

Guardian Angels Parish

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday to Friday: 7:30 a.m.

First Friday: 7:30 p.m. (after the 6 p.m. Holy Hour & First Friday Devotion)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 30 minutes before Masses

BAPTISM IS CELEBRATED

Only for those parishioners of this parish who are currently practicing their faith. Pre-Baptismal instructions are required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact the parish priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. This means that you must take a marriage course.

OUR SCHOOLS:

Guardian Angels 905-595-0909

Principal: Maria Limarzi
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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, December 31 – Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 a.m. No Mass Intentions
10:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions
12:00 p.m. No Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 31-Solemnity of Marv, The Holy Mother of God

5:00 p.m. No Mass Intentions

Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of Marv, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. Spec.Int.-Joan James by Galera Family
10:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions
12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving of Del Castillo Family
+Harold Antony D'Souza by Sabina D'Souza & Family

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 a.m. No Mass intentions

Wednesday, January 3

7:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions

Thursday, January 4

7:30 a.m. Thanksgiving of Marc & Luisa Cusi
+Rodney Fernandes by Mildred Fernandes

Friday, January 5

7:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions
7:00 p.m. No Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6

5:00 p.m. No Mass Intentions

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

“The readings for the Feast of the Holy Family Year B focus on the importance of family. The first reading tells of the wisdom and justice in honoring fathers. The alternate first reading, God promises that Abraham and Sarah will have a son. The second reading tells us how to live together as families. The alternate for the second reading recalls the story of Abraham and Sarah. And in the gospel Joseph and Mary take the infant Jesus to Jerusalem for the ritual of purification. There they meet Simeon and Anna, who both speak about Jesus' future.”

(www.young-catholics.com)

THE LORD'S PROMISE:

“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork.” (Psalm 128:1, 2a)

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 God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org | www.vocationstoronto.ca



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OUR TRUE HOME

Reflection by Scott Hahn

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

“Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God’s plan to make all people live as one “holy family” in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16–18).

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We’re to live as His children, “chosen ones, holy and beloved,” as the First Reading puts it. The family advice we hear in today’s readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today’s Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today’s Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren’t identified by name, but three times are called “his parents” and are referred to separately as his “mother” and “father.” The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke’s Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls “My Father’s house,” every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God’s house, His dwelling (see Luke 19:46). But it’s also an image of the family of God, the Church (see Ephesians 2:19–22; Hebrews 3:3–6; 10:21).

In our families we’re to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: “I shall be his God and he will be My son” (see Revelation 21:3, 7).”

Holy Day of Obligation:

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 30 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

9:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12 noon

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year’s Eve, December 31

5:00 p.m.

New Year’s Day, January 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12 noon



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MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Feast Day: January 1

Patron of all humanity

“Mary, also known as St. Mary the Virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Mary, Mary Mother of God or the Virgin Mary is believed by many to be the greatest of all Christian saints. The Virgin Mother "was, after her Son, exalted by divine grace above all angels and men."

Mary is venerated with a special cult, called by St. Thomas Aquinas, hyperdulia, as the holiest of all creatures. The main events of her life are celebrated as liturgical feasts of the universal Church.

Mary's life and role in the history of salvation is foreshadowed in the Old Testament, while the events of her life are recorded in the New Testament. Traditionally, she was declared the daughter of Sts. Joachim and Anne. Born in Jerusalem, Mary was presented in the Temple and took a vow of virginity. Living in Nazareth, Mary was visited by the archangel Gabriel, who announced to her that she would become the Mother of Jesus, by the Holy Spirit.

She became betrothed to St. Joseph and went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who was bearing St. John the Baptist. Acknowledged by Elizabeth as the Mother of God, Mary intoned the Magnificat.

The first recorded miracle of Jesus was performed at a wedding in Cana, and Mary was instrumental in calling Christ's attention to the need. Mary was present at the Crucifixion in Jerusalem, and there she was given into John the Apostle's care. She was also with the disciples in the days before the Pentecost, and it is believed that she was present at the resurrection and Ascension.

No scriptural reference concerns Mary's last years on earth. According to tradition, she went to Ephesus, where she experienced her "dormition." Another tradition states that she remained in Jerusalem. The belief that Mary's body was assumed into heaven is one of the oldest traditions of the Catholic Church.

Pope Pius XII declared this belief Catholic dogma in 1950. The four Catholic dogmas are: Mother of God, Perpetual virginity of Mary, the Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Mary. The feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15. The Assumption was the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. According to Pope Pius XII, the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception - that Mary, as the Mother of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, was free of original sin at the moment of her conception. The feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8. The birthday of Mary is an old feast in the Church, celebrated on September 8, since the seventh century.

St. Paul observed that "God sent His Son, born of a woman," expressing the union of the human and the divine in Christ. As Christ possesses two natures, human and divine, Mary was the Mother of God in his human nature.

This special role of Mary in salvation history is clearly shown in the Gospel where she is seen constantly at her son's side during his soteriological mission. Because of this role, exemplified by her acceptance of Christ into her womb, her offering of him to God at the Temple, her urging him to perform his first miracle, and her standing at the foot of the Cross at Calvary Mary was joined fully in the sacrifice by Christ of himself.

Pope Benedict XV wrote in 1918: "To such an extent did Mary suffer and almost die with her suffering and dying Son; to such extent did she surrender her maternal rights over her Son for man's salvation, and immolated him - insofar as she could in order to appease the justice of God, that we might rightly say she redeemed the human race together with Christ."

Mary is entitled to the title of Queen because, as Pope Pius XII expressed it in a 1946 radio speech, "Jesus is King throughout all eternity by nature and by right of conquest: through him, with him, and subordinate to him, Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular election."

Mary possesses a unique relationship with all three Persons of the Trinity, thereby giving her a claim to the title of Queenship. She was chosen by God the Father to be the Mother of his Son; God the Holy Spirit chose her to be his virginal spouse for the Incarnation of the Son; and God the Son chose her to be his mother, the means of incarnating into the world for the purposes of the redemption of humanity.

This Queen is also our Mother. While she is not our Mother in the physical sense, she is called a spiritual mother, for she conceives, gives birth, and nurtures the spiritual lives of grace for each person. As Mediatrix of All Graces, she is ever present at the side of each person, giving nourishment and hope, from the moment of spiritual birth at Baptism to the moment of death." *(www.catholic.org/saints)*

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 10, 2024 Valentine's Dinner & Dance

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