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## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tue., Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am	+ Nicola Morelli
Wed., Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8am	+ Wanda & Vincent Olczak
Thu., Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Cecile & Hubert Thauvette
Fri., Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Deceased members of the Morelli & Iacobelli family
	7pm	
Sat., Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am	+ Josefina Bertao + Armando Napao
	5pm	+ Paul DiLosa
Sun., Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Muriel Goss
	10am	+ Amandio Jose
	7pm	+ Deceased members of the Martin family



### Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Feast of the Holy Family	Sat., Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup>	5pm (Vigil Mass)
	Sun., Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	8am, 10am & 12noon
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Sun., Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	5pm (Vigil Mass) NEW (no 7pm Mass)
	Mon., Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	8am, 10am & 12noon

\*\* Please Note: Feast of the Holy Family & the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are both Holy days of obligation.\*\*

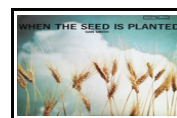


### Eucharistic Adoration

Mon. - Fri., after the 8am Mass, the Rosary will take place during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9am (Eucharistic Adoration also every first Friday of the month from 5pm to 7pm, followed by Benediction & Mass at 7pm).

### Dan Smith Music Collection

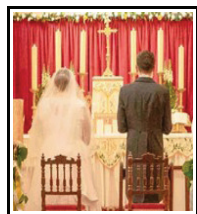
Dan Smith, Our Lady of Grace Parish 8am & 10am Sunday morning cantor and guitarist has inspiring gospel music available in a variety of web formats.



To enjoy & be inspired, please visit:

[www.dansmithmusic.ca](http://www.dansmithmusic.ca) or our parish website at <https://olgraceau.archtoronto.org/>.

### Marriage Sunday



Most Rev. Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024.

The Mass will take place at 3pm on Sun., Feb. 11, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. All are welcome to attend.

Couples celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating.

Reserved seating is limited, so please register early.

All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass at <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

The broadcast will begin at 2:45pm.



Schools	Rehearsal	Mass
Ecole Renaissance, Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Grace	Jan. 15, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 22, 2024 at 7pm
St. Jerome	Jan. 16, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 23, 2024 at 7pm
St. Joseph, Light of Christ, Our Lady of Hope	Jan. 17, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 24, 2024 at 7pm
Cardinal Carter, Country Day School, Dr. G.W. Williams, Good Shepherd, Hartman, Our Lady of the Annunciation, Our Lady of the Rosary, Regency Acres, Rick Hansen, St. Andrew's College, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. John Chrysostom, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Nicholas, Villanova, Wellington, Windham Ridge	Jan. 18, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 25, 2024 at 7pm

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Jan. 1 – Feast Day)



"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility, that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor."

- St. Pope John Paul II



From the Pastor's Desk

How wonderful it is that the Church chose to celebrate the first day of the year with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

We know that Mary was given no assurances when she said 'YES' to being the Mother of Jesus and was assured by the Angel that 'Nothing is impossible with God'. With this assurance, Mary continued worshipping God to overcome all that was to happen... and God provided.

Today - and tomorrow - Mary is our refuge for any situation we may encounter.

May we place our trust and love in the Son of Mary, trusting in her motherly assurance that all that happens in our lives has a purpose in making a positive difference in the world.


Therefore, in times of doubt, darkness, or despair of any kind, call upon our MOTHER in the words: *Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb: Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. AMEN.*

**Happy New Year!!!**

**Fr. John and the staff at Our Lady of Grace**

**“The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life.”  
- Carlo Acutis**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Christmas Assistance Program

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul (SSVP) would like to express our thanks for the ongoing support that we receive from parishioners. Your donations have allowed us to continue providing assistance to struggling individuals and families in our community throughout this past year. Your donations are also helping to support our SSVP Christmas Assistance program, which is run in partnership with Welcoming Arms. Through this program, we hope to bring a bit of joy to our neighbours in need, who struggle throughout the year and especially at Christmas. SSVP donation envelopes are available at the back of the church, and donations can be placed in the SSVP Donation Box. Information on how you can make a donation, via credit card or Interac e-Transfer, is available on the parish website. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France

We will be attending a special celebration commemorating the apparitions and “Miracle of the Sun” of Our Lady of Fatima on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Led by Fr. John Bertao & Fr. Peter Choi

When: Oct. 10 – 21, 2024 (12 days)

Cost \$4,395 includes:

- ◆ Air transportation from Toronto (unless specified otherwise), incl. all taxes and surcharges
- ◆ Hotel accommodation 1<sup>st</sup> class or superior tourist class based on double occupancy (single supplement \$850).
- ◆ 2 meals daily (breakfast and dinner)
- ◆ All sightseeing as per itinerary, with an English-speaking guide
- ◆ All tips for drivers, guides, restaurants, and hotels.

For more information and registration, contact: 877-999-8868 or 416-444-6666.

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You can also view trip details and register online at [www.ihtours.com](http://www.ihtours.com).

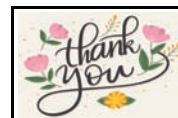


Liturgical Publications

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2024 & it supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service by calling Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Sod, Seed & Fertilizer Donation

We would like to thank Leo of J. Lipani & Son Sod Farms for their generous donation of sod, seed, and fertilizer for the parish grounds.



Vocation Seeds

Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her Heart. Do you treasure God 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 to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at (416) 968-0997 or [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org). For more information, go to [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).




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