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MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (December 30)
5:00 PM +Giuseppe & Adlina
Birianni

SUNDAY (December 31)
7:30 AM +Robert & Elizabeth
Gomes, Thanksgiving of Arbie
Sarmiento & family, Binondo
Carandang & Family
9:00 AM Thanksgiving to the
Holy Family
11:00 AM +Remigio Tan,
+Leonardo Maxion, +Pedro
Hidalgo, +Consuelo Hidalgo
12:30 PM Open

5:00 PM For the Parish
Community

MONDAY (January 1)
All Masses for January is
intended for the whole Parish
community

TUESDAY (January 2)
7:30 AM +Open

WEDNESDAY (January 3)
7:00 PM +Remigio Tan, +Ester
D. Tan

THURSDAY (January 4)
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Mila
Stapells

FRIDAY (January 5)
7:00 PM Thanksgiving of
Emiliano de Mesa

SATURDAY (January 6)
9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Josefina Ramos,
+Mike Galloro

HOLY FAMILY

Every family is a complicated network of relationships in which each member is connected with the others in straight and crooked lines. The family can be as delicate as a cobweb with its intricate pattern and gossamer thread; the whole thing trembles when touched anywhere. When a father loses a job, a daughter gets pregnant, a son gets hooked on drugs, the whole family is affected and worse, are torn apart.

Within each family, we find different assigned roles. There are roles that are natural like parent and child. There are roles that are specifically assigned such as cooking dinner and shoveling the snow. There are roles that are acquired like being sweet or being the clown. Roles are necessary because life can be hectic for everyone - there are chores and families need to know who is doing what. Life has to be ordinary but there has to be room for surprises too.

Each family is a living, breathing unity. It is a school in the Lord's service. Each member is called to grow in love. Love is the main ingredient in every Christian household without which even the the best arrangements fall apart.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this Sunday, let us pray that God may bless us in our earthly journey as a family, provide for needs, and show each one how to love one another. Together with all families, may we become participants of the eternal family of God.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,908.35
Building Fund	\$ 1,461.16
Mass Stipend	\$ 496.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 80.00
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Christmas Novena	\$ 249.21
SVP	\$ 1,000.00
Wedding	\$ 500.00
Legion of Mary	\$ 75.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 49.38
Total	\$ 8,467.05

Thank you!

Your 2024 Parish Envelope Box is now available at the Narthex. If you cannot find your box or if you have not used a Box of envelopes before, please do not hesitate to see the Parish Desk.

If you have changed address recently or any of your information needs to be updated in our parish file, please see Cliff or Ben.

In case you are intending to top you donation for 2023, please ensure that your cheque is dated December 31, 2023. Any donation received on January 1 (unless we are instructed by you) will be recorded as your donation for 2024. The cut off will be Sunday, January 14. We hope to close the Financial Book shortly thereafter to ensure you get your Tax Receipts as soon as it is possible.

You can also support our Parish via Credit Card. You can go to our Parish website and click on the Donate Now. You will then be able to contribute either one time or recurring. Please note that if your donation is one time only, you will immediately receive a TAX receipt via email. For Recurring donation, you will receive your TAX receipt at the end of the year.

Archdiocesan Consultation Underway
– your assistance is requested!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey where you can offer your suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

As part of **Marriage Sunday 2024** celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries 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 at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Thanks to the generous help of our parish catechists and volunteers, we are able to offer the Liturgy of the Word for Children on Sundays, particularly at the 11 AM and the 12:30 PM. Please encourage your children to participate. There is no need to register. This is one way to help our children participate actively in Sunday Mass by bringing the Gospel at their own level.

Week of Christian Unity
Sunday, January 21 at 4 PM
St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral,
455 Ferrier St. Toronto

Join Archbishop Francis Leo 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 H.G. Anba Archilids, General Bishop and Papal Vicar, Coptic Orthodox Archdiocese of Toronto. In this annual celebration we are reminded that the unity of the Church is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a task for all Christians.

This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches (GTACCC). All are welcome to attend.

WHEN SNOW COMES

To ensure your safety while you are at the church during the winter months: whenever there is a heavy accumulation on the slope roofs, we will close the inner courtyard. We ask that you use the door to enter the Parish Hall to come in. Thank you.

In Canada, January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Day of Obligation

December 31
New Year's Eve
5 PM

January 1
New Year's Day and Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

Please note that there will be no 7:30 AM Mass on January 1.

January 2
St. Basil
7:30 AM

The church and Office will be closed following the 7:30 AM Mass until Wednesday evening.

January 3
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
7:00 PM


We will resume regular Schedule on Thursday, January 4

IGNITE YOUR CREATIVITY! HEARTS ON FIRE LOGO CONTEST

The YOUTH MINISTRY is inviting the young people to submit a LOGO entry to represent the Parish Youth Outreach. Spectacular Prizes await you! The deadline will be on January 6, 2024.

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Let your creativity shine!



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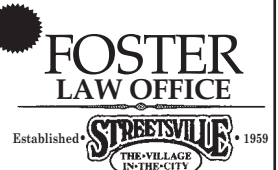


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