

THE VIRTUES OF FAMILY LIFE.

The feast of the Holy Family is central to the existence of the civil society and of the Church. Good families make a good society and good families build a good Church. Jesus was born in a family; grew up in a family, started his public ministry in a family wedding and formed his church as a family. The model of each family and of the church is found in the Holy Family of Nazareth.

St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians gives us a list of the virtues, which are necessary for a good, happy and holy family.

“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience”. These virtues would be enough for a very peaceful and joyful coexistence among all the members of the family. Compassion is an overall attitude, which covers almost all the aspects of our life. Compassion (cum – passion) means to have the same feelings and desires of the other person. If everybody in the family have the same feelings and desires, then real peace reigns in the middle of all its members. Kindness and meekness are a normal consequence of a real compassion. Humility is also very important, if we want to keep unity and peace in the family. Real love demands an attitude of humility. Real love cannot exist together with arrogance. Patience, finally, is the result of all these virtues.

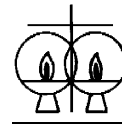
Then St. Paul continues: “Bear with one another...” Each one in every family has a different character and a different way of life, so we really need to bear one another and respect the differences of one another. Not because we are born in the same family from the same parents means that we have the same way of thinking and the same way of life. So, we need to accept one another with our own differences. Forgiveness is a necessary part of our living together. It would be unrealistic to think that in our family we would never have to face problems and hurts; that is why we need forgiveness as a tool of reconciliation and reunification.

St. Paul then ends with a beautiful quote: “Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And be thankful.”

The Christian Family is the best place where a human being can be born and grow into the fullness of life, that Jesus has come to bring us with his birth in Bethlehem. We Christians are lucky to have such a great model to live our life to the full.

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST.

As we finish the “Year of the family” we would like to celebrate this year, the “Year of the Eucharist”. For this, we propose to have one full day a week of Eucharistic Adoration. So, every Friday of every week we will expose the Blessed Sacrament after morning mass and He will remain exposed until the evening mass. When there is a funeral, we will repose temporarily the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Each group of the parish is invited to organize one hour of adoration for their own members. The Eucharist is also the Sacrament of the Eucharistic Love.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 Holy Innocents

8:00am + Samuel & Iris Moreira
1:30pm WEDD: Paul Obadiary & Mirella Dorival
6:00pm + Maggie Conceptio Mathias

Sunday, Dec. 29 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30am Thanksgiving from Dolores Family
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm + Mirna Olivares
4:00pm + Paul, Victoria & Carlo Tanti, Mary, Paul & John Grogan,
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Dec. 30

8:00am + Eriberto Senior & Luzviminda Muñoz
7:00pm Thanksgiving from Menezes Family

Tuesday, Dec. 31 St. Sylvester I

8:00am + Lucia Iacovino
12:30pm WEDD: Anthony Marinaccio & Nikki Sisera
7:00pm + Nicolangelo Cacciaccaro

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 Mary, Mother of God

8:30am Thanksgiving from Bet & Vivien Basnet & Family
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Thanksgiving & deceased members of Hendricks & Mathias Family
4:00pm + Manuel & Fernanda Castro,
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Thursday, Jan. 2 Sts. Basil & Gregory

8:00am + Arun Pereira
7:00pm + Ettore Cardarelli

Friday, Jan. 3 Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am + Willie G. Fermin Sr. & deceased members of Rimbao & Fermin Families
7:00pm + Anton Mahendrarajah
7:30pm *HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday, Jan. 4

8:00am + Amalia Gubach Bustamante
6:00pm For our parishioners

Sunday, Jan. 5 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am Antoni, Waclaw, Janina & Boleslaw Torbicki
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm + Theresa Pham Thi Quy
4:00pm + Manuel & Fernanda Castro
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

ITALIANO

Grupo di Preghiera Italiano reprenderá in Gennaio.

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

La FAMILIA MISIONERA invita a todos a continuar nuestro caminar cristiano, participando en nuestras ORACIONES DE TODOS LOS MARTES a las 7:35 pm en el SALÓN SCALABRINI.

El MARTES 24 de DICIEMBRE, 2019 (7:00 pm) participaremos en la SANTA MISA Y CELEBRACIÓN DE NAVIDAD.

El MARTES 31 de DICIEMBRE, 2019 (4:00 pm) participaremos en la SANTA MISA y ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA DE AÑO VIEJO.

El MIÉRCOLES 1 de ENERO, 2020 (6:00 pm) participaremos en la SANTA MISA DE AÑO NUEVO.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES will start in January. If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.

DUFFERIN PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD will have an information session at the Catholic Education Centre at 40 Matheson Blvd. W., Room 301 on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm to support the transition of children with differing abilities. . Contact your local school or visit www.dpdsb.org.

2020 Envelopes can be picked up at the main entrance of the Church. Anyone who had a number over 1301, please check the binder with the parishioners list for your new number.

2020 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 3rd. 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 2019. Join us in ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, 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 one with your name on it. If you wish to use the envelope system, contact the office.

We invite everyone to register in the Parish.

NEW YEAR'S EVE TOGETHER.

We are all invited to celebrate a MASS OF THANKSGIVING with solemn Eucharistic Benediction on December 31st at 7:00pm in Church. After the celebration we all will gather in Zanon Hall for a fraternal celebration to welcome the New Year. You are invited to bring some food that we can share all together. Fr. Walter will provide the Spumante. Please get in touch with Vicky, so that we may prepare accordingly.

PARISH ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER MINISTRY will resume on Saturday, January 18th at 2:30pm in Scalabrini Hall.