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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 28

4:30 pm (vigil) Cora & Alex Parucha Family (I)

9:00 am + Ester Stots

10:30 am People of the Parish

12:15 pm + Stella Silva

Monday, December 29

No Mass

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 am + Julito Sarabia

Wednesday, December 31

7:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass (People of the Parish)

12:00 am Midnight - End of the Year Mass

Thursday, January 01

9:00 am Carol Morra (I)

10:30 am Ramal & Diana De Mel (I)

12:15 pm Adams Family (Thanksgiving)

Friday, January 02

7:00 pm +Filomena Brienza

Saturday, January 03

9:00 am +Carmine Abbatangelo

Guest post by Br. Andrew Edirimanasinghe

The chaos of the Holy Family

Even the Holy Family of Nazareth experienced the problems of an every family: unexpected events, daily concerns, and anxiety about the future. Yet, despite these difficulties, they placed their trust in God. — Pope Francis

When we think of the Holy Family we often imagine them as the perfect family — with piety, quiet obedience, and gentle holiness — as in a work of art. Scripture, however, presents a more honest picture. Their perfection and holiness did not stem from the absence of chaos but from faithfulness amid it. Their lives were filled with uncertainty, fear, displacement, and suffering, showing that holiness is not achieved in ideal conditions but through trustful obedience to God during disorder.

This is clear from the start. Mary conceives through the Holy Spirit. Joseph is initially confused and distressed, unsure how to reconcile his righteousness with a situation that defies logic. Mary, too, in her submission to God, risks misunderstanding, shame, or even death. Their peace is not a given; it is a choice. St. Joseph listens to God's voice in dreams, teaching us that holiness often requires quiet courage in the face of unanswered questions.

The birth of Christ unfolds in chaos — no inn, no comfort, just a manger. St. Bernard of Clairvaux notes, “The Son of God had no place to lay His head, and His Mother scarcely found a place to give Him birth.” Soon, the family flees to Egypt, escaping a violent ruler. The Son of God enters the world not sheltered from danger but immersed in it. St. Teresa of Ávila reminds us, “Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things pass, God never changes.” The Holy Family demonstrates this reality — not by avoiding turmoil, but by anchoring their trust in God even as uncertainty surrounds them.

Disruption strikes again when twelve-year-old Jesus is lost in Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph search anxiously for three days, experiencing every parent's fear and helplessness. When they find Him in the Temple, they do not fully understand His words — but they continue to trust. St. John Paul II says, “Faith does not remove difficulties; it gives us the strength to face them.” The Holy Family's faith does not eliminate confusion; it sustains them through it.

The chaos surrounding the Holy Family speaks to families today. Their lives remind us that sanctity is not reserved for those with perfect routines and peaceful homes. Holiness grows amid stress, in decisions made under pressure, in perseverance when plans fall apart. Yet even the most chaotic moments can become sacred ground when we entrust our uncertainty to God. The Holy Family shows us that God is not offended by disorder: He enters it and transforms it into moments of grace and deeper faith.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



December 28, 2025

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon.

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. Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Rev. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.

Next Week Readings – 04 January 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-30a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

We have come from East to pay
homage to the king.

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).



New Year's 2026 Schedule

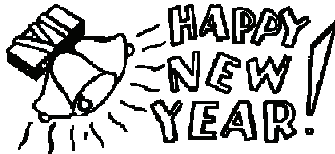
**Wed., December 31 New Year's Eve
Vigil Mass is at 7:00 pm Holy Mass
12:00 am Midnight Year End Mass**

**Thurs, January 01 New Year's Day
9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm Holy Mass**

**First Friday of the year January 02, 2026
Regular Scheduled is followed
The Parish Office is closed on
Friday, January 02nd.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION

at all Masses on New Year's Eve
and New Year's Day.
*Your Gift to the Parish
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*Our Lady of Fatima Parish, and the FINANCE
COUNCIL wish to*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2026**

*extend to parishioners,
their families and
visitors heartfelt wishes
for a blessed, peaceful
and prosperous 2026.*

*Thank you all for your help and support. We are
really proud and privileged to be with you in the
service of the Lord.*

Pope Leo's 2026 Monthly Intentions



JANUARY

For Prayer With The Word Of God

Let us pray that praying with the
Word of God be nourishment for our
lives and a source of hope in our
communities, helping us build a more
fraternal and missionary Church.

St. Vincent De Paul Collection for 2026

We wish to inform parishioners that we
will commence a monthly collection in
support of the St. Vincent de Paul
Society first collection will be on
Sunday, January 18, 2026. These
contributions will assist the poor and
vulnerable within our community. We
sincerely thank you for your continued generosity and
support of this important outreach.



First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy



Classes will resume on **Sunday
January 11, 2026 at 10:30 am in the
church hall.**

Parents' Reminder: We kindly
encourage you to guide your children
in learning the basic prayers, especially the *Act of
Contrition*, as part of their growing faith. **Parents and
candidate are invited to take part in weekly Mass as part of
the program.** Thank you for your support and cooperation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will also continue
meetings **Sunday, January 11**, during the **10:30 am Mass**.
All children – from 6 to 10 years old – are welcome to
participate.

Confirmation 2025-2026

Classes start on **Saturday, January 10,
2026 at 1:15 pm** in the church hall. Also,
confession schedule on **Thursday, January
15, 2026 at 7:00 pm**. Candidates are to
participate the 4:30 pm Holy Mass after
each sessions. Please follow given schedule.



R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2025 – Apr. 2026

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)
program – a journey of prayer,
reflection and instruction for anyone
wishing to explore the beauty of the
Catholic faith – classes continues in our
parish this **Sunday, January 11, 2026
at 1:30 pm after the 12:15 pm Mass. Thank you**



INFANT JESUS NOVENA-2025

**The Feast of the Infant Jesus of
Prague is celebrated on Wednesday,
January 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm.**

*"Divine Infant Jesus, I trust in Your love
and mercy. Bless me with peace, guide
my steps, and keep me always in Your care. Amen."*



Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Prayer Service 2026 **Sunday, January
18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. EST Venue:**
Runnymede United Church, 432
Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S
2Y8 Theme: *"There is one body and
one Spirit, just as you were called to
the hope of your calling"* (Ephesians 4:4). Join Bishop



John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian
leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed
by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly
organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith
Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

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