

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

## Saturday, December 28

4:30 p.m. Galipo & Baglieri Fam. Dec. Members  
Mary Florence (I) *For Wellness*

## Sunday, December 29

9:00 a.m. Mary Louise Shasky  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
12:15 p.m. Stella Silva

## Monday, December 30

8:00 a.m. Gennaro Di Piero  
Tasharee Whittingham

## Tuesday, December 31

8:00 a.m. Gulliermo Bautista Family (I) *Thanksgiving*  
11:15 p.m. Eriberto Munoz

## Wednesday, January 01

9:30 a.m. Philips Family (I) *Thanksgiving*  
11:00 a.m. Andres Alfonso (I) *Birthday*

## Thursday, January 02

8:00 a.m. Marie Sealy  
Jose Bautista

## Friday, January 03

8:00 a.m. Holy souls  
12:30 p.m. Benjamin Alcantara

## Saturday, January 04

9:00 a.m. Joseph Landizabal  
Oscar Cada

### Feast of the Holy Family – December 29, 2019



By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Rev. Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or on

[vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) or call Rev. Fr. Dominic Borg, OCD. Victor at 416-757-2806 or at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for more information.

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – A



Every year Christmas unites the weary and warring human family for a few days of rejoicing. Each year we are surprised anew at the richness of God's gift to us of Christ. From contemplating this gift we learn the meaning of self-giving love. Today's Mass centers on our human school of love, the family. Sirach comments on the fourth commandment to honor one's parents. The last verse of Colossians draw on a pre-Christian household code, but its first two sections are remarkable within a patriarchal culture for their fully Christian values: relationships are based on mutual love and forgiveness rather than subordination. With such love God sent his Son. The gospel reading remind us that the Holy Family was not spared the pain, separation, and need for trust experienced by those who love. Our suffering can be transformed by imitating Christ's love – a love which he learned from his parents. The miracle of Christmas assures us that God boundlessly enriches our everyday lives when lived with love.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

at all Masses on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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The PASTORAL TEAM at Fatima, the Parish PASTORAL COUNCIL and the FINANCE COUNCIL wish to extend to parishioners, their families and visitors heartfelt wishes for a blessed, peaceful and prosperous 2020. Thank you all for your help and support. We are really proud and privileged to be with you in the service of the Lord.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY



The Children's Liturgy meetings & First Holy Communion Classes resume next Sunday January 12, 2020 during the 10.30 am Mass. We would

like to see more children participating in this liturgy. Parents are encouraged to participate in the Christian education of their children by seeing that their kids are in church every Saturday or Sunday and participate in their liturgy.



**DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2020**

A **REMINDER!** The boxes with your donation envelopes for **2020** are ready for pick up at the back of the church. They are sorted in trays according to the family's last name, in alphabetical order. Parishioners are to start using them from **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. *Thanks.*



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that these Advertisements make our Bulletin possible. Do support the Bulletin and advertise your products or services with us. *Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422*

**INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2020**

*The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague Will this year be Celebrated within the evening Mass Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. .*



**Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools**



Kindergarten Registration starts on Wednesday, **January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020** – for children born in the years 2015 & 2016. Registrations will be accepted online at <http://soar.tcdsb.org>. OLF School Number 416-393-5252 and St. Joachim School 416-393-5292.

**For more details contact the Schools office.**

**OFFICE HOURS during the festive Christmas Season:**

- Sunday - December 22, 2019 ---- closed all day
- Monday - December 23, 2019 ----Open all day
- Tuesday - December 24, 2019 --- half day 9:00 am to noon
- Wednesday - December 25, 2019 --- closed all day
- Thursday - December 26, 2019 ---- closed all day
- Friday- December 27, 2019 ---- half day: 9.00 am to noon
- Saturday - December 28, 2019 ---- closed all day
- Sunday - December 29 2019 ----- closed all day
- Monday - December 30, 2019 ----- Open all day
- Tuesday - December 31, 2019 ----- half day 9:00 am to noon
- Wednesday - January 01, 2020 ----- closed all day
- Thursday - January 02, 2020 ----- half day 9:00 am to noon
- Friday - January 03, 2020 --- back to regular hours

**New Year Mass 2020 ( Courage )**

**School Mass for January**

Our Lady of Fatima School  
**Friday, Jan. 14, 2020 @ 9:00 am.**  
St. Joachim School  
**Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 @ 1:00p.m.**



**Confirmation classes [gd7s] start on Feb.1<sup>st</sup>.**

Candidates are reminder that classes start on Saturday, **February 1st**, in the church hall at 2.30 pm. The official **ENROLMENT** ceremony will be done during the 4.30 pm Mass in church on **Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. There is a commitment/information meeting for parents and candidates on **Friday, January 17 at 7:00 pm in our church hall**. All candidates are expected to be there and families are encouraged to participate in the Enrolment Mass. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the sessions listed in the schedule given during our initial meeting. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, at our parish or in another church, is also mandatory. *Thank you.*



**Interested in a P.A.G. [Pre-Authorized Giving] Plan?**

Pick up a flyer with more information about what is the 'pre-authorized giving' plan and how parishioners can participate. Is your personal data as registered in our records updated? Please inform the office (416-757-2806) about any changes in your information new address or new phone number or added members to your household! Thank you for your cooperation. **Update your data before we issue tax receipts for 2019.**



Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ:  
**✠Nolan Jonathan D. McGarry, Shawn I. Olorunyomi, Ethan Noel, & Tiara T. Noel**  
For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. Gals. 3:26

**Mary, Mother of God  
January 1 – The solemnity of ...**

Time and again the Old Testament considers the birth of a child, especially a first-born son, to be God's greatest blessing. But a more pessimistic strain occurs also, for to be human is to know uncertainty, pain and death. None can avoid this law. In his letter to the Galatians this is Paul's starting point. God's Son, a Jew born of Mary, knew the subjection of human life even to undergoing his people's custom of circumcision. His perfect acceptance of human life has filled it with glorious possibilities. Before we were slaves; now in the name of Jesus and through his Spirit we can call God *Father*. But what have these readings to do with Mary, mother of God? From the fifth century, January 1, was celebrated in Rome as her feast. The mother of this child must be remembered with him. Mary's assent to God's plan marks the new age of humanity allowing us to pass from slavery to the freedom of God's children. How blessed were we when God chose Mary to be the mother of his Son!



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