

A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus

St. Dominic

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Feast of the Holy Family

Mary Mother of God

REFLECTIONS

Pastor's Corner

Readings
Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

The first day of the year is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The early Christians already called her "Theotokos", which means "God-bearer". She is called Mother of God not because she is higher than God, for she is just a creature. She is called Mother of God simply because she bore in her womb and gave birth to Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal God.



As we begin the New Year, the Church invites us to honor Mary, the Mother of God. Just as human life starts in the womb of our mothers, so also we begin another year with the mother of all humankind, the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Christians, we begin the New Year with God. That is why we come together to pray in this Eucharistic celebration. We look back at the past year, and thank and praise God for His protection and all the blessings He has given us. And as we look ahead to the new year, we implore His continued providential guidance and presence in our life. We take courage from the words of Saint Paul: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31).

And we also begin the New Year with Mary, the Mother of God, and our Mother too. Let us go to Mary our Mother. Let us take refuge in the comfort and protection of her loving embrace. Rightly, then, that the first day of the year is World Day of Prayer for Peace. We come together to pray for peace in the world. We ask Jesus, the King of Peace, to be with us. We do this in confidence because we know that Mary, our loving Mother is with us. Full of trust in God's providence and protection, we enter the New Year filled with hope, joy and peace.

At the start of this year, let us earnestly invoke God's blessing on us and on our loved ones with the words of blessing in the first reading:

**"The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!" Amen**

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Fr. Terry

FAMILY DINNER DANCE

St. Dominic's Fundraiser Family Dinner Dance
For the Paving of The Parking Lot

Saturday January 27th, 2024. 7.00pm

Tickets \$45.00 Adults - Children under (12yrs) \$25.00
3 yrs and Under Free

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Sit Down Meal, Served Family Style

Menu: Chicken Cutlet, Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes. Salad. Dessert. Sweet
Table. Coffee/Tea

Water and 1 bottle of Wine per table

Cash Bar and Raffle Prizes

Live DJ

For Tickets Call the office and available after the weekend Masses.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Parish office will remain closed from Friday Dec 22nd, 2023 to Tuesday Jan 2nd, 2024.

The office reopens on Wednesday Jan 3rd, 2024.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Dec 31st
**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph**
9:30AM – Mass
11:30AM – Mass

Monday, Jan 1st
Holy Mother of God
9:30AM – Mass
11:30AM – Mass

Tuesday, Jan 2nd
St. Basil & St. Gregory
7:00PM – No Mass

Wednesday, Jan 3rd
Ferial
9:15am – No Mass

Thursday, Jan 4th
Ferial
7:00PM – Anna Torsiello †

Friday, Jan 5th
Ferial
8:00AM – Carla Barata (Special
Intention)
**NO EVENING MASS &
HOLY HOUR**

Saturday, Jan 6th
Ferial
9:15AM – Jason Medeiros †
5:00PM – Mass



➤ **SATB Choir Practice**

7:30PM every Monday

➤ **Folk Choir Practice**

7:30PM every Wednesday

➤ **Sunday Coffee**

Resumes on Jan 7, 2024

Dec 30th – Jan 06, 2024

NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS

Since the spring, we have raised \$44,000 for the loan repayment and we have pledges of another \$25,000 to be collected for a total of \$69,000. Our goal for the loan repayment campaign was \$200,000 since the Archdiocese has graciously allowed a matching program for our loan repayment campaign up to \$200,000. This means we are currently at 35% of our goal.

Secondly, we have raised \$31,000 for the capital campaign and have pledges of \$22,000 to be collected for a total of \$51,000 that has been raised so far. Our goal was to try to generate \$100,000 as we estimate that the resurfacing of the parking lot will cost \$150,000 and we have already previously raised \$50,000 through the family of faith campaign. That means we are at 51% of our goal, and again, this encouraging result deserves some congratulations.

We would like to thank those ministries and various parishioners who have been organizing events in support of these two concurrent campaigns. The creativity and support have been tremendous and speak to how dedicated our parishioners are to St. Dominic parish!

For those of us who would like to make a one-time donation, envelopes for the two campaigns are available at the entrances of the church and we have the ability to take online donations for each of the campaigns if you visit the St. Dominic's website (<https://stdominicmi.archtoronto.org>).

Once again, thank you for your amazing generosity which has started both campaigns on a great path. Working together we can continue to make these two campaigns a success.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

Community Outreach at St. Dominic's REPORT 2023

We were able to help 64 individuals and families this Christmas. We relied on word of mouth and tradition for parishioners to purchase gift cards from Loblaws, Metro, Walmart, Shopper's Drug Mart, Dollarama or Tim Horton's. And parishioners supported gift card donations! We raised approximately \$7200. in gift cards this year!

People responded in many ways to help people in need in our community. We were able to donate toys from the Peel Police Toys for Tots program, for children 13 and under.

Vincetians from the St. Dominic's Saint Vincent de Paul Society distributed the gift cards and toys on Dec. 15. We were able to support most people with a donation of \$100. If you dropped your cards off after the distribution date, we will use them throughout the year for monthly support. We also had coats, children's boots, hats scarves and mitts.

Income tax receipts will be issued with the St. Dominic's receipts. Thank you again for your generosity! You made people incredibly happy. People thanked us with tears in their eyes. Your giving makes our outreach possible! If you would like to donate to SVDP online:



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2024

Our Confirmation Program is a six-week on-line program designed for candidates and parents to attend together. Please register on-line through our Parish Website <https://stdominicmi.archtoronto.org/> under **Sacraments at St. Dominic.**

Parents and Candidates must attend an Information Meeting upstairs in the church on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm.** The cost of the program is \$65 and there is a Paypal link on the registration form. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the Information Meeting or to send a scan to confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com



For more information, please contact Beverly O'Grady, Pastoral Associate at 905-278-7762 ext. 4.

Seniors' Group

Our Seniors' Group is starting. If you are a Senior 60+

- Love to play Euchre, and
- Engage in lively conversations,

This is the group for you.

Come and join us on every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the Church Hall

Refreshments are provided.



Tai Chi

every Tuesday

11:00AM for everyone

Tuesday 12:00PM for seniors.

All are welcome!

NOTICE:

No Tai Chi from Dec 19 to Jan 2, 2024

RCIA

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or wish to complete your Sacrament, please contact St. Dominic's church office, and leave your name and telephone number. Our Catechist will be in touch and let you know about the program.



ALTAR SERVERS: WELCOME

New altar servers are always welcome. Open to all children that have completed their First Holy Communion. No experience required. Contact the parish office if you are interested and the coordinators will get in touch. Volunteer screening and consent forms are mandatory.

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.



For the Deceased:

William Cunningham †

Joseph Alward †

Jose Teixeira †

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend Dec 24th, 2023

Not known at the time of Publication

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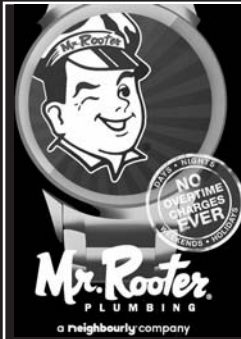
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