

# St. Joseph Parish

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## *Feast of the Holy Family*

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH : DECEMBER 31, 2023



Mary, the mother of Jesus is presented to us as a model of obedience and trust. Mary's joy is in glorifying the Lord. The "Magnificat" says "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior. tells the story." On this first day of the year, we are challenged to give God glory no matter what's going on in our lives. We have made it to this point in our lives because of our faith. While we journey in this life, we will encounter difficulties, pain, disappointment, and even hatred. Mary's response to us is that even though we experience these things, we will still encounter, joy, peace, love, and the promises made to us by her son, Jesus.

To make it clear that God's blessings are always with us, the first scripture reading from the Book of Numbers offers us the Blessing of Aaron. "May the Lord bless you and keep you..." God's blessings continue to rest among us. With deep faith and strong conviction, we continue to receive God's blessings. It is not by accident that scriptures on this first day of the New Year are about making sure that we receive and reflect on how blessed we are because of Christ dwelling among us. The model and witness of Mary further affirm God's love for us through all generations.

May this New Year bring us Peace and happiness. May sickness and war cease. May we know that we can have faith in God's promises no matter what else is going on in our lives. As we look over our life and reflect on how far we have come, we will know that we have been blessed. May all who are suffering this day or any day, find the comfort and support that they need to strive. Because we know that we are blessed, let us be a blessing to one another.

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace. (Nm 6:24-26)

Happy New Year 2024

With Blessings: Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



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Contact: 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

### The Week Ahead :

Jan 02:Memorial: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop & Doctors

Jan 03:Memorial: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Jan 04:Memorial: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Jan 05: Memorial St. John Neumann, Bishop

Jan 06: Memorial St. Andrei Bessette, Religious



## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing:

Friday, January 12, 2024 07:00 PM - Sunday, January 14, 2024 01:30 PM. Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering.

Men Ignatian Silent Retreat - facilitated by Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ. - "Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing." Praying with the Psalms. This silent weekend retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$250 per person which includes 2 night's accommodation with meals, spiritual direction and retreat program. **REGISTER: Email [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca) or visit <https://manresa-canada.ca>**

Windows on Theology Winter 2024 Course - Beyond

Polarities: Ignatian and Jesuit Sources for a Wounded World

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 11:00 AM - Wednesday,

February 28, 2024 12:45 PM . Regis College . In this Windows on

Theology course, Prof. Susan Wood, SCL will speak on how resources

drawn from the "Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius, as well as from

the Society of Jesus's reflection on its mission oriented to justice and

reconciliation in service of the faith, offer both a path to personal

conversion and tools for accompanying our fellow travelers and

offering Christ's healing in this wounded world. **To register, please**

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## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For December 2023:

### For Persons with Disabilities:

We pray that people living with disabilities maybe at the center of attention in society , and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY:** The Liturgy of the Word with Children during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. mass each week. This ministry is for school-children 4 years old and up. Special thanks to coordinators and volunteers who are dedicated to this important ministry for our children. Our trained leaders help the children to understand the readings of the day through prayers, discussions and activities.



**CHILDRENS' LITURGY  
AT SUNDAY MASS**

### First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Dates to Remember

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| Every Sunday From Nov. 26, 2023 to June 02, 2024 at 10:00 am | First Communion & Reconciliation Session (During the Children's Liturgy) |
| Parents' Meeting, Practice for Reconciliation & Holy         | May 25, 2024 at 10:00 am   |

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| Sacrament of Reconciliation             | June 01, 2024 10:00 am   |
| Celebration of the First Holy Communion | June 8, 2024 at 10:00 am |

### Sacrament of Confirmation Dates to Remember

Input Sessions: January 14, 21, 28, 2024/February 18, 2024 & March 03, 10,17, 2024. All Candidates are requested to attend Sunday 10:00 am mass. Sessions starts after the mass.



### WEEKEND COLLECTION: December 23-24, 2023: \$

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# † MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, December 31

10:00 am : † Estela & Leona Casballido

Req. Marilene Casballido

† Darrin Elliott

Req. Lourdes Elliott

**Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life to Josie Foster**

Req. Montifar Family

## Monday, January 01 :

10:00 am **Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Paez & Blanco Families

## Tuesday, January 02

9:00 am :

Req.

## Wednesday, January 03

7:00 pm :

Req.

## Thursday, January 04

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life to Elnora Paez**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

## Friday, January 05

7:00 pm † Leonora Paez

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

## Saturday, January 06

5:00 pm : **For the Intentions of St. Joseph Parish Community**



**St. Joseph, Pray for us.**

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