St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus

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Feast of the Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH







REFLECTIONS

Readings: ISamuel 1.20-22, 24-28 I John 3.1-2, 21-24 Luke 2.41-52

Sometimes when we think of "family" we picture a mother and father and two or three small children - a quiet, compact family that you see in so many family pictures. But that is the shortest phase in family life and really doesn't last long.

The normal and longest phase is the adult family, and it's the most challenging phase. It requires a lot of virtue, a lot of small kindnesses that you hope will have an effect, but maybe they won't. You just try to be patient and understanding, and you do your best. You can't take over other people's lives, or evaluate them and tell them to improve, as in an employeremployee relationship. You just do your best to be kind. There's a famous poem by Robert Frost about the death of the hired hand. A man and a woman are on



the porch of their farmhouse talking about an old hired hand who had returned that day, went to sleep in the barn, and died there. He had come home to die. The farm couple on the porch was talking about whether or not the old man had a home he could have gone to, and then they start talking about what it means to have a home. The man says: "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." The woman says, "I should have called it something you somehow haven't to deserve." I think the woman caught the heart of it. Home is the place where you receive a love and acceptance you don't have to earn.

On this Holy Family Sunday we remember that Jesus was part of an extended family, and that Jesus had a place he called home. It helps to realize that he experienced all that goes with this - the give and take, the imperfect relationships, and the need for patience, acceptance, and kindness.

Wishing you all a Blessed New Year 2025!

Fr. Jerry.

ST. DOMINIC'S FAMILY DINNER DANCE

We are Happy to announce our Second annual St. Dominic's Family Dinner Dance Just in time for Valentines Day, **on Saturday February 1st.**

We will Serve a full course meal Family Style, it includes Pasta, Chicken Cutlet, Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Wine, Sweet Table, Coffee/Tea. There will be a large raffle Draw with lots of great prizes to be won, also we will have some Spot Light Dance Prizes.

Tickets are \$50.00 each, Children 12yrs and under \$25.00 and Children 3yrs and under are Free.

Come Sing and Dance the night away, Music will be provided by DJ. Last year's Dinner was a great success and sold Out quickly.

Don't be disappointed, TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER THE WEEKEND MASSES AND DURING THE WEEK AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

> May God Bless you all and thank you for supporting St. Dominic's Driveway Paving Fundraiser.

December 29th – January 4th, 2025

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Mass - Tuesday, Dec 31 5:00pm New Year Day Mass - Wednesday, Jan 1st 9:30am, 11:30am



Parish office will remain closed on Jan 1^{st} , 2^{nd} & 3^{rd} , 2025.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Ist Communion Retreat: January 25th at 10am or 12pm at the Church Hall Ist Reconciliation: February 1st at 10am-12pm(Appointment Only) Ist Communion Retreat: April 5th at 10am or 12pm at the Church Hall Ist Communion: April 27th or May 4th at 2pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Information and Registration session for parent and candidate in person will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 2pm, in the parish hall. Parents are expected to be in the room with their child because they are under 18 years. <u>Celebration of Confirmation:</u> Tuesday June 3, 2025 at 7:00pm and Thursday, June 5,2025 at 7:pm

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Thank you for your generous donation in supporting our parish through your contributions. **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.** Ushers will be around to help you. *Please do not use these envelopes till 2025.* If you are not registered with the parish and would like to register and use envelopes please fill the registration card and drop it off at the office or hand them to the ushers. If you would like to use the pre-authorised option please contact the office.

BIBLE STUDY every Friday from 7:30pm-8:30pm. It will be in the hall. We encourage individuals, youth & families to attend. All are welcome! Please NOTE: There is NO Bible Study on First Friday of the month, you are encouraged to join the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

YOUTH UPCOMING SESSIONS:

January 11th 4-5 PM Dealing with Anxiety: How God Can Help Us Stay Calm Talk about ways to handle stress and fear by leaning on God through prayer and support from others. Exam Season OFF [Jan. 13-25]

> **Catholic Mom's Group Meetings: Tuesdays 7-8:30pm in the parish hall.** January 21st, February 18th, March 18th, April 22nd, May 20th & June 24th

Senior's Group

If you are a Senior 60+ Love to play Euchre, engage in lively conversations then this is the group for

you. All are welcome!

Come and join us on every Tuesday from I-3pm in the Church Hall Refreshments are provided.

From December 18th through January 2025. We will resume on Feb. 4, 2025.

RCIA session has resumed

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.

NEW Altar Server welcome

We always welcome new Altar Servers. Open to all children who 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.

We pray for all the sick in our community

For the Deceased:

Jose Botelho ው, Maria Sherlyn ው Anastacia Binaday ው, John Mangof ው, Fely Robles ው, Phyllis Horbatiuk ው Giovanna Marangoni ው

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend December 22, 2024

> Not known at the time of Publication

We thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of the parish.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

If you would like to volunteer for the Liturgy of the Word with children, please call the office at 905-278-7762 or email <u>stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org</u>

