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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 *Livestream*

5:00 pm Serafino Guido R.I.P. - Guido Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 *Livestream*

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Domenico & Maria Suppa R.I.P. &
Domenico & Rosalia Gallippi R.I.P.
- Suppa & Gallippi Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

No Public Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

No Public Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 *New Year's Eve Livestream*

5:00 pm Catarina & Ivan Stekar R.I.P.
- Stekar Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 *New Year's Day Livestream*

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am In Thanksgiving to Mother Mary
- Vo-Nguyen Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2 *Livestream*

5:00 pm Leslie Mullally R.I.P.
- Bill & Kate Mullally

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 *Livestream*

9:00 am Caterina D'Elia Vaianisi R.I.P.
- D'Elia Family
11:00 am The People of the Parish

During the lockdown, please join us every weekend for the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. and the Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses as they will be livestreamed on Facebook. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses will also be livestreamed.

You can watch the livestreams here:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-John-the-Evangelist-Weston-101082665044541> or go to our website at stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org and click on the Facebook symbol. You do not require a Facebook account to view online.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN

Have you considered using the *Pre-Authorized Giving Plan*? Through the Archdiocese of Toronto, St. John the Evangelist has established a *Pre-Authorized Giving Plan* (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of St. John the Evangelist Parish through your regular parish offerings (**this does not include special collections**). Advantages for the donor is the convenience of your offering being received automatically every month (to be withdrawn from your account on the 20th day of each month) and your continual support of your parish when you are away.

The parish office will issue tax receipts for all offertory gifts. To enroll, or for additional information, please call the parish office. You may stop PAG at any time by simply writing a letter or email us with 30 days notice or contact your financial institution to cancel.



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

Please call the parish office if you would like to pick up your **Sunday Offering envelopes for 2021**. We will get back to you as soon as possible to arrange a date and time for pickup.



Pray

Sick: That they may be healed according to God's will, especially Emma Darini & Barbara Pigliacelli.

Deceased: For the family of God seeking eternal rest: that they may find light, happiness and peace.

Pope's December Evangelization Intention: *For a life of prayer* - We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1st



This feast recognized Mary as the physical parent of Christ, the God-Man defined at the Council of Ephesus in the 5th century. The third Mass of Christmas reflects the role of Mary in the Redemption, so her role has always been connected with the Christmas Mystery. Later from the 5th century to the 7th century, the feast was transferred to the Octave Day of Christmas, January 1.

Prior to the time that this feast occurred on January 1, New Year's Day was observed as a day of prayer to offset pagan practices, since there were many riotous pagan celebrations. In the 5th century until the Middle Ages it honoured Mary and her Divine Maternity. Then it was observed as the Octave of Christmas, which developed into the Feast of the Circumcision. From 1961 to 1969 the title changed back to the Octave of the Nativity. Finally in 1969 the ancient Marian character was restored, so that we have its present title. It is a Holy day of Obligation.

This Solemnity celebrates the part played by Mary in the Mystery of Salvation, exalts the singular dignity that this Mystery brings to the holy Mother, renews adoration to the newborn Prince of Peace, and implores from God, through Mary's intercession, the supreme gift of peace.

- Rev. Jovian P. Lang, OFM (1989) *Dictionary of the Liturgy*
Catholic Book Publishing Co., N.Y., P. 592

Due to holiday scheduling, this bulletin was printed a week in advance and, therefore, unable to report our weekly offerings and expenses. They will be reported in the January 3rd bulletin.

Thank you very much for your kind greetings, cards and various gifts over the holidays. On behalf of our parish staff and myself, I would like to extend our best wishes for a blessed New Year.

Fr. Maderak

New Year's Mass Schedule

Feast of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - Friday, January 1
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

At time of printing this bulletin, we are still in a lockdown and all public Masses have been cancelled. Therefore, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses will be livestreamed on our Facebook page. You can watch the livestreams here:

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Please visit our web page regularly at <https://stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org> for updates as we will post new information as it is made known to us.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, January 1, 2021



Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays will resume on Friday, January 8, 2021 and will be livestreamed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The Eucharistic Adoration begins with the Litany of the Sacred Heart, followed by the Rosary. You can watch the livestream on YouTube by clicking on the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXUahTw6s4jhFaQXcYjSgaw>

If you would like to attend please call the office to reserve a spot. The reason we are livestreaming on YouTube is so that the School can also join us since they do not have access to Facebook.

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