

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2024 ~ Liturgical Year C

## Mass Intentions

✠December 30, 2024 to January 5, 2025

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

**Monday.....NO MASS..... December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday.....December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

8:00 am ✠Geraldine Anne Claire Kogler (by Ludgi & Ginette)

✠Lena DePasquale (by Catholic Women's League)

5:00 pm ✠ Shauna Foster (by Family & Friends)

✠Diodoro "Ted" Carbone (by Family)

## The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**Wednesday.....January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

8:00 am ✠♥The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am ♥ **Special Intention of Fr. Asnigüe Merlet** (Friends)

✠ Haiti (by the Catechist Sisters)

11:00 am ✠ Saint Julia Sejour (by Children & Grandchildren)

✠ Saint Jean Phadael (by Family)

**Thursday..St. Basil The Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen  
Bishops, Doctors.....January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 am ✠ Vincenzo & Norina Umbriaco (by Family)

✠ Gertrude Doyle (by Mary Cody)

**7:00 pm** Sung Mass with Latin  
in Honor of the Holy Name Society

**Friday.....January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 am ✠ Fiorino Falovo (by Wife & children)

✠ Ann Iamonaco (by Maria Bussi)

**6:00 pm ♥♥♥** In Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus ♥♥♥

**Saturday.....January 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ✠ Raimondo & Mario Petrarola (by Wife & Family)

✠ Maria Gicante (by a Parishioner)

5:00 pm ✠ Domenic Ferrelli (by the Family)

✠ Giuseppe DiPompeo (by the Family)

✠ All the Souls in Purgatory (by Mary Cody)

✠ Archie Ghiendoni (by Sandy)

**Sunday.....The Epiphany of The Lord.....January 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ✠♥The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am ✠ Tony Longo (by Santino & Filomena Panunto)

✠ Salvatore Zangari (by Wife & Children)

11:00 am ♥ **Special Intention of Mary Cody & Mark Brennan**  
(by Rob & Jackie Messinger)

✠ Alicia Valdez (by Dexter Valdez)

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *Allegro Carbone*. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

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## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of January For the right to an education:

*Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.*

## Family

'Dear Family in Christ',

Some of you have caught on that I begin pretty much every homily and bulletin with those or similar words. Every year, the Church sets aside the Sunday after Christmas to honour the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In doing so, we are reminded of the simplicity and sacredness of God's plan for life, love, and revealing the mystery of His very self as Trinity-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

What does it mean to be family? Theological definitions and reflections abound, but one modern film puts it this way:

*"Family means no one gets left behind, or forgotten."*

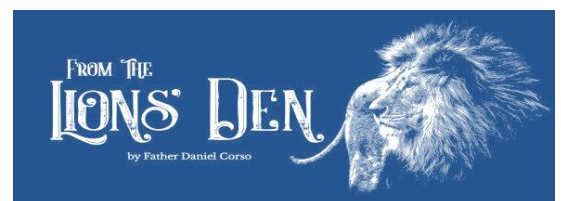
Based on that definition, I'd like to share a story: (\*Names have been changed for the purpose of anonymity, but the rest of this story is true\*)

After one of our Christmas Masses last year, I was greeting people at the door. It's always nice finding out what everyone is doing for Christmas day- the different traditions, who is going where, and what the menu will look like. As the line dwindled, I noticed \*Dana\*. Dana was relatively new to the area and to our parish and had no family in the area. In the busyness of Christmas preparations I had entirely forgotten that she would be spending it alone. My heart sank as she approached me... yet her face shone with a beautiful smile! Gesturing to the \*Schmidt\* family behind her, she shared that she had been invited to join them for Christmas dinner. They shared her smile and nodded excitedly at me. My heart nearly exploded. Is this not what it means to be a parish *family*?

Our parish is made up of so many different families, with different gifts and needs, abundances and poverty, both material and spiritual. In this family, no one is so poor that they have nothing to give- and no one is so rich that they are unable to receive. The beauty of a parish like ours is that, if we are willing to open our hearts to each other, each of our needs and gifts meet and are met with the opportunity to both give and receive- and it's not clear which is a bigger blessing.

None of us do this perfectly. It's tough, because it's so much easier to simply be individuals, not to be inconvenienced, to look out for ourselves, and not have to rely on anyone else. On this Feast of the Holy Family, maybe, just maybe, God is calling our parish to live a little more like a family. I invite you to pray about what this might look like for you. Please also pray for Father Janusz and I, that we would better model and facilitate what it means to be a parish family- where no one gets left behind, or forgotten.

