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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH
10:00 A.M. +Mary Sandanam
req. The Sandanam Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
10:00 A.M. Theresa Keller
req. Josephine Fisher

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
12:10 P.M. MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
8:00 A.M. MASS

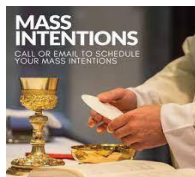
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
12:10 P.M. +Mary Catherine Staples
req. Judy & Martin Bishop

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
6:00 P.M. NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2022
9:00 A.M. NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS
11:00 A.M. NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to **Offer a**
Weekday Mass, please call the
Parish Office at 416-483-1513
or send an email to
stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.



(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION CATECHETICAL PREPARATION CLASS

The ***First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class*** will take place **online** on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 6:45 pm. For more information and the schedule of classes, please visit our Parish website:
www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.



RCIA 2022 REGISTRATION OPEN

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are already Catholic but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and receiving Eucharist for the first time).

You are invited to join our next set of ongoing classes starting January 2022.



VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We invite all children 3 to 7 years old to join us in discovering the Gospel through music, dancing, storytelling, arts and crafts and much more! Please visit www.littleliturgy.ca to access videos and great craft ideas!



CWL Virtual Rosary & Membership Drive

The CWL is accepting new members until December 31, 2021. The CWL will be hosting a *Virtual Rosary* on Saturday, January 1, 2022 from 1 to 1:30 p.m. For more information, please visit <https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/>.



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Synod on Synodality

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

Mary Mother of God - January 1, 2022

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997, www.vocationstoronto.ca; vocations@archtoronto.org.



SAINT MONICA'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Attendance for all Masses is walk-in only, first-come, first-served. Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before Mass.

Friday, Dec. 24, 2021

Confession 11:40 a.m. & Mass 12:10 p.m.; office closed

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve - Friday, Dec. 24, 2021

Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021

Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

(No 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, December 26, 2021 - Boxing Day

Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Monday, Dec. 27, 2021

Confession 9:30 a.m. & Mass 10 a.m.; office closed

Holiday Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021

Confession 9:30 a.m. & Mass 10 a.m.; office closed

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021

Confession 11:40 a.m. & Mass 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021

Confession 7:30 a.m. & Mass 8 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 31, 2021

Confession 11:40 a.m. & Mass 12:10 p.m.; office closed

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31, 2021

Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1, 2022

Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

(No 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, January 2, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord

Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Monday, January 3, 2022

Confession 9:30 a.m. & Mass 10 a.m.; office closed

Our Regular Church & Office Schedule

Resumes January 4, 2022

2021 Donation Tax Receipts

We are kindly requesting that all parishioners who use donation envelopes to please print clearly your name and mailing address on the envelopes that you use during this month of December so that we can update our tax receipt mailing list. Donations received until December 31, 2021 will be included in your tax receipt for 2021. If you would like to receive your tax receipt by email, please register online by going to our website www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.
Thank you very much for supporting St. Monica's Parish!

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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.

Summary

The Gospel from Luke today 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. We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well by teaching the importance of the Mass and family prayer.

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