# St. Dominic

## Roman Catholic Church

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Feast of the Holy Family

#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



#### Mass Intentions Of the Week

Sunday, Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – Pro Populo 11:30am – Eduardo DeSousa⊕

Monday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup> NO MASS

**Tuesday, Dec 30**<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm – Available

Wednesday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm –

Thursday, Jan 1st MARY MOTHER OF GOD

9:30am & 11:30am

#### FRIDAY, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> NO MORNING MASS

6:00pm – HOLY HOUR 7:00pm – MASS

Saturday, Dec 27th

9:15am - Available

5:00pm – Available

- ★ SATB Choir Practice
  7:30pm every Monday
- ★ Folk Choir Practice 7:30pm every Wednesday
- ★ Sunday Coffee
  Sunday after 9:30am Mass

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

If you're looking to make new friends, have a lot of fun and grow in your faith, then **COME JOIN US!** Scan Here:



## Pastor's Corner

#### **REFLECTIONS**

Readings: Sirac 3, 2-6. 12-14 Col 3, 12-21: Lk 22, 22-40

Today is the first Sunday of Christmas. It is a Sunday dedicated to the Holy Family of Nazareth. That is, the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is the model of every true Christian Family. Sociologically speaking, the family is the nucleus of the human society and the place where life and learning begins. The importance of today's celebration both in the life of the church and our society cannot be underestimated. First, it is meant to remind us of the specific and important role of the family as a sacred institution. That is, that the sustenance and subsistence of our society depends on the continuous existence of the family.

The first reading of this Sunday explicitly outlines the three different components of a family: father, mother and children. It equally outlines the position of each member in relation to one another: "The Lord honors the father in his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons." Each is important and unique in their positions. In today's second reading, Paul reminds us of the Christian virtues that are very important to sustain our families. Each member of the family must strive to acquire them. These include compassion, kindness, patience, and forgiveness towards every member of our family. Most importantly, Paul says: "Put on love and let the peace of Christ control your hearts."

Most families are not living in peace today. Instead of wearing the garment of love, they wear that of hatred. Paul sums up by reminding us of the role of each member of a family: "Fathers, love your wives and avoid bitterness towards them... Wives, respect your husbands... Children, obey your parents." These roles are crystal clear. characteristics of a family. That is prayer and unity of purpose. Together, Mary and Joseph took their son Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. So, they acted and prayed together for the good of their family.

When Herod threatened their baby, they decided together in prayers to flee to Egypt. This is a very important virtue to emulate from them today as we celebrate. This is especially in our world where individualism has done a great harm to our family relations. Prayer and unity sustain and help our families. This is especially, during difficult moments in life. This is true of the saying that "united we stand, divide we fall." Therefore, let us pray, Jesus, Mary and Joseph: make our hearts like unto yours.



Fr. Terry.

#### **NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS**

We like to thank the parish for patiently waiting for an update on our campaigns especially the capital campaign for our parking lot resurfacing. There was a lot of work behind the scenes. We had to get approval from the Archdiocese for several steps through the project. The Archdiocese insisted we hire an engineering firm for overseeing the project to make ensure the quality of work being performed. We had to go through a vendor selection process for an engineering firm. Once they were selected and approved the engineering firm had to approve the scope of the project and a budget and go through another vendor selection process for the company to do the paving. The engineering firm recommended that additional masonry work had to be done so that the parking lot asphalt didn't touch the brick of the building which would lead to deterioration of the building brickwork.

The contactor selected to do the paving quoted \$229,000. The masonry work was \$45,000 and the engineering firm was \$15,000 for a total cost of \$289,000. We have raised \$133,000 for the capital campaign. The Parish had previously raised \$56,000 from the Family of Faith campaign for a total of \$189,000. This means that we will have to borrow an additional \$100,000 from the Archdiocese to fund the project.

For the loan repayment we have raised \$127,000 of the \$200,000 goal or 63% of our goal. That means we can raise another \$73,000 that will be matched by the Archdiocese. The focus on the upcoming year is to repay the loan and take advantage of the matching program.

We would like to again thank the many ministries and various parishioners who have been organizing events in support of these two concurrent campaigns through bake sales, dinner/dances, BBQs, rose sales, and many other social events. The creativity and support have been tremendous and speak to how dedicated our parishioners are to St. Dominic's parish!

We hope this update further encourages everyone to continue the great momentum - 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 as well as the donation boxes. We also have the ability to take online donations for each of the campaigns if you visit the St. Dominic's website (<a href="https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org">https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org</a>). Those little cards at the back of the church have a QR code which will take you right to the website to set up a donation. Working together we can continue to make these two campaigns a success.

## Happy New Year 2026

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

<u>Please NOTE:</u> FIRST FRIDAY January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Holy Hour at 6pm & followed by Mass at 7pm (NO MORNING MASS)



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Thank you for your kind heart and for supporting our church!

#### **Bible study every Friday from**

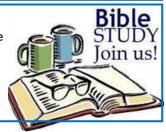
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**7:30pm-8:30pm.** It will be in the church hall.We encourage individuals, youth & families to attend.

#### 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.



#### 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.

#### Tai Chi class Every Tuesday!

FOR all ages from 10:30am -11:30am Yang Style Tai Chi 11:30pm -12:30pm

#### **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.

#### **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:

Joanne O'Gorman McCaffrey中, Mary Okeeffe中, Jeane Mattiussi中, Ginette Lamontagne中, Thelma Dunn中, Leonie Attard中, Viola Manella中

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION Weekend December 21st, 2025

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 stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org



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