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Feast of the Holy Family



NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

December 31st – Wednesday (New Year's Eve)

- 5:00 pm Mass

January 1st – Thursday (New Year's Day)

- 10:00 am

12:00 pm (African Catholic Community)

January 3rd – Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

Please join us on **Saturday, January 3rd at 9:00am** for a special Mass to celebrate our parish feast day!



Mass Intentions

Mon. December 29th

12:05 pm: **Special Intention**

Tues. December 30th

12:05 pm: **For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan**

Fri. January 2nd

12:05 pm:

Sat. January 3rd

5:00 pm: **Egidio Mussio +**

SANCTUARY LAMP

is lit this week

For the Healing of Kenise Kilbride

requested by Sue & Ron Keeble

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the homebound, the "forgotten members" in our community, and their families and caregivers. "Lord surround them with your healing and steadfast love." especially

Kenise Kilbride, Ivan Raspor, Kateri Ryan, Carl Wilcox, G. Pitrolo, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Sherry MacEachern, Daniel Giles, Jaden Babcock and Maria Jose Bouey.

Dear parishioners,

For our last bulletin of the year, I would like to point to two saints whose feasts will be celebrated this week. On **December 29th**, the Church commemorates **St. Thomas Becket**. He lived in England in the 12th century and was a close friend of the King at that time, Henry II. The King appointed Lord Chancellor, and then the Archbishop of Canterbury, giving him the central leadership role for the Catholic Church in England (keep in mind that the 12th century was long before the Anglican Church came into being). The King wanted to interfere unjustly in Church affairs, thinking that having his friend as the Archbishop would make this easy. However, Thomas Becket recognized the spiritual importance of his role, refusing to compromise his faith. This angered the King. In 1170, supporters of the King entered Canterbury Cathedral and murdered Thomas Becket. Just two years later, he was canonized by the Church, and ever since then, he has been honoured as a martyr. The story was also depicted in a famous play by T.S. Eliot called *Murder in the Cathedral*.

The other feast of the week will take place on **December 31st**, when the Church honours **St. Silvester**. He was the Pope in the early 4th century. During his time as Pope, the Emperor Constantine became a Christian, and so for the first time, the Church was no longer persecuted. St. Silvester led the Church during these important and formative years. Almost 17 centuries later, he is still remembered as a saint.

I find it interesting that the tradition of St. Silvester's Day is still present in some countries. In Germany, for instance, New Year's Eve—December 31st—is actually called *Silvesternacht* (Silvester's Night)! As we continue to celebrate the Christmas Octave, may these two saints watch over the Church, help us to celebrate Birth of Jesus, and guide us into a happy and healthy New Year!

Fr. Eric

Lectors' Workshop – Saturday, January 17th, 10:00AM

Attention all lectors, both new and old! On Saturday, January 17th, we will be having a workshop in the church from 10:00-11:00am. We will go over the meaning of being a lector and outline some of the practical details of our celebrations. This will culminate with a special blessing ceremony for all lectors the weekend of January 24th/25th, when the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God.

Please mark these dates in your calendars and plan to attend. For those who are interested in becoming a new lector, please contact Fr. Eric at erodrigues@archtoronto.org

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*Thank
You*

The Members of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wish to thank **236th Scouting Group, The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Ingolsby Council 9079, Holy Name School and the parishioners, families and friends.** Your generosity of time, effort, money and prayers over the Christmas season and throughout the year are appreciated more than words can express. We could not carry out our mission without you. God Bless You.

2025 Tax Receipts

Last day of offertory/donations to be included in 2025 Tax Receipts must be postmarked by December 31st. All donations received on January 1st will be considered for 2026 offertory.

Please take note: Tax Receipts for 2025 will be mailed to you.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Masses at 12:00 pm and

Monday Masses at 12:05 pm

(Multiple Intentions) more than one intention

Tuesday-Friday 12:05 pm Masses -

(Single Intentions) one intention only

Saturday 5 pm Masses -

(Single Intentions) one intention only

Marriage Sunday 2026

**Celebration of Marriage Mass with
Bishop John Boissonneau – Feb. 8, 2026**
at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau 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 2026.** The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026.

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 at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

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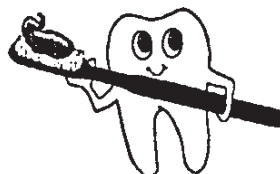
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