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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



- Dec.26: 8:30 a.m. Lilliana Prizzon
10:00 a.m. Za Józefa i Genowefę Skoś
11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
- Dec.27: 9:00 a.m. Mary Grabham
- Dec.28: 9:00 a.m. Compton DaSilva
- Dec.29: 9:00 a.m. Enzo Belluomini
- Dec.30: 9:00 a.m. Katherine Golianek
- Dec.31: 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving
- Jan. 1: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
10:00 a.m. Za Marię Lesiuk
11:30 a.m. Giuseppe D'Urzo
- Jan. 2: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
10:00 a.m. Za Jerzego Klukowskiego
11:30 a.m. Hope Venneri (16th birthday)

THANK YOU to all who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful this year: those who helped to set up the trees and decorate the Church, those who set up the crib and tree in front of the Church, the musicians, lectors, altar servers, those who helped to count the collection, 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.

BUILDING FAMILIES ON PRAYER. The Holy Family went through many of the same experiences that all parents and children experience today. They too would have had moments of great joy and difficult trials as well as many moments of simple ordinary life. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the perfect example of how families should live in holiness and stewardship. Let us take some time today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, to seek ways to imitate them.

The Gospel from Luke recounts how "every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover." Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. They realized that while there are many important things that a child needs to grow, their relationship with God should be their first priority. They would have also taken Jesus to the synagogue and taught him how to pray and read the scriptures.

We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well. We can strive to be great parental stewards just like Mary

and Joseph. For starters, we should make attending Sunday Mass the most important aspect of our week. We can supplement this by regularly going as a family for times of Confession and trying to pray together at home. One beautiful practice we can try to adopt is praying the Rosary together. If an entire rosary together is too difficult due to everyone's schedules, perhaps we can pray just one decade together. Let us commit to making our families beautiful and holy just like that blessed family from Nazareth.

[source: archtoronto.org/stewardship]

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

5:00 p.m. Mass (English) with solemn singing of the *Te Deum* to end the Year 2021

Saturday, January 1, 2022 (New Year's Day— Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

8:30 a.m. Mass (English)
10:00 a.m. Mass (Polish)
11:30 a.m. Mass (English)

[N.B. No 5:00 p.m. Mass or confessions today.]

Sunday, January 2, (Solemnity of the Epiphany)

8:30 a.m. (English)
10:00 a.m. (Polish)
11:30 a.m. (English)

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!

CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS for 2022 are available at the back of the Church. Our thanks to the **RIDLEY FUNERAL HOME** (3080 Lake Shore Blvd.) for so generously providing these beautiful calendars. - (They can be used from December, 2021.)

NEW LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS

are for sale in the vestibule of the Church for **\$5.00** each. In addition to the Mass prayers and readings for every Sunday, there are many other prayers and hymns, and other materials at the back.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our parish bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2022 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422 for more information on how to advertise.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2022: These have been placed on tables at the back of the Church, *in numerical order*. You should have the same number you had in 2021 (except for numbers above 250). The labels reflect the information that we currently have on record. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this convenient means of supporting our parish. Envelope users receive a receipt for their charitable donations, which reduces their income tax payable. For total annual donations over \$200, there is a *combined federal and provincial* tax credit of approximately 40 per cent. (Please note that in order to have your donation included in the 2021 charitable income tax receipts, your offering must be received *by Thursday, December 30.*) Thank you!

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Święto Świętej Rodziny: Jezusa, Maryi i Józefa – C

MOCNY FUNDAMENT RODZINY. Wielu z nas potrafi z pamięci powtórzyć słowa przysięgi małżeńskiej: „Ślubuję ci miłość, wierność i uczciwość małżeńską oraz że cię nie opuszczę aż do śmierci”.

To słowa wymagające wielkiej odwagi, bo powinny być wypowiedziane w przeświadczeniu, że życie wspólne małżonków nie jest usłane tylko płatkami róż, ale to również dni smutku, choroby i stawiania

czoła przeciwnościom. Zbudowanie pięknej wspólnoty rodzinnej jest jednak możliwe nawet na przekór istniejącym przeciwnościom. Świadczą o tym młodzi małżonkowie odpowiedzialnie podchodzący do zadań rodzinnych. Świadczą o tym małżeństwa, które dożywają wspólnie nawet złotych godów. Jaka jest na to recepta?

Zawsze ta sama. Należy ciągle rozważać i naśladować życie Świętej Rodziny z Nazaretu. To tam, a nie w kolorowych czasopismach, można znaleźć odpowiedzi na pytania o kształt i jakość każdej rodziny. Należy więc budować rodzinę na mocnym fundamencie wiary, modlitwy i dialogu wewnątrzrodzinnego. Potwierdzają to zbyt mało jeszcze publikowane sondaże, które mówią, że tylko rodziny, w których istnieje wspólna modlitwa, uczestnictwo w sakramentalnym życiu Kościoła, w których panuje wzajemne zaufanie, mają szansę na zbudowanie prawdziwej wspólnoty małżeńskiej. To wszystko zawarł św. Paweł w swoim, jakże głębokim, nauczaniu: „Żony, bądźcie poddane mężom, jak przystało w Panu. Mężowie, miłujcie żony i nie bądźcie dla nich przykrymi. Dzieci, bądźcie posłuszne rodzicom we wszystkim, bo to jest miłe Panu. Ojcowie, nie rozdrażniajcie waszych dzieci, aby nie traciły ducha”. (bp Kazimierz Górny)

KALENDARZE: Mamy polskie kalendarze na rok **2022**. Serdecznie dziękujemy **G.H. HOGLE FUNERAL HOME** (63 Mimico Ave.) za piękne kalendarze.

CHÓR NOVI SINGERS TORONTO zaprasza na Koncert - „**Bóg się Rodzi**”. Koncert odbędzie się w **nieдіelę 9 stycznia** o godzinie **16:00** w kościele Św. Kazimierza w Toronto przy 156 Roncesvalles Ave. Bilety można kupić dzwoniąc pod numer tel.: 647-447-6581. Serdecznie zapraszamy.

Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku – pod opieką Maryi i Dzieciątka Jezus

Święty Michale Archaniele, wspomogaj nas w walce, a przeciw niegodziwości i zasadzkom złego ducha bądź naszą obroną. Oby go Bóg pogromić raczył, pokornie o to prosimy, a Ty, Wodzu niebieskich zastępów, szatana i inne duchy złe, które na zgubę dusz ludzkich po tym świecie krążą, mocą Bożą strąć do piekła. Amen.



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