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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

BORN INTO A FAMILY

Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favour before God and man. Luke 2:52

Christmas yesterday, and the feast of the Holy Family today. The nearness of these feasts reminds us of the essential dimension of Jesus' humanity. However extraordinary the circumstances, Jesus was born into a family from whom he received what was necessary for him to "advance in wisdom and age."

It is easy enough to dismiss this. Today's Gospel lends itself to a frame of mind that emphasizes Jesus' immediate "pipeline" to this heavenly Father. Taken too far, this reduces Mary and Joseph to functional characters who are a kind of stage set for Jesus' divine mission. This fails to do justice to the humanity of Jesus who learned the measure of manhood from the just man, Joseph, and the surrender of loving obedience from his mother, Mary.

Only in this way can we give proper due to the "both-and" that marks our Catholic sensibility: Jesus the son in the family of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth and Jesus who receives all that he has from the Father.

Fr. Dennis Gallagher, A.A.
From: **Living Faith**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27th – 8:20am

✠ **HERTA HOLLE** Requested by Ingrid Holle

Wednesday, December 29th – 7:00pm

✠ **FRANCIS LAU** Requested by Anthony & Christina Wong

Thursday, December 30th – 8:20am

✠ **MARIE KENNEDY** Requested by Wren family

Friday, December 31st – 8:20am

No Mass

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Dec. 26 **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

Mon. Dec. 27 **8:20am Mass; Parish Office Closed**

Fri. Dec. 31 **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

No 8:20am Mass

4:30pm Vigil Mass of the Solemnity

Sat. Jan. 1 **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

Sun. Jan. 2 **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

Mon. Jan. 3 **8:20am Mass; Parish Office Closed**

Sat. Jan. 8 **10:00 – 11:30am PARISH HOME CATECHISM**

PROGRAM meets in parish hall for review lesson #4

Sun. Jan. 9 **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

Sun. Jan. 16 **2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

PARISH OFFICE – HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday, Dec. 27th – CLOSED

Tuesday, Dec. 28th – CLOSED

Wednesday, Dec. 29th – CLOSED

Thursday, Dec. 30th – CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 31st – CLOSED

Monday, Jan. 3rd – CLOSED



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021

ST. MARGARET'S

Sun. Dec. 26th **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

9:00am, 10:30am & 12noon

Fri. Dec. 31st **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

No 8:20am Daily Mass

4:30pm **Vigil Mass of the Solemnity**

Sat. Jan. 1st **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00am, 10:30am & 12noon

No 4:30pm Mass

Sun. Jan. 2nd **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

9:00am, 10:30am & 12noon

ST. EUGENE'S CHAPEL

Sun. Dec. 26th **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

10:00am & 11:30am

Fri. Dec. 31st **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

4:30pm **Vigil Mass of the Solemnity**

Sat. Jan. 1st **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

10:00am & 11:30am

No 4:30pm Mass

Sun. Jan. 2nd **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

10:00am & 11:30am

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

FR. GERARDO V. LAGUARTILLA, C.P.P.S.



Fr. Gerardo was born in the Philippines on September 24, 1973. Fr. Gerardo received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy in Manila, Bachelor of Sacred Theology from St. Augustine Seminary of Toronto and Master of Divinity at the Toronto School of Theology of the University of Toronto in the year 2019. He entered

the Special Formation and admitted to the Candidacy for Holy Orders on October 21, 2017.

He was Incorporated Definitively (Perpetually professed) as Missionaries of the Precious Blood on December 3, 2020 and was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on December 26, 2020 in Peru. He was [ordained to the Sacred Orders of Presbyters](#) on December 3, 2021, at St. Roch's Parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

He did his pastoral internship, ministries and apostolates at various parishes in the Philippines, in Lima Peru and in the Archdiocese of Toronto which include the parishes of the Precious Blood, St. Charles Borromeo, Our Lady of the Assumption, Transfiguration of Our Lord, St. Clair, St. Alphonsus, St. Roch's, St. Wilfrid as well as at Good Shepherd Center, Matt Talbot Center and St. Francis Table. In 2019, he was sent to Lima, Peru for Cross-Cultural Pastoral Experience and to represent his province to the historic erection of the Provincia Latinoamericana in 2020. He was a missionary to Peru from 2019 to 2021. In December 16, he begins his appointment to be the Associate Pastor of St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Parish and in charge of the Parish Mission Church of St. Eugene.

As we thank the Lord for the gift of priesthood and priestly ministry, we ask the intercessions of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph her husband and all the Saints especially St. Gaspar del Bufalo, the Apostle of the Precious Blood, St. Francis Xavier, our Patron, the Canadian & Filipino Martyrs and the Blessed and the Peruvian saints to

DECEMBER 26, 2021

guide and to make him into the chalice of blessings filled with Blood which is offered to quench his brothers' and sisters' thirst for love and that all of us may be faithful to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A GIFT TO YOUR PARISH

Our Parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 19, 2021

PAG **\$963.75**
Budget **\$8,300.00**

YEAR-END DONATIONS

We would like to remind all parishioners, that to have any donations to the parish considered "accredited" to your 2021 income tax donations receipts, "CRA – the Canada Revenue Agency, demands that any such donations must be **received into the parish office by December 31, 2021**. Keeping this in mind, will prevent any confusion with any donations made in 2022.

2022 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The **2022** Envelopes are available at the front of the church by the exit doors on Sunday. All parishioners are encouraged to use Sunday envelopes:

1. **Take any numbered box.** You DO NOT need to keep the same number from one year to the next.
2. Please write your **full name, complete mailing address and phone number clearly** on the **first three envelopes** you use and you will be assigned the number on the box.
3. **Starting January 1st 2022 you can start using your 2022 envelopes. DO NOT use your 2021 envelopes otherwise your donation will be credited to someone else.**
4. **If you're visiting or forgot your envelope DO NOT take one envelope from the numbered box use pink envelope.**

**Offering
Envelopes**



2021 PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES

The following envelope numbers have not been properly identified with parishioners' information. If you see your envelope number listed **please contact parish office at 416-485-7781 as soon as possible**. Thank you

Envelope numbers:

121, 137, 183, 195, 259, 276, 289, 348, 1213, 1222, 1318

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Let's put People and Planet First with Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's new campaign!

In Canada, most people can speak out freely when injustice is committed. In many countries of the Global South, however, communities are threatened when they seek to protect their rights, especially their right to a healthy environment. This climate of insecurity is often fuelled by the presence and influence of corporations, some of which are Canadian.

Undaunted, many vulnerable communities fight courageously to defend their rights, their lands and the environment against corporate harm.

This year, Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign invites you to stand in solidarity with them and celebrate their work!

Especially take a look at our compilation of prayers celebrating the Earth and invoking its protection! Visit <https://devp.org/en> for more.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18 – 25, 2022

The annual Week of Prayer Service for the Greater Toronto Area will be held at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, ON on Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook: [facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch)

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

The homilist is Rev. Archpriest Fr. Zareh Zargarian (Vicar of the Armenian Diocese of Canada and Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, Toronto.)

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2022

A Celebration of Marriage

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, **Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB**, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating **milestone anniversaries** (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in **2022**. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

- ☺ I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
- ☺ When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
- ☺ I don't remember much from last night, but the fact that I needed sunglasses to open the fridge this morning tells me it was awesome.



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