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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



| MASS INTENTIONS | | |
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| Mon., Dec. 30 th | 8am | + Virginia Coutts |
| Tue., Dec. 31 st | 8am | + Souls in Purgatory |
| Wed., Jan. 1 st | | ** see New Year Mass Schedule** |
| Thu., Jan. 2 nd | 8am | + Nicola Morelli |
| Fri., Jan. 3 rd | 8am | + Raffaele & Elisa D'Agostini |
| Sat., Jan. 4 th | 9am | (SI) Da Silva family |
| | 5pm | + Vivian Distefano |
| Sun., Jan. 5 th | 8am | + Giuseppe & Maria Giannotti |
| | 10am | + Amandio Jose |
| | 12pm | "Populo" for the intentions of our parish families |
| | 7pm | + Laura Montpetit |

Office Closed
From Dec. 30th through Jan. 1st.

Offering Envelopes  **Reminder!!! Kindly pick up your 2025 Offertory Envelopes. Thank you for your co-operation.**

Liturgical Publications

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2025 and it supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service by calling Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

 **Sanctuary Candles sponsored Dec. 13th, 2024 to Jan. 12th, 2025 for: (SI) Sayaman family** 


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| Jan. 13 th to Feb. 12 th , 2025 | + Deceased members of the Letassey & Yap families |
| Feb. 13 th to Mar. 12 th , 2025 | (SI) Peter Yiu |
| Mar. 13 th to Apr. 12 th , 2025 | + Aldo Cristofoli |
| Apr. 13 th to May 12 th , 2025 | (SI) Vinluan family |
| May 13 th to Jun. 12 th , 2025 | (SI) Donkers & Blanco families |
| Jun. 13 th to Jul. 12 th , 2025 | (SI) Jack & Ruth Doris |
| Jul. 13 th to Aug. 12 th , 2025 | (SI) Alberto & Louro families |
| Aug. 13 th to Sep. 12 th , 2025 | (SI) Chen family |
| Sep. 13 th to Oct. 12 th , 2025 | + Deceased members of the Alberto & Louro families |
| Oct. 13 th to Nov. 12 th , 2025 | + Deceased members of the Da Silva & D'Souza families |
| Nov. 13 th to Dec. 12 th , 2025 | + Deceased Priests & Bishops |



Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule


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| Sat., Dec. 28 th | 9am | Holy Innocents |
| Sat., Dec. 28 th | 5pm - Vigil Mass | Holy Family |
| Sun., Dec. 29 th | 8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm | Holy Family |
| Mon., Dec. 30 th Tue., Dec. 31 st | 8am | Octave of Christmas |
| Tue., Dec. 31 st | 5pm - Vigil Mass | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year) |
| Wed., Jan. 1 st | 8am, 10am & 12noon | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year) |

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 This Advent, let your "yes" reflect God's love by supporting those in need through ShareLife. Until December 31, 2024, every gift will be matched by a generous donor, up to \$500,000, doubling the impact of your generosity. Please donate online via the ShareLife website at <https://sharelife.org/donate/> or place a cheque in the ShareLife envelope at the church.

Prayers and Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. Cardinal Leo was one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world who gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church. Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.



From the Pastor's Desk



As another calendar year comes to a close and we prepare for a 'Year of Prayer', I invite you to join this New Year's weekend when, after each Mass, we will pray one decade of the Rosary and complete the Mass with a Benediction.

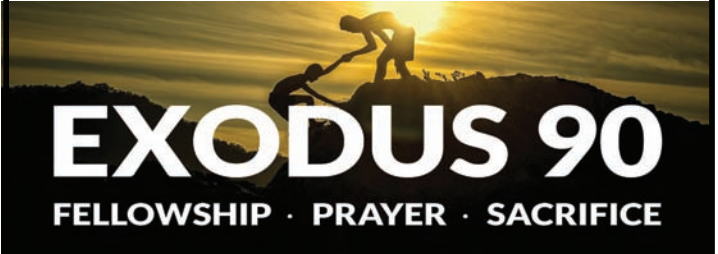
This will take place after the 5pm vigil Mass on Dec 31st and also after the 8am, 10am, and 12 noon Masses on Wed., Jan 1st.

Please join us as we start the New Year with much needed prayer for world peace.

Happy New Year!

- Fr. John

Exodus 90 Men's Group



Exodus 90 is a 90-day formation period of prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. It's a focused way to help men free themselves from modern-day attachments and grow closer to God. The next Exodus 90 begins in mid-January 2025 and covers the 90 days leading up to Easter Sunday. If you'd like to join Exodus 90 at Our Lady of Grace or would like to obtain more information, please contact Rick Sobiesiak at olgraceau.exodus@gmail.com.

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).

“When you pray, you talk to God the way you do to a friend.” - St. André Bessette

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal
3 days & 2 nights – join us !!!

Led by Spiritual Directors: Fr. Peter Choi, Pastor of St. André Bessette, Maple & Fr. John Bertao, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace, Aurora

When: Fri., Apr. 4th – Sun., Apr. 6th, 2025

Cost: \$635 for double occupancy, includes:

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- ◆ 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner
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- ◆ private tour
- ◆ private Mass
- ◆ and much more!!



Spend some time together with like-minded people, while giving up your worries to the Lord. Explore St. Joseph's Oratory and see the fruit of St. André. Also, visit Historic Montreal, Trois Rivières, and Cap de la Madeleine with us.

For more information or to register, contact St. André Bessette Parish by phone at 289-553-1610 or via email office@standrebessette.ca.

Limited spots! A \$150 deposit will reserve your spot (balance due by Feb. 23, 2025).

Sometimes I forget how rich I am. My hot water works on a dime, my a/c works when I need it to. I can go to any grocery store & purchase what I please to eat, I have a clean kitchen to cook in, I have a clean shower to bathe in...sometimes I forget I'm beyond blessed.

@Ashtaughtyou_



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