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### On the lighter side....

A husband and wife are in church. The preacher notices that the husband has fallen asleep and says to the wife, "Wake your husband up!"

The wife answers, "You're the one who made him fall asleep, you wake him up!"



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## Feast of the HOLY FAMILY

December 29, 2024

### NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 31**

**7 pm – adoration of the Blessed**

Sacrament

**10:00 pm – Mass**

### NEW YEARS DAY

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Wednesday, January 1, 2022**

**Italian: 10 am;**

**English: 8 am, 12 noon & 5 pm**

*Holy Family*

Lord, You intended for the Holy Family to be an example for all, and for the Holy Spirit to enlighten our homes.

May we, like them, be able to live according to the family virtues and stand united by the strength of Your love before meeting again for eternity in the joy of Your house.

*Amen*

**"Signore Gesù Cristo,**  
che, sottomesso a Maria e Giuseppe, hai consacrato la vita domestica con le tue indicibili virtù; concedi a noi, con l'aiuto di entrambi, di essere istruiti dall'esempio della Tua Sacra Famiglia e di giungere alla sua eterna comunione. Chi vive e regna, mondo senza fine. Amen."



## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, December 28

5:00 PM - † Joe Sousa, Antonio & Rosaria Sousa; Richard Wayger

### SUNDAY, December 29

8:00 AM - † Crescencio & Juana Fernandez; Crescencia Vergara; Ireneo Gajitos; Francis, Paul, Cecilia; all souls in purgatory

10:00 AM - † Giustino Coccia;

12:00 Noon - † Enrique Cortez Sr. & deceased family members; all souls

5:00 PM - COMMUNITY

### MONDAY, December 30

8:00 AM - †

7:00 PM - Thanksgiving for Dumdum Family † Michelle Panzica; Remedios Aquino

### TUESDAY, January 31 - St. Sylvester, Pope

8:00 AM - In thanksgiving for Cortez & Ballaran Family †

7:00 PM - adoration of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

10:00 PM - MASS

### WEDNESDAY, January 1 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 AM - COMMUNITY

10:00 AM - COMMUNITY

12:00 NOON - COMMUNITY

5:00 PM - COMMUNITY

### THURSDAY, January 2 - St. Basil the Great

8:00 AM - †

7:00 PM - 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Ray & Norma Tactay

### FRIDAY, January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus (First Friday)

8:00 AM - †

7:00 PM - † ALL SOULS

### SATURDAY, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 AM - †

2:00 PM - 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

5:00 PM - †



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY



Today's feast affirms that the Blessed Virgin Mary is truly the Mother of God and shows the importance of her role in the mystery of our salvation.

The life of Jesus begins with Mary. Mary is not only Jesus' Mother but she is our Mother too and she cares for us and for all of God's family with the same love she had for Jesus. Jesus is the shortest way to the Father, Mary is the shortest way to Jesus. Jesus is the gate of heaven and Mary is the pathway to the gate. Jesus is the bread of life and Mary is the bakery where this bread is produced. Mary is a testimony of God's omnipotence. The gospel says Mary pondered all these things in her heart. She treasured the Word of God which later took flesh in her womb. It is also an invitation to treasure the Word of God in our hearts and know that with God all things are possible. A New Year with Mary Mother of God and our Mother is the best way to start and walk all the way.

IN questo primo giorno del nuovo anno è bello scambiarsi gli auguri di bene e di prosperità: essi ci provengono anzitutto dalla benedizione di Aronne che chiede al Signore di proteggerci e di far brillare il suo volto su di noi.

E Dio ha esaudito questa invocazione attraverso il suo Figlio incarnato. Maria, obbediente alla volontà del Padre, ha dato alla luce la persona del Verbo e per questo possiamo invocarla a buon diritto con il titolo alto e sublime di "Madre di Dio".

La sua maternità ha segnato definitivamente la sua esistenza, che ha vissuto totalmente riferita al Figlio, nella gioia come nel dolore; ha conservato ogni parola e gesto di Gesù, meditando tutto nel suo cuore e lo ha seguito fino al gesto del suo sacrificio supremo nella passione e nella morte. In Maria noi vediamo allora l'immagine della Chiesa e dell'atteggiamento che deve avere ogni discepolo di Gesù Cristo per condividere la sua stessa gloria nella risurrezione, di cui Maria è segno, esempio e anticipazione.

### Jubilee Year 2025

The Holy Doors of Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican will be opened from 24 December 2024 until 6 January 2026. Jubilee celebrations will be observed around the world from 29 December 2024 until 28 December 2025. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, several churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites for the duration of the Jubilee:

- St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto
- St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto
- St. Padre Pio, Kleinburg
- Martyrs' Shrine, Midland
- St. Mary's Brampton .

Visit <http://archtoronto.org/jubilee> for resources across the archdiocese.

Further information will be forthcoming regarding pilgrimage opportunities in 2025 as well as information relating to plenary indulgences as part of pilgrimages during the Jubilee Year.

*Sincere thanks to all parishioners for their weekly donations, and to those who offered their precious time and energy to serve the community through the various ministries, without counting the cost.*

*A special thanks to Donors, Sponsors and the groups who had sponsored our Christmas Novena Masses. Schools, churches, companies and individuals who had contributed food for our brothers and sisters who are in need.*

*Special thanks to all our priests who had guided us spiritually to have a close relationship with our God.*

# Happy New Year!



# BUON ANNO

Office Closed

December 30 – January 1, 2025

### A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright,

even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you

when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you  
for the year ahead.

~Anonymous

**Un ringraziamento sincero**  
a tutti i parrocchiani per le loro donazioni settimanali e a coloro che hanno offerto il loro tempo prezioso e le loro energie per servire la comunità attraverso i vari ministeri, senza contare i costi.

**Un ringraziamento speciale** ai donatori, agli sponsor e ai gruppi che hanno sponsorizzato le nostre Messe della Novena di Natale. Scuole e individui che hanno contribuito con cibo per i nostri fratelli e sorelle bisognosi.

**Un ringraziamento speciale** a tutti i nostri sacerdoti che ci hanno guidato spiritualmente ad avere una stretta relazione con il nostro Dio.

### Una preghiera di Capodanno

*Caro Dio, grazie per aver fatto nuove tutte le cose.*

*Grazie per tutto quello che hai permesso nelle nostre vite lo scorso anno, il bene insieme alle cose difficili, che ci hanno ricordato quanto abbiamo bisogno di te e contiamo sulla tua presenza che ci riempie ogni singolo giorno.*  
*Preghiamo che il tuo Spirito ci guidi in ogni fase di questo nuovo anno.*

*Ti chiediamo di guidare le nostre decisioni e di volgere il nostro cuore a desiderarti profondamente prima di ogni altra cosa.*

*Ti chiediamo di aprire le porte che devono essere aperte e di chiudere quelle che devono essere chiuse ereticamente.*

*Ti chiediamo di aiutarci a rilasciare la nostra presa sulle cose a cui hai detto 'no', 'non ancora' o 'aspetta'. Chiediamo aiuto per inseguirti prima, al di sopra di ogni sogno e desiderio che hai mettere nei nostri cuori. - Debbie McDaniel*