

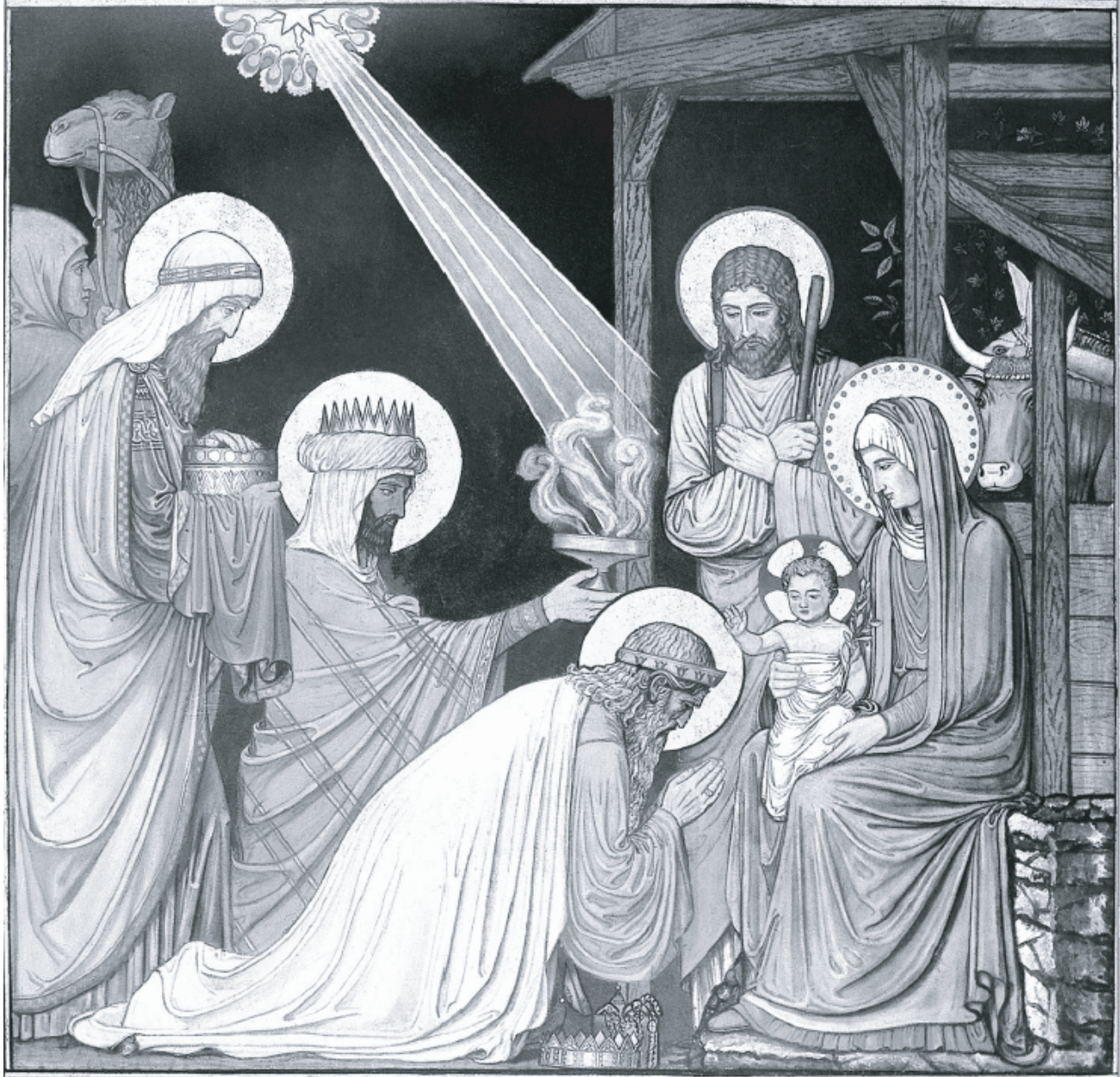
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Feast of the Holy Family



MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

Saturday, December 28th

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

Sunday, December 29th

9:00 a.m. † Stefan Hibowicki

11:00 a.m. † Antonio & † Nicolina Cavallari

Tuesday, December 31st

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

Wednesday, January 1st

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Leo's

11:00 a.m. Pro Populo

Thursday, January 2nd

No Mass

Friday, January 3rd

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Saturday, January 4th

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Saturday, January 4th

4:30 p.m. † Antonio Tambura

Sunday, January 5th

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. Mary Frances Davy

For: Sanctuary Light Request.

For: Vigil Light for Mary.

For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.

For a visit by the parish priest.

Make your request at the office

New Year's Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 31st: Mass at 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 1st: Solemnity of Mary.
Mass at 9am & 11am

Thursday, January 2nd: No Mass

Friday, January 3rd: Holy Name of Jesus.
Mass at 4:30 pm

Donation Envelopes

2025 envelope boxes are available at the back of the church, to your right. Ask for help if needed.

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

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.

Prayer cards by Pope Francis are in the vestibule.

Faith Formation: Discernment of Spirits

Starts November 23rd at 10 am in the Hall.

Discernment is the understanding to distinguish which thoughts and voices are from God and will lead to good and which are not. We will be following Fr. Timothy Gallagher's presentations on Formed of the 14 rules that St. Ignatius of Loyola has written down and Fr. Timothy will be explaining them in detail. There will be 8 sessions of podcasts of around 1 hour followed by discussions. The overview of all the lessons with a short description of each lesson are available on the Church's website under stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Faith-formation/Discernment or simply www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Dis. Join in and learn.

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:
<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

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Fundraising for Fatima

Please help our fellow young parishioner, Mateo Rivera, to raise funds to go on a pilgrimage to Fatima with the FNE (a Catholic youth group). Mateo will be selling bands for \$5 that say "Keep Christ in Christmas".

CATERING

Franca Vasco, parishioner, would love to use her talents of cooking to do fundraising for our parish. For details and more information, please call Franca 905-621-9658.

Why do we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family? – Sunday December 29, 2024

This feast day honors Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph as the holiest of families, and therefore a model for all Christian families. They were holy because they placed God at the center of their family life, they loved and sacrificed for one another, and they radiated that love to others in the redemptive mission of the Word Incarnate.

Pope St. John Paul II said, "The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth, thereby sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society"

Edited from <https://etwn.com>

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Wednesday, January 1, 2025

The Octave of Christmas falls on New Year's Day. Given the fact that the pagans used to celebrate this day through dissolute activities and superstition, the ancient Church helped believers begin the new year with a "new spirit" through the practice of days of fasting and penance. In 431, during the Council of Ephesus that concluded on 22 June, the dogma of faith regarding "Mary's divine maternity" was declared. Thus, in 1931, on the Council's 15th centenary, Pope Pius XI established the liturgical feast that we already find celebrated in the 7th century. It is a day laden with meaning and contains many messages: the Octave of Christmas recalls the day Jesus was circumcised and given His name, it is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, and it is also the day on which the World Day of Peace is celebrated (established by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1968).

There truly are many messages to be received on this

first day of the year. We are invited to learn from the Virgin Mary to "keep" the Word in our hearts, and to ask ourselves what the Lord Jesus wants to say to us as the days go by, knowing that God's blessing always accompanies us, as the First Reading from Numbers remind us

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb (Lk. 2:16-21).

Edited from <https://www.vaticannews.va>

58 World Day of Peace - 1st January 2025

Read Pope Francis' Message for peace, celebrated on Jan 1, 2025 "*Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace*"

Log into www.archtoronto.org for full message.

Saint of the Day for January 3 The Story of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Although Saint Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus "that name that is above every name" this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan. Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century.

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Romans 12:12: Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

May the blessings of God be with you. Happy New Year, from Fr. Mounir El-Rassi & Staff




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