

# *St. Mark's Catholic Church*

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## *Feast of the Holy Family*

**Due to the provincial government limitation of 10 persons in places of worship, Cardinal Collins has cancelled all public Masses in Toronto until further notice. The Church will be open for private prayer during the following times, subject to a limit of 10 persons, and subject to any further government restrictions:**

**Monday to Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**Friday, January 1: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**(Confessions will be heard Saturday in the children's room beside the sanctuary from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)**

**Sunday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

ordinary life, without doing anything spectacular or newsworthy. They led a life that was to all appearances, the same as that of their neighbours, a life that was important, not because of the material things they did but because of the love that they put into these things.”

Essentially, the Holy Family did ordinary things with extraordinary love. They too had to work, cook meals, clean the house, and wash their clothes and every other regular activity that we too perform. Yet, endowed with love for one another, these seemingly minute tasks became great sources of sanctification. We too should look to be stewards in our own homes by using our time and gifts to serve our family. One tangible thing we can avoid is complaining about performing house chores but rather strive to see them as an opportunity to love our family members, and by extension, love Christ. As we strive to be stewards in our parish communities, let us also follow the model of the Holy Family and be stewards in our own homes and, by extension, our parish communities as well. ([www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship))

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY:** Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 13/14, 2021 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. To celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community, our parish is participating in a program to offer a personalized, special blessing certificate signed by Cardinal Thomas Collins to married couples celebrating their **25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+** wedding anniversary in **2021. To request a special blessing certificate for milestone wedding anniversaries in 2021, please visit <https://bit.ly/2021MS-SpecialBlessing>.** The Office of Formation for Discipleship will be processing the orders – the deadline to order is January 17, 2021; we will be assisting in distributing the special blessing certificate to you.

If you are concerned about the restrictions placed on places of worship by the government, please contact your local M.P.P. ([christine.hogarth@pc.ola.org](mailto:christine.hogarth@pc.ola.org)), the Premier ([correspondence.premier.gov.on.ca](mailto:correspondence.premier.gov.on.ca)), and the Mayor ([mayor\\_tory@toronto.ca](mailto:mayor_tory@toronto.ca)).

**THANK YOU** to all who helped to set up the trees, nativity display, and decorate the Church with flowers, those who set up the crib and tree in front of the Church, and anyone else who assisted in any way. Thank you too for your Christmas cards and greetings. Finally, we thank everyone for their generosity in the Christmas offertory.

### **CREATING COUNTLESS HOLY FAMILIES.**

On this Feast of the Holy Family, the Church invites all of us to reflect on the beauty of the Holy Family. It is through meditating on the Holy Family that we begin to learn how we are called to live in our own homes. St. John Paul II says that “the Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families.”

The Holy Family teaches us how to work towards holiness through our daily family life. St. Josemaria Escriva says that “in the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph sanctified their

### **A Blessing**

*May angels keep you night and day,  
And Mary guide you on your way;  
May Jesus ever fill your heart  
With peace He only can impart—  
All this and more I ask for you,  
Blessings to last your whole year through.*

## **A very Happy New Year to all of our Parishioners & their Families!**

**NEW ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS** are now for sale in the vestibule of the Church for **\$5.00** each. Simply place the money in the offering box on which the Missals are displayed.

**PARISH OFFERING:** During this period of restrictions, our finances will be facing challenges. Our expenses are never in lockdown. So please, in your charity, remember your parish, especially in this Christmas season. **THANK YOU!** to all who have been contributing to our parish by dropping off your envelopes at the rectory mail box, mailing them in, or donating online. You may, of course, still leave your offerings in the baskets/boxes at the back of the Church during the times the Church is open. To donate online by **credit card** or through your **bank chequing account**, just go to our parish website: [stmarkset.archtoronto.org](http://stmarkset.archtoronto.org), and on the home page, click the "Support your parish" icon, or orange quadrangle in the upper right hand corner (where there is a hand and a \$ sign). Then click "Your Parish", select the "Toronto West" region, then our parish (St. Mark's) in the drop down menu. You can make a one time or recurring contribution to our parish's offertory or building fund using your credit card, or your bank chequing account.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2021:** These have been placed on tables at the back of the Church, in numerical order. You should have the same number you had in 2020. *If you are unable to get to the Church to obtain your box, please phone the rectory and we can arrange for you to pick it up at the rectory.* In order to have your donation included in the 2020 income tax receipts, we need to receive your offering by *Wednesday, December 30, 2020.*

### **Święto Świętej Rodziny: – B**

**MIŁOŚĆ I POKÓJ - FUNDAMENTEM RODZINY.** Słowo Boże dzisiejszej niedzieli ukazuje radość, jaką niesie życie w małżeństwie i rodzinie. W zamyśle Bożym dom rodzinny to najważniejsze miejsce, gdzie ludzie uczą się trudnej sztuki życia i gdzie doświadczają Bożego błogosławieństwa. Warunkiem jest respektowanie Bożych zasad, które

regulują wzajemne relacje między małżonkami, a także między rodzicami i dziećmi (*por. Syr 3, 2-6. 12-14*). Święty Paweł wskazuje fundament chrześcijańskiej rodziny. Są nim dojrzała miłość i Chrystusowy pokój (*por. Kol 3, 14-15*). Niestety, życie wielu rodzin wyraźnie odbiega od Bożego zamysłu. Od tego zamysłu, który najpełniej zrealizowała Święta Rodzina (*por. Łk 2, 39-40*). W niektórych domach jest więcej obojętności niż miłości, więcej konfliktów niż pokoju. Bóg uczy nas miłości ofiarnej i nieodwołalnej, a jednocześnie miłości mądrej i wychowującej. Jednocześnie Bóg jest źródłem pokoju płynącego z czystego sumienia i z zaufania Bożej Opatrzności. Wszędzie tam, gdzie ludzie kierują się Bożą miłością i gdzie wprowadzają Boży pokój, życie rodzinne staje się miejscem błogosławieństwa. Nawet wtedy, gdy w jakimś okresie wiedzie drogą krzyżową, choroby, niedostatku czy innych trudności. (*ks. Marek Dziewiecki*)

**OFIARY NA KOŚCIÓŁ.** Jesteśmy bardzo wdzięczni parafianom którzy przynoszą regularnie niedzielne ofiary. Ofiary można wrzucać do koszyczków czy skrzynki umieszczonych na stolikach przy wejściu do kościoła. Również ofiary można składać w biurze parafialnym wrzucając do skrytki na listy przy schodach, wysłać pocztą, lub przez kartą kredytową na naszej stronie internetowej parafialnej. W tym okresie ograniczeń, nasze finanse staną przed wyzwaniem. Więc proszę, w swojej miłości, pamiętajcie o swojej parafii. Wielkie Bóg zapłać!

**KOPERTKI NA NIEDZIELNĄ KOLEKTE NA ROK 2021.** Kopertki są wyłożone na stolikach przy wejściu do Kościoła według numerów. *Jeśli nie możesz dostać się do kościoła, aby odebrać swoje kopertki, zadzwoń do plebanii, a możemy zorganizować dla Ciebie odbiór na plebanii.*

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