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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*



MASS SCHEDULE

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 30th - 5 pm Mass

Sunday, December 31st - 10 am Mass

FEAST OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1st, 2024

New Year's Day Mass at 10 am

12 noon African Catholic Community



Mass Intentions

Tues. December 26th

Please take note: No 12:05 pm Mass on Boxing Day

Wed. December 27th

12:05 pm:

Thurs. December 28th

12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**

Fri. December 29th

12:05 pm: **In Thanksgiving for the Life and Faithful Ministry of Pope Benedict XVI**

Sat. December 30th

5:00 pm:

Readings for

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 31st, 2023**

1st Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128.1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-21

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

Fr. Vijai and the Holy Name Truth and Reconciliation group are pleased to welcome Deacon John Brown to the parish on Sunday, January 14th, 2024.

Deacon John is with St. Ignatius of Loyola parish in Mississauga.

He is a lawyer at McCarthy Tetrault and chairs the firm's Reconciliation Committee.

Deacon John also works in an advisory capacity with the Toronto Archdiocese.

He offers guidance on Indigenous issues, including the Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation fund which supports local and national initiatives that assist in the journey of healing.

Deacon John will serve on the altar at the 10 am Mass.

You are invited to meet him over coffee in the church hall after Mass.

An invitation has also been extended to parishioners at St. Ann's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

We hope you'll join us in giving Deacon John a warm Holy Name welcome on January 14th.

No Children's Liturgy Program on Dec. 31 and Jan 1st

Please note that there will be no Children's Liturgy Program on Sunday, Dec. 31, or on New Year's Day.

The Children's Liturgy Program will resume on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 (Epiphany of the Lord).

2023 Tax Receipts

Last day of offertory/donations to be included in 2023 Tax Receipts is on December 30th. All donations received on December 31st/January 1st will be considered for 2024 offertory.

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That Gentle Christmas

And on that gentle Christmas

There was a woman with four smiling faces
beaming up at her with eyes of Innocence,
constant giggles and untidy laces
They called her 'Ma-di-ma' because she cradled them at night
when the heat ran low and the chill crept in
and there was only a little light.

And on that gentle Christmas

They looked out upon the snow
and waited at their seats by the little front window
For a father laden with gifts they hoped would soon appear
With big warm hugs
that surely would bring Ma-di-ma just a little cheer.

Yet on that gentle Christmas

With a poor hat in hand Ma-di-ma wandered out to the street
with her old coat and the simplest of shoes on her feet.
"Would it be too much trouble sir . . . I mean I hate to ask . .
But the world has been so very difficult . . . everything such a very hard task."

And on that gentle Christmas

There were lights glistening from afar
where the purest Happiness lay.
And where the Spirit of Hopes and Dreams had been born
on that Truly Wondrous Day.

And on that gentle Christmas

The Community of the Spirit stopped
for just a single, solitary, moment in Time.
For they had found one woman stranded 'tween Heaven and Earth
with neither nickel, nor quarter, nor penny, nor dime.

And on that gentle Christmas

As four smiling faces gathered 'round her waist
the Community filled her hat to overflowing
and held Ma-di-ma's hands in Sweetness and in Grace.
As her Laughter burst forth in tears of Happiness and Joy
The Spirit touched her lightly with the Glow from a tiny infant Boy
On that very gentle Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM HOLY NAME PARISH STAFF

Rev. Vijai Amirtharaj, C.S.C.
Pastor

Rev. Yaw Acheampong
In Residence

Deacon John Doomernik

Pamela Cobham
Parish Secretary

Peter Smith
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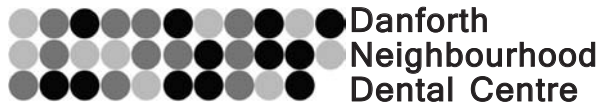
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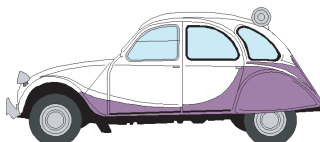
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