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MASS
INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28

5:30pm Rosalina Martins †

Sunday, December 29

10am Int of all families

12pm Parish Community

Monday, December 30

5:30 pm Int. of Bryan Ramos

Tuesday, December 31

5:30 pm Mary† and Cyril Davis †

Wednesday, January 1

10am Parish Community

No evening Mass

Thursday, January 2

5:30 pm Int of the Friars

Friday, January 3

5:30pm Deceased Friars

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Inez Meleca, Charles Coupal, Lucia Xavier da Silveira, Louis Gris, Marianne Chard, Debbie Wagstaff, Mary Kelly, Carmel Foley, Vivian Gonneau, Virginia Kiflit.

The Deceased:

John Robertson, Moya Carton, Edna Schlatau, Cyril Davis.



The Friar's Nook

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This feast takes place on the Sunday immediately following Christmas, falling within the season of Christmas fittingly to continue to call our attention to the profound reality of God becoming man. On this feast, in particular, we are reminded of the humanity of Jesus as the son of Mary and Joseph.

Jesus grew up in their home and spent His childhood as a rather typical Israelite boy. In fact, the only thing we know about Jesus' childhood, apart from His infancy, is the account we hear in today's Gospel. But we learn quite a few things about the Holy Family from this short account.

We see that they are a faithful Jewish family by their observance of traveling to Jerusalem once a year for the feast of Passover.

We learn that they traveled in a "caravan" that probably included many, many relatives and friends. There were enough, at least, for it to take a day of traveling before Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not with the group. It would have been typical for a twelve-year-old boy, who was coming of age, to be with the men of the group, rather than his parents.

We see that Mary and Joseph had typical parental concerns. Not being able to find Jesus for three days caused them "great anxiety." In fact, this three days of sorrow foreshadows the three days of sorrow that Mary would experience at the time of Jesus' death, when He would be in the tomb for three days. The finding in the Temple, therefore, foreshadows the great joy of the Resurrection.

And finally, Jesus' response to Mary and Joseph when they find Him reveals that their role, although essential, was to be subordinate to the will of Jesus' Father in Heaven. The passage does tell us that Jesus "was obedient to them," but this obedience was always connected to His perfect obedience to God. Likewise, our families are to be reflections of our relationship with God.

Fr. Alexander

Dear Parish Family,

As we step into the New Year, we want to wish each of you a happy, healthy, and blessed year ahead. May God's grace continue to guide and strengthen us in all that we do.

On behalf of Fr. Bob, Fr. Alex and the parish staff, we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and commitment, which have helped our parish community grow and thrive. Together, we have built something beautiful, and we look forward to all that we will accomplish in the year to come.

With prayers and gratitude,
Mi Casanas, signing off (for now)!



New Year's Eve: December 31
5:30 pm Mass - Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Day: January 1
10:00 am Mass - Solemnity of Mary

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Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year – Eucharistic Celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica – Sunday, December 29, 2024 – 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in this special Mass to formally launch the Jubilee year in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Parish Office Closed
December 23, 2024 to
January 3, 2025

Monthly Offertory 2024

Offertory	November
Envelopes	\$8,745
Loose	\$3,181
PAG	\$6,427
Total	\$18,353

Contributions to the Building Maintenance Fund for the month of November were \$2,782.

ShareLife Campaign Contributions

January to November 2024

Parish Through	\$9,737.50
Archdiocese	\$24,499.00
Total	\$34,236.50

Campaign Parish Goal	\$ 62,800.00
Goal reached	54.5%

January 2nd, regular schedule for evening Mass



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