God love you,



Father Daniel

♥♥♥ This week Bulletin is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus ♥♥♥

8<sup>th</sup> promise: "Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection."

**SANTA FAMIGLIA DI GESÙ, MARIA E GIUSEPPE / C**  
**Festa - 29 dicembre 2024**

*È vero, la famiglia di Nazaret è una famiglia particolare, ma è meno lontana da noi di quanto potremmo pensare e può essere una risorsa per il nostro tempo. In essa si apprende un amore totale e puro tra coniugi, e tra genitori e figli, ma, soprattutto, si impara qualcosa che oggi manca in molti: la capacità di amare l'altro senza credere di possederlo, perché tutti siamo di Dio.*

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**Felice Anno Nuovo a Tutti!**  
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**SANTA MESSA IL PRIMO VENERDÌ DLE MESSE♥♥♥**

3 Gennaio 2025 alle ore 6:00 pm. I devoti del Sacro Cuore e tutti parrocchiani sono benvenuti.

**THANK YOU:** Fr. Janusz, Fr. Daniel, Fr. Lizzotti in union with the Pastoral Staff of Our Lady of The Holy Rosary Parish, extend our sincerest gratitude to you, our parishioners and parish groups for your thoughtful generosity of gifts and prayers during the Holy Season of Christmas. Your faithfulness and support continue to be inspirational as we continue to build a community of faith.

**EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY**

*(Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)*

**This Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, the young adults of the diocese invite you to **join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship at St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catharines.** For more information, contact Fr. Daniel at [corso.danielanthony@gmail.com](mailto:corso.danielanthony@gmail.com) or follow us on [Instagram@emmaus.ya](https://www.instagram.com/emmaus.ya)

**THANK YOU:** We would like to sincerely thank the members of our Music Ministry and visiting choirs for sharing their time and talents to make the "From Advent to Christmas: A Musical Journey" concert so enjoyable. A special thank you goes to our Music Director, Debbie Tessier, for her tireless work of practicing, organizing and co-ordinating.



**Knight of Columbus Council #2319 Beef-On-A-Bun Dinner:** The popular monthly **beef-on-a-bun** is held on the **second Thursday of each month.** The format is takeout only. Beef on a bun, coleslaw and roasted potatoes for only \$12. See you on **Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**DONATIONS FOR 2024:** 2024 Income Tax Receipts will only be issued for donations received by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Any donations received this date will be recorded in the 2025 taxation year. To ensure that you receive your income tax receipt, please advise us of any address changes.

**\*NEW\* HOLY ROSARY YOUTH GROUP**

**Friday January 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm in the Parish Hall.**

*Young people in grades 6-12 are invited to join our youth group for fun, faith formation, and fellowship. For more information, to sign up, or to get involved, please contact Father Daniel.*

**Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year:**

The 2025 Jubilee of Hope will officially open on December 24, 2024, with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. In his Bull of Indiction "Spes Non Confundit", Pope Francis decreed that, "...on Sunday, December 29, 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year...". In our diocese, Bishop Gerard Bergie will celebrate Mass at 2:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines) Sunday, December 29, 2024, The Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year. All parishioners are encouraged and welcome to attend.

**Full-time Financial Assistant**

The Diocese of St. Catharines is seeking a full-time Financial Assistant. The successful applicant will be responsible for all aspects of financial accounting (including accounts receivable, accounts payable, bank reconciliations, trial balances and unaudited financial statements), payroll, employee benefits, pension plan, annual charity return and providing bookkeeping support to parishes. A Detailed job description can be found on the diocesan website at: <http://saintcd.com/employment>. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume by January 15, 2025 to John O'Brien, CFO ([jobrien@saintcd.com](mailto:jobrien@saintcd.com)).

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, like you we are members of the Father's family. We pray that our family love may reflect his love on its openness to all people. May we forgive even when not forgiven, and be patient with others' weaknesses. Jesus, give us peace, meet the difficulties we use our family of daily living. May the quality of life resources to improve for ourselves and all joy in serving, for whatever we do for others, we do for you. Mary, inspire us, that our love may be strong but not possessive. Let our willingness to give depend on the needs of others rather than on the cost of giving.*



*Joseph, help us to be attentive to the Father's will. Let us be ready, as you were, to act whenever he calls us. Amen.*

<https://www.liturgies.net/saints/holyfamily/prayer1.htm>