 31 (closing at noon)
- o January 1, 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our parish conference of the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul is most grateful to all of you who through your prayers and generous donations have helped us to make Christmas brighter this year for 93 households in need in our local community, including families with a total of 36 children. 15 of these families received Christmas baskets of food and gifts donated by the students and staff of our two parish schools - St. Theresa Shrine Elementary School and St. John Henry Newman Secondary Our SSVP took care of the remaining School. families, as well as the many adults-only households. In addition, 6 families who needed help right away received a regular home visit and SSVP vouchers this month. None of this would have been possible without your help.

We at SSVP wish all of you and your loved ones a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

Marriage Sunday 2026

Join us for a special Mass with **Bishop John Boissonneau** honoring married couples, especially those celebrating **25**, **40**, **50**, **60+ years** in 2026.

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 | 7 2:30 pm

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

Couples will renew their marriage vows during the Mass. Reserved seating for milestone anniversaries. Register and learn more at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Update on the Shrine Wall Project

Due to inclement weather, Phase 1 of the project — church roof repairs — has been rescheduled to the second week of January.

The Shrine Wall Project is a capital campaign dedicated to restoring the exterior stucco walls of our church and rectory, ensuring their beauty and structural integrity for years to come.





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