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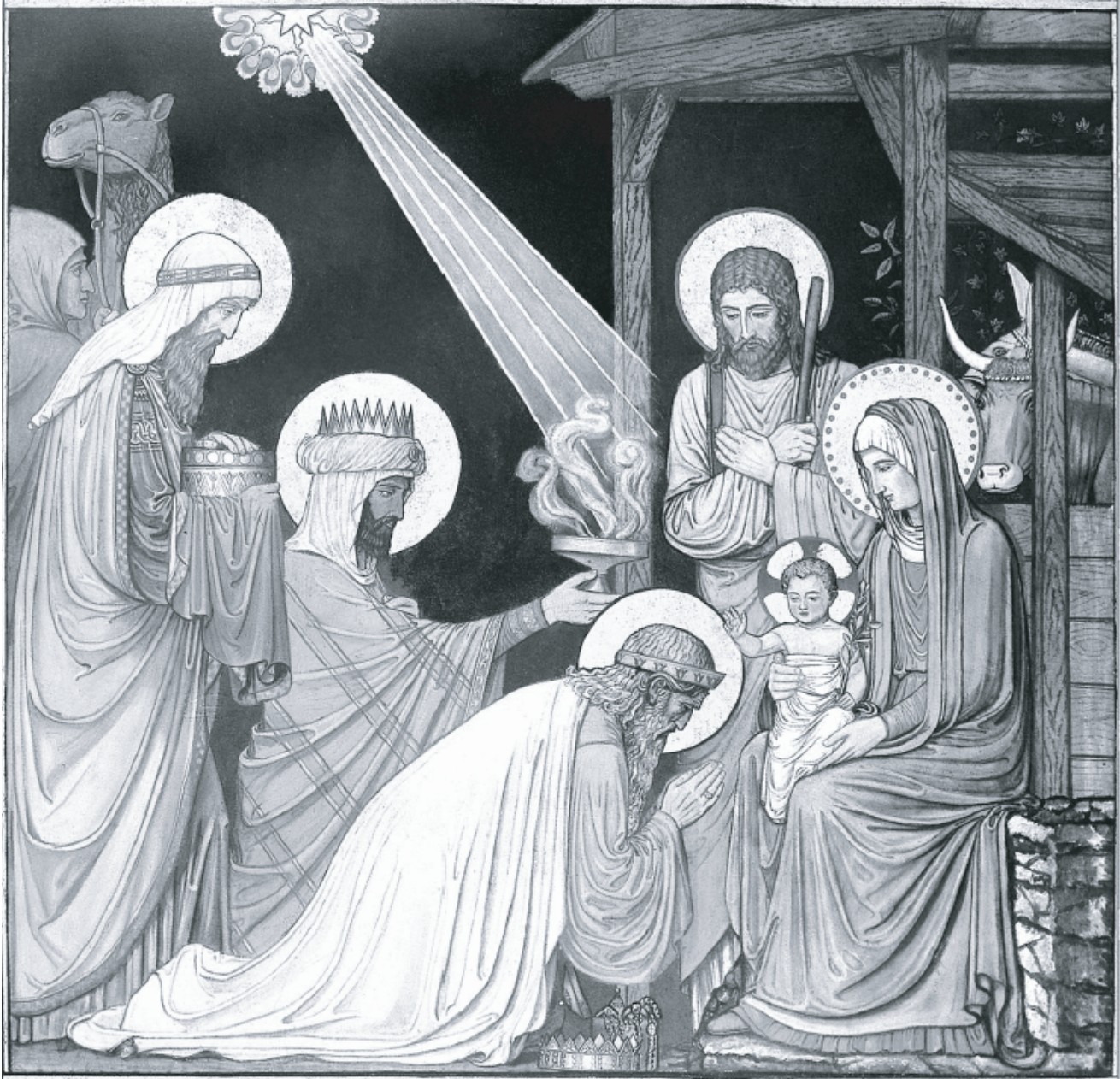
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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
12:10 P.M. +Georg Kralik
Req. The Kralik Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
8:00 A.M. +Olga Jara
Req. Janet Jara

***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation***

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
6:00 P.M. *New Year's Eve Vigil Mass*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2025
9:00 A.M. *New Year's Day Mass*
11:00 A.M. *New Year's Day Mass*

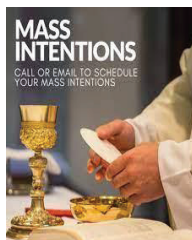
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND
8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of
The Sandanam Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD
12:10 P.M. +Pablo Narciso, Jr.
Req. Roy Narciso

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH
10:00 A.M. Intentions of Ishita Navneet
& Family

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.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
will take place on January 3rd,
2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in
the church. For the Adoration
pamphlet with prayers, visit
www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.
All parishioners are welcome!

SAINT MONICA'S PARISH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025

Fri. December 27 to Mon. December 30, 2024
*Regular Schedule for Confession and for
Weekday & Weekend Masses*

Tuesday, December 31, 2024
Confession 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. & Mass 8:00 a.m.
(This is the regular Weekday Mass.)

***SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION***

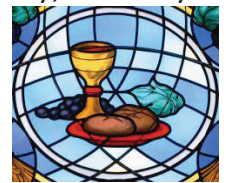
NEW YEAR'S EVE: TUESDAY, DEC. 31, 2024
VIGIL MASS at 6:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025
MASS at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.
No Confessions. Parish Office closed.

REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES ON THURS., JANUARY 2, 2025.

FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS

The *First Eucharist Catechetical Preparation Class*
will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at
6:15 pm, in-person in the church. (The fifth of six
classes will take place on Saturday, February 22,
2025.) For more information
and the schedule of classes,
please contact the Parish
Office at 416-483-1513 or
stmonicatoronto@gmail.com



2025 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 & receiving
Eucharist for the first time).

Feast of the Holy Family - December 29, 2024

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single,



married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of

Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.
www.vocationstoronto.ca vocations@archtoronto.org

2024 Donation Tax Receipts

We are kindly requesting that all parishioners who use numbered 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, 2024 will be included in your tax receipt for 2024. If you would like to receive your tax receipt by email, please register at www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org.

Thank you very much for supporting St. Monica's Parish!



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

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

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