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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH
THE NEW YEAR**

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

January 2nd-7th 24th, 2023

Monday, January 1st

No Mass

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:00pm— For the Community of OLA

Wednesday, January 3rd

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—For the Community of OLA

Thursday, January 4th

7:00pm—For the Community of OLA

Friday, January 5th

7:00pm -For the Community of OLA

Saturday, January 6th

5:00pm— For the Community of OLA

Sunday, January 7th

10:00am— For the Community of OLA

12:00Noon—For the Community of OLA

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) For the AFCM

7:00pm—For the Community of OLA



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



Thank You for Your Financial Support

If you are unable to join us for mass at this time please consider the options of either through our [Pre-Authorized Giving Program](#), or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto [website](#). For information, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.

Give THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

SUNDAY Reflection.....

Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses. (Luke 2:22-40)



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the first-born son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the first-born son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticum of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

The devotees of Black Nazarene are inviting everyone to join us as we celebrate

THE FEAST OF BLACK NAZARENE
On Sunday January 14, 2024

Procession will start at 4:30 pm inside the church followed by Tagalog mass at 5pm.

Food will be served after the mass



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Regular Sunday Masses
(The Holy Family)
10:00am/12:00noon

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7:00 pm - Filipino Mass (Tagalog)
10:30am - Mass (English)

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1st, 2024

10:00 am - Mass (English)
12:00 am—Mass (English)
(No Evening Masses)

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Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024

Office and Church **CLOSED**
No evening Mass

PARISH/AFCM—PARISH MINISTRIES / VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION EVENING!



January 6th, 2024

6:00pm IN the Parish Hall

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1Corinthians 12:4-7) .

RSVP I is required! Please inform your parish/ AFCM coordinators if you wish to attend.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL SESSIONS BEGIN

FIRST COMMUNION

Face to Face Session
January 13, 2024
at 10:00am-12:00noon
in the Parish Hall



CONFIRMATION

Face to Face Session
January 13, 2024
at 2:00pm-4:00pm
in the Parish Hall



Marriage Sunday



MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2024

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo
February 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo 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 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. 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. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

PILGRIMAGE TO AUSTRIA, SLOVAKIA, GERMANY, SLOVENIA, CROATIA AND BOSNIA (MEDJUGORJE)



Under spiritual guidance of Rev. Lorenzo Salandanan, Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Toronto, ON
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HOLY HOUR

with Jesus

Thursday, January 4th,
2024

after the 7:00pm Mass

"Praying for the sick"



2024 Parish Envelopes/ Pre-Authorized Giving/

Thanks to all who have picked up your 2024 envelopes and use them faithfully each Sunday - envelopes for pick up are in the parish hall. **Please remember to mark your name and address or use address labels on the first few envelopes you use in this New Year...we appreciate your support!**

I invite each family to consider the option of Pre-Authorized Giving for the new year. The PAG registration form can be found in the foyer of the church or on our website and can be returned (along with void cheque) to the office directly or by dropping it into next Sunday's Offertory basket! Or please call the parish office.

Thanks to all on behalf of our Property and Finance Council who will be making their annual financial report to the parish in February, 2024



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