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Feast of the Holy Family



**DECEMBER 29, 2024
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**

Christmas Message to St. Boniface Parishioners.

A woman is filled with joy when she finds out that she has conceived and is carrying a new baby! She suffers incredible pain—mentally, emotionally, psychologically, physically and spiritually. Yet regardless of all these, or any unfortunate circumstances that may have surrounded the pregnancy, she stops crying at the birth of a healthy, new baby. Her whole countenance GLOWS in JOY; she recognizes the gift of her new-born baby; she rebuilds lost relationship that developed during the pregnancy—normal or painful and moves on in joy, hope and completeness.

Mary through her son Jesus, God, made human, calls upon us to move forward in life in joy, hope and completeness. Jesus' birth invites us to move farther away from any "little death" that we die from—failures, abusive relationship, broken relationships, depression, frustration, loss of loved one etc. Jesus' birth is a time for joy not "keeping silence" or avoiding another. Jesus' birth is a time to really celebrate life or a heart of love. His birth is a time to move farther away from anger, guilt, loneliness and hopelessness. It is a time to really change or enjoin a lost relationship with family and friends. It is a time to Know and to Rediscover who we really are or the kind of attitude we possess.

With Jesus' birth, love is the KEY that opens every door. This love urges us not to fight but to UNITE, to exult truth in order to make things right, to bring redemption to all we meet in life. In order for us to be redemptive agents, Jesus' birth asks us to re-commemorate the gift of Jesus' substantial presence in the Eucharist that we partake of. When we partake of the Eucharist, we must become "the justice" of Jesus in our world. The unifying power of the Eucharist must build us as God's family that foster, promotes and nurtures unity.

The way of the Church is the Synodality, which is inclusive and integral. We, the Christians, are to walk together like the Magi of the east who came to see newborn Christ by the signs of the present time to find Christ in our life. Like the Magi, we shall have to offer our gifts of great value: our devotion and love; our talent, treasure and time for Jesus.

May the birth of Jesus Christ, the son of God, bring unity and love in all of our lives. May the message of peace, happiness, joy and reconciliation prevail among all of us like the bright star.

We thank Felicita Selvadurai our parish secretary, Finance Committee, Building Committee, facilitators of RCIA, First Holy Communion/Reconciliation, Confirmation, Altar Servers, Lectors, our Sacristan (Nelia) and Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, for your working relationship with us. We are grateful to you! Dear friends, with the birth of Jesus, I urge you "to stop crying" and look to 2025 in joy, hope and completeness!

We wish you a joy-filled Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2025 filled with hope, good health, peace of mind and long life.

Fr. Alex Osei, CSSp.

Fr. Percy Acquah, CSSp.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER 28TH TO JANUARY 4TH 2024

Sat	Dec 28th	5:00pm -	Rosita S. Rivera †
Sun	Dec 29th	7:30am -	People of the Parish
		9:00am -	Sancia Alphonso †
		10:30am -	Thanksgiving for blessings received for the year for the Lopez Hernandez family
		12:00pm -	Edgardo Sunga †
Mon	Dec 30th	8:30am -	All Souls in Purgatory
Tue	Dec 31st	8:30am -	No Morning Mass
		5:00pm -	Thanksgiving for the Selvadurai Family
Wed	Jan 1st	7:30pm -	No Evening Mass
		9:00am -	Thanksgiving for the Francisragasam family
		11:00am -	People of the Parish
Thur	Jan 2nd	8:30am -	Croften Martyn†; Victor Martyn †; Hilda Martyn †; and all deceased members of the Martyn Family
Fri	Jan 3rd	7:30pm -	Thanksgiving for the Lugos Family
Sat	Jan 4th	8:30am -	Marcelina Apolonio Amores †

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
5:00PM
(NO MORNING MASS)



NEW YEAR'S DAY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST
9:00AM AND 11:00AM
(NO EVENING MASS)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM

Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word Program will be on **Sunday, January 12th 2025 at the 10:30am Mass.**

All Children ages 4 to 7 years of age are welcome.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA), Part-time (15-19 hours per week).

St. Boniface Parish, Scarborough, Ontario.

The Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA), under the direction of the Pastor, is responsible for religious education initiative in the parish including RCIA, Sunday school, and sacramental preparation for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Lay Pastoral Associate also serves as a liaison to three parish schools and is a member of the Pastoral Team.

Those wishing to be considered for the position should submit a resume and cover letter to Fr. Alex Osei, CSSp. Pastor, at **st.boniface@rogers.com** or **stbonifacesc@archtoronto.org** by **Friday, January 9th 2025**.

Applicants with formal pastoral education preferred. The successful applicant will be required to submit to a police background check.

Thank you to all those who have applied.



OUR SICK:

Ron McGarry; Erwin Wagner, Anne Dyer, Jocelyn San Juan, Amy McCordy, Roberto Ressa, Tonya Nedelkovski, Evelyn Santiago, Edgardo Ramos, Dina Sorbera, Joan Fitzgibbon, Virginia Johnson, Derek John Taylor, Oliver Malinowski, Derek Rosario, Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Cheryl Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Estela Pett, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Holly Macinnis, Ursula Solomon, Jennifer Solomon, Randeer Kumar Hulooman, Norma Dulnuan, Bill Filipchuk, Kathleen Filipchuk, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Jean Griffin Davis, Stephanie Solomon, Shirley Ecclejton, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignum, Ahilla Kissoon.

REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES **2024-2025**



If your child has not yet registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation, or if you know of anyone who has not received their Sacrament of Confirmation, please ask them to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible at 416-261-5983 to pick up a registration package.

Enrollment Ceremony for registered Candidates:

The enrollment ceremony where you will receive the Confirmation Cross is on the weekend of **January 11th & 12th, 2025** at any one of the Five (5) Masses. The Candidate, Parents, God-parent/Sponsor are all welcome to attend any ONE of these Masses.

Catholic Women's League of St. Boniface Parish (CWL)



Angel Tree:

There was an overwhelming response from parishioners with \$3,905 in gift cards and cash were donated towards our Angel Tree. Thank you for your generosity and for putting a joyful smile on the faces of needy families in our community this Christmas. The members of the CWL have teamed up with members of St. Vincent de Paul to distribute the gift cards to teenagers and families in need based on a list from St. Vincent de Paul.

Our special thanks to St Agatha Elementary School who have donated an additional \$500.

We wish you all a happy and joyous Christmas celebration with family and friends.

Thank you from the CWL and St. Vincent de Paul!

Membership:

Please pick up a registration form at the front entrance. Drop off your completed form with \$40 fee at the church office or put it in an envelope and place it in the collection basket.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your kind support throughout the year for SSVV and your generosity for our Christmas Collection. A 2024 tax receipt will be provided to anyone who provided their name and address. **Please note that the last day for 2024 SSVV donations will be Sunday December 29, 2024.** Any donations received after this day will be counted towards next year's (2025) donations.

Thank you for supporting our neighbours in need. If anyone is interested in volunteering with us, please contact: **stboniface@ssvptoronto.ca** or call the SSVV Helpline 416 261 3528 for more information.

Merry Christmas from SSVV

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