

THE HOLY FAMILY

The feast of the Holy Family is very symbolic, not only for us Christians, but also for the rest of the world. The institution of the family is not based on a human contract, but on the will of God. He is the one who invented this beautiful way to come to life and enjoy the love and happiness we humans need in our life.

The family is the basis of human life and the basis of society. No family, no society; no family, no human life. Family was made by God and only in God it will find its fulfillment. Any other type of family is not from God and is not going to fulfill the deepest aspirations of us, human beings.

Family is the “school of human values”. Where do we find love? Where do we find generosity, obedience, and respect and ultimately joy? In a family built on the foundations of God’s law and values. From our childhood, we learn the art of living as good human beings in the family.

Family comes from God and is oriented toward God. It is not enough to have children and enjoy our human relationship; family is the road to heaven. The spouses have to help each other to achieve the ultimate goal of their love, which is to find and enjoy the eternal love of God in heaven. The human love is only a taste of the love that God has reserved for us in heaven. The final and eternal goal of our human love is to reach to the infinite bliss of the love of God eternally in heaven.

Church and State should guarantee all efforts to sustain and strengthen the values inherent to the family, as a fundamental human institution and for us Christians as a fundamental sacrament of grace in our journey here on earth.

This year in our parish we will pray and work for the unification and sanctification of all our families. May the example of Joseph, Mary and Jesus be a guiding light for all our families.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018 St. Thomas Becket

8:00am Thanksgiving from Andrew & Maureen Leow
6:00pm Luciano Checchia

Sunday, Dec. 30 Holy Family

8:30am Thanksgiving from Menezes Family
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Anna Sborgia
4:00pm Sandra Valentini
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Dec. 31 St. Sylvester I

8:00am Renato Masut
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
4:00pm Spanish Mass & Adoration
7:00pm John, Mary, Frank & John Jr. Kaszycki
BENEDICTION

Tuesday, Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

8:30am Thanksgiving & intentions of Ann & Paul
Madore
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Hilde Effinger
4:00pm Gerry & Charlotte Fagan
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Wednesday, Jan. 2 Sts. Basil & Gregory

8:00am Thanksgiving from Carmine Brunetti
6:30pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Jan. 3 Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am Blessings & Graces for Tom & Una Green
7:00pm Lucia Mastantuono

Friday, Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00am Gerry & Charlotte Fagan
7:00pm Joe McGann
7:30pm *HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations*

Saturday, Jan. 5 St. John Neuman

8:00am Gregory J. Wong
6:00pm Carmen Scali

Sunday, Jan. 6 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am Rocco Buda
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Mary Pietrangelo
4:00pm Special intentions for Helen Stroz
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

YOUTH MINISTRY**Join us for ALPHA JUNIOR**

All Youth ages 9-13 are invited on second Friday of the month from 6:30pm-9:30pm in Scalabrini Hall.

NOTIZIE IN ITALIANO**GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA CARISMATICO**

riprenderá in Gennaio

CATECHESI repretenderá in Gennaio.

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL**Santa Misa de Fin de Año**

Lunes, Diciembre 31, 2018 (4:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Santa Misa de Año Nuevo

Martes, Enero 1, 2019 (6:00 pm)

El Viernes 4 de Enero, 2019, es el primer Viernes del mes. Por lo tanto los invitamos a que participemos en la Santa Misa (7:00 pm) y Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento.

Les deseamos una Feliz Navidad y un Próspero Año Nuevo.

El programa completo de la "Navidad Latinoamericana 2018", lo pueden ver en los afiches colocados en las carteleras parroquiales, en el website de la parroquia (<https://stcatherine.ca/>), en el semanario "EL CENTRO", y en el portal de Internet Toronto Hispano (<https://toronto.hispanocity.com/publicacion/hispano-s-en-mississauga-se-preparan-para-la-celebracion-de-las-fiestas-navidenas/>).

2019 ENVELOPES can be picked up at the main entrance of the Church.

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS You may purchase your own missal for \$5.00 at the office.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FELICE ANNO NUOVO

PRÓSPERO ANO NUEVO

MANIGONG BAGONG TOAN

to all

from St. Catherine of Siena priests and staff

THANK YOU to those who contributed to the Christmas celebrations. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and gifts.

FIRST FRIDAY on January 4th. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day. After the 7:00pm Mass there will be a holy hour of Adoration.

CLOSING OF THE YEAR Let us be thankful for 2018. Join us in ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, December 31st after the 7:00pm Mass.

DONATIONS We thank parishioners who are using the envelope system for their donations. We will prepare receipts in the next few weeks. There are still quite a few envelopes remaining at the main entrance. Please take only the ones with your name on them. If you wish to use the envelope system, contact the office.

We invite everyone to register in the Parish.

MOTHERS GROUP We are going to be starting a Mothers Group at the parish. It is our goal to refresh, inspire and help moms in their role as mothers. You can go to Catholicmomsgroup.com for more information. It is a new Archdiocese approved ministry this is successfully growing. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15th, 2019. More information to follow. For more information please contact the office.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES will start in January. Families who have registered their children will be contacted by the Catechism team to confirm the day their child will start classes. If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.