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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the
main office for details. Weddings require
a one year notice.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 5:10 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thursday: 3:30-5:30 pm



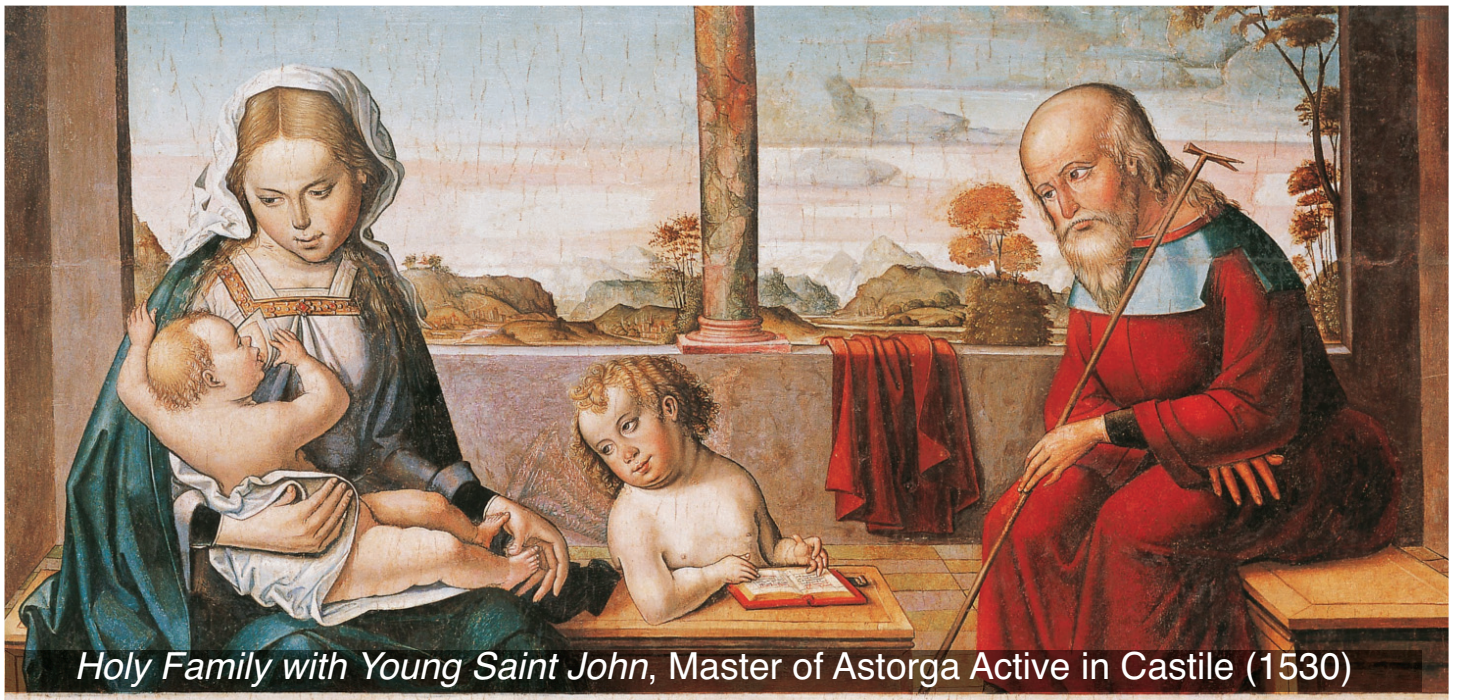
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St. Basil's Church, Toronto



Holy Family with Young Saint John, Master of Astorga Active in Castile (1530)

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WHOLLY FAMILY

By John Dalla Costa

My favourite image of the Holy Family is by the 14th century painter Giotto. In the flat style that preceded the Renaissance innovations with perspective, Giotto shows the prone Holy Mother reaching to lay the newly swaddled Jesus in a manger. While a mid-wife extends helping hands to settle the child, Joseph sits alone in the foreground. For decorum's sake he has his back to the birthing drama that just unfolded, but what is most striking about Joseph is his almost abject detachment.

