

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – DECEMBER 27, 2020

## MASS INTENTIONS

*In light of public Mass cancellations in the Cathedral, our priests will celebrate private daily Masses for the intentions of our parishioners including those previously offered.*

### Monday, December 28: The Holy Innocents

Juan L. Villanueva (D)

### Tuesday, December 29

Priest's Intentions

### Wednesday, December 30

For the repose of the souls of those laid to rest in our Catholic Cemeteries

### Thursday, December 31

Dorothea Knapp Cooney (D)

Silvestre C. Garay (I)

### Friday, January 1: New Year's Day

### Saturday, January 2

Manolo Catalan (D)

Barbara Jaworski (D)

## MEMORIAL LAMP TRANSEPTS

| <u>Sacred Heart</u>            | <u>Immaculate Heart</u>    |
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| Arthur & Yolande Gregorio (D)  | Diego Liut (D)             |
| Rev. Favin Alemao & Family (I) | The Lie & Leong Family (D) |
| Rev. Favin Alemao (I)          | Lidya, Andi & Family (I)   |

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2021

Please be advised that the 2021 offertory envelopes will not be distributed at the Cathedral, but will be available for pick up from the Parish Office located at 200 Church St., Toronto, ON during the office hours.

## COMMUNION SERVICES

The pandemic lockdown for the City of Toronto has been extended until at least January 4, 2021.

Religious services remain very limited, with no more than 10 people allowed in the church and public Masses are cancelled during this time.

Parishioners, we would like to inform you that we continue to be open for private prayer during this period of lockdown and those who wish to receive Holy Communion may do so during the following hours:

- **Saturdays – from 3PM to 6PM**
- **Sundays – from 9AM to 1PM**

Please note the following information:

- Each Communion Service is limited to **8** people (plus Priest and staff member).
- Registration is not required.
- Due to the limited time and frequency of Communion Services, parishioners will be required to leave the Cathedral directly following the concluding prayer.
- Adherence to all Covid-19 protocols is mandatory, including wearing a mask, maintaining physical distancing and sanitizing your hands.

## JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT: VIDEO SERIES FOR ADVENT 2020

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents *Journey through Advent* with the Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. This short video series reflects on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in Advent. It can be accessed through the CCCB website or their YouTube channel.

[Click here to access the video series in English.](#)

[Click here to access the video series in French.](#)

We hope, especially in this time of COVID-19, that *Journey through Advent* will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful pastoral preparation for those who are looking for meaningful ways to welcome the Lord Jesus at Christmas.

## **REFLECTING ON THE MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP IN TODAY'S READINGS**

The Holy Family went through many of the same experiences that all parents and children experience today. They too would have had moments of great joy and difficult trials as well as many moments of simple ordinary life. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the perfect example of how families should live in holiness and stewardship. Let us take some time today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, to seek ways to imitate them. The Gospel from Luke recounts how "every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover." Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. They realized that while there are many important things that a child needs to grow, their relationship with God should be their first priority. They would have also taken Jesus to the synagogue and taught him how to pray and read the scriptures. We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well. We can strive to be great parental stewards just like Mary and Joseph. For starters, we should make attending Sunday Mass the most important aspect of our week. We can supplement this by regularly going as a family for times of Confession and trying to pray together at home. One beautiful practice we can try to adopt is praying the Rosary together. If an entire rosary together is too difficult due to everyone's schedules, perhaps we can pray just one decade together. Let us commit to making our families beautiful and holy just like that blessed family from Nazareth.

(Source: <https://archtoronto.org/stewardship>)

## **POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"**

His Holiness Pope Francis has proclaimed the "Year of Saint Joseph", from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 to mark the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

In his recent Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a loving, obedient, accepting and courageous father. He encourages us to seek him as "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble" and invites us to pray:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

To read the Holy Father's Apostolic letter, visit <http://www.vatican.va/>.