

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 31, 2023



## ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

#### FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

9:00 am †Alan Sr. & Alan Jr. del Puerto

11:00 am Special intention of Caroline Lobo

#### VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023 (NEW YEAR'S EVE)

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

9:00 am †Erma & Guido Barbisan

11:00 am †Lucy Lobo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

**NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 (9:00 AM)

† Rod Jones

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 (9:00 AM)

For the special intention of Alfonso & Stefanie DeAmaral

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Blessings for the Fernandes family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Luc Lim Hoyo Yee

### NO MASS ON TUES JAN 2ND EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wed. & Thurs. 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Friday 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

### DAILY DEVOTIONS

(after Mass)

Tuesday – Sts. Anne & Joachim

Wed. – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday - St. Jude

Friday – Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday – St. Michael

Confessions: Sat. 9:30 to 10:30 am

### Support Your Parish:

1. Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
2. Contribute to your parish offertory by credit card. You can make a one time or recurring contribution to your parish's offertory or other special funds.
3. Contribute through Pre-Authorized giving (PAG). You can obtain a form from the parish office or [click here](#) to download the form.
4. You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking.  
Email [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org)

## PASTOR'S BLOG

December 31, 2023

I am writing this blog from my parents place in Scarborough. After a little bit of a marathon of Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent and then Christmas, it was time for a little break. As I have mentioned in the past, it takes many hands to make our celebrations at St. Mary's beautiful, reverent and sacred. My thanks goes out to all those hands that assisted in achieving that goal: those who helped with our Christmas decorations (both financially and setting up), our talented musicians, cantors, choir, our lectors, ushers and altar servers.

The nice part about resting with my family is that as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, I get to reflect on how Jesus came into our messiness. We know that Jesus was entrusted to Mary and St. Joseph - the Holy Family - but he entered into the messiness of the human family. With all our dysfunction and brokenness, Jesus entered into it. But more than just entering into the messiness of the human family, he also entered into the mess of our own personal families. Our own experiences tell us that no family is perfect; but, hopefully every family is striving for holiness. That can only happen when we receive the gift of Jesus into our homes and into personal lives. Be assured of my prayers for your families and of course our parish family during these holy days.

Finally as a reminder, this weekend, like last weekend, we have two obligations to Holy Mass - the Feast of the Holy Family and Mary, Mother of God. So, I look forward to seeing you and your families twice over the long weekend. What a great way to end one year and start another - giving thanks and praise to God for all his blessings at Holy Mass.

Fr Michael

### SHARELIFE UPDATE

#### **ShareLife: Make a matching gift to support mental health**

**NEW:** Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.

Your support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto.

**Our parish has currently raised \$95,050.54 (76%) toward our goal of \$125,000.**

Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish  
with a ShareLife envelope or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

Offertory Envelope boxes, for the year 2024, are now available. If you have not received your box of envelopes or did not sign up for one, but would like to do so, please see Marilyn Fernandes at the back of the Church before or after any Mass on the weekend, call 905-278-2058 or email [MFernandes@archtoronto.org](mailto:MFernandes@archtoronto.org)

## 2023 TAX RECEIPTS

Please note that 2023 tax receipts will be issued for all donations received latest by December 31, 2023 (this includes donations received at all the Masses on December 31). Donations received on or after January 1, 2024 (this includes the New Year's Day Masses on January 1), will be receipted at the end of 2024.

If you have moved, please email your new address to Marilyn at [MFernandes@archtoronto.org](mailto:MFernandes@archtoronto.org) so that we can update our records before the tax receipts are mailed out.

## SSVP HLPLINE

For assistance, please call:  
647-628-2058

Leave your name, number and a brief message and someone will get back to you at the earliest.

## SSVP

Our team thanks you as always for your support. You have been very generous in responding to our Christmas appeal. Our wish is for peace and good health to all, and sufficient resources for our Neighbours in Need. Have a Happy and Blessed New Year.

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

### TABERNACLE

Successful Wedding of  
Uche Bende & Uchenna Arukwe

Divine Protection for  
Mr & Mrs Chris Ndukwe Bende

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Divine Favour for  
Clement & Oxazuwa Ikpowonba  
Divine Guidance for Ugochi Woodward

### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Divine Protection for the Wedding Guests of  
Uche Bende & Uchenna Arukwe

Divine Protection for the  
Bende, Aigbe, Ezenwa, Okeke & Arukwe families

### ST. JOSEPH

Divine Favour for  
Krisben Investment Limited

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