Against his better judgment, this devout Jew heeded God's call in a dream. Now Giotto shows Joseph with the weary, wary, and worried look of a man about to assume the responsibilities of incarnating human fatherhood to the Son of God. It would take the keenest intellects and most creative theologians centuries to set the credal recipe for the Incarnation. By taking this child of Mary into his care, Joseph was already showing that bloodlines were no longer what defined family.

Of course our horizontal relationships as mother, father, child, sister, brother, matter profoundly. But as Joseph showed by his actions, the vertical descent of God into history, and into human form,

means that our family genes now bear the healing and inclusive mutation of Messiah. Henceforth, family would be wherever Jesus is made at home. Today's scriptures highlight this spiritual basis for family.

Once her pleading prayers were granted by God, Hannah consecrates her precious Samuel to be at home in the house of the Lord forever. In his letter, John explains that the coming of Christ entitles each of us all to be called children of God. And in Luke's gospel, we read about Jesus slipping away from Mary and Joseph as a pre-teen to make himself at home in the Temple. Once we belong to God, we belong to everyone, and everyone belongs to us.

Joseph would be made the patron of the universal church precisely for this reason. By receiving Jesus, naming Jesus, raising Jesus, and binding his life to Jesus, his Holy Family includes the whole human family.

Sunday's Readings:

1 Samuel 1:20-22/24-28
Psalm 84; 1 John 3:1-2/21-24
Luke 2:41-52

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

Our parish is in a unique part of the campaign, now in its final stage. By now, many of you are aware of it and we certainly all want to do our part to assist the Archdiocese. We are a parish that is blessed with many resources, but there are others that need our help. Our campaign will launch with a special information session on **January 5 at 7:00pm in the parish hall.**

The Executive Director, Chris Polito, will be there to speak to the needs of the campaign and answer questions. It would be helpful if you can attend as we are only running the campaign for one month - ending on January 31, 2016. Save the date and stay tuned for details.

FORMING A MONASTERY WITHOUT WALLS

The Contemplative Women of St. Anne is a lay community under the Archdiocese of Toronto at St. Basil's Parish created for women called to, or already living, a life of contemplation in the world. We offer prayer, study of women saints, guidance with self-knowledge, spiritual formation and shared creativity through silence and love in the heart of Jesus and the Church. Those interested in learning more are invited to an introductory "Come and See" on **Sunday, 10th January and Sunday, 24th January at 2 p.m. in Room 006**. Enter through the west side door and follow the signs.

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend, January 2/3, John Ford First Sunday volunteers will be in the vestibule after all Masses collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations. All contributions are welcome, however, we are in most need of the following items for our outreach ministries:

- Cookies, granola bars
- Canned lentils, canned beans, canned fruit
- Large juice cartons, juice boxes
- Canned olives, croutons
- Parmesan cheese (non-perishable)
- Caesar salad dressing (non-perishable)
- Salsa, crackers, mayonnaise, mustard, jam

THANK YOU!

On behalf of St. Basil's parish staff, we wish to extend a sincere note of thanks to all those liturgical ministers, choir members, and volunteers in the Basil Brigade who made our Christmas Masses so special. Also, thank you to all parishioners for your generosity in supporting our community outreach initiatives this Advent season! As always, December's food drive was hugely successful, all 80 hand-crocheted hats were sponsored and included (with a personalized message of Christmas cheer) in the Christmas gift bags given to our Out of the Cold and Miller Group patrons. Additionally, our Out of the Cold Christmas lunch served hot beef pot pies to over 60 people, and our gingerbread church draw raised plenty of funds for our community capital fund. **Thank you!**

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, December 20, 2015

\$7,640.45



MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 27th - JANUARY 2nd

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Paul Kenny (+) Pro Populo Angela Carbone (liv.) Anne Wait (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Dr. Teofilo Calimlim (+) Luigi Ciavarella (+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Mary Kreis� (liv.) William O'Connor (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Agnes Gomes (+)
Thursday 5:00pm-	
Friday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm-	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God David Joseph & Maria Elizabeth Myung Pro Populo
Saturday 5:00pm-	Saint Basil the Great Bruno Galizio (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleio, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Luz Manalo, Betty Hill, and Hsien Tang Pan Wong.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially, Sera D'Mario.

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