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Feast of the Holy Family

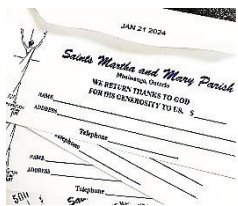
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE, DUBROVNIK, ST. PADRE PIO AND ROME

With Father Xavier De Pinto, Spiritual Director
July 7 – 18, 2025

Visiting the peaceful mountain hamlet of **Medjugorje** where the Virgin Mary has been appearing since June 25, 1981. **Dubrovnik** in Croatia, also known as the Pearl of the Adriatic, the beautiful shrine dedicated to St. Padre Pio in **San Giovanni Rotondo** and Catholic **Rome** where you will visit St. Peter's Basilica and 3 other Major Basilicas, the Sistine Chapel, and attend an Audience with the Pope if he is in Residence. It will be a pilgrimage of a lifetime! Space is limited.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES



Offertory envelope boxes for 2025 are now available at the front of the church. Please take your box and **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS** on the first 4 envelopes you use in JANUARY

2025. Please do not use your 2025 envelopes until January. Thank you for your generosity



Please note that the deadline for donations (included in the 2024 tax receipt) is **December 31, 2024**. Any donations **received after this date** will be counted towards your **2025** tax receipt.

WATCH MASS LIVE

Saint Martha and Mary Parish is now online you're able to watch our masses and special events through our website and this link.

Thank you to Boltwave for setting up our live streaming. I hope this will especially help those who are physically unable to attend our church. God Bless Fr Xavier.

https://cdn.boltwave.com/stsmam/stsmam_mississauga_on_ca_cdn_stream.html

PASTORAL LETTER ON EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS IN THE FAMILY

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) have released a Pastoral Letter *Called to Witness and Proclaim: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization and Catechesis in the Family*.

On this day, as we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, this resource is especially significant as it highlights some of the ways Jesus walks with families today in the context of the parish community.

The pastoral letter is available on the CCCB website at the following link: [Called-to-Witness-EN-2024-09-09-FINAL.pdf \(ccb.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca/Portals/0/2024-09-09-Called-to-Witness-EN-2024-09-09-FINAL.pdf)

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

January 1, 2024

In his message for the 58th World Day of Peace, which will take place on January 1, 2025, Pope Francis has entitled his message "Forgive us our offenses: grant us your peace." This message, signed on December 8 at the Vatican, focuses on several current issues and offers three concrete proposals for the new year: the cancellation of foreign debt, the abolition of the death penalty and the creation of a global fund to eradicate hunger.

LEGION OF MARY



Our new Legion of Mary group, "Queen of Heaven and Earth", has meetings held every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm in the JFK hall. Come and join us and learn more about your faith, the teachings of the Church, and the example of holiness set by the Virgin Mary and the saints.

ST JOSEPH CHAPEL

Our chapel is now available 24 hours a day. To find information on how to enter the chapel after office hours please contact the pastor, one of the sacristans or the parish office.

We have decided to do this to encourage participation in the year of prayer in anticipation for next year's Jubilee themed Pilgrims of Hope.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 – 9:00 A.M.

+ John Felix
+ Sophie Aguiar

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 A.M. Intentions of the Noronha Family
7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 – 9:00 A.M.

+ Yvette Rachel Dias

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 A.M.
7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

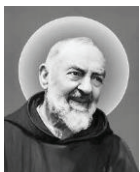
9:00 A.M.
4:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

To request a Mass come to the office and place the intention. Kindly do not put the request in the offertory basket.

PADRE PIO DEVOTION



Join us every Monday morning at 9 AM mass for a devotion to Padre Pio and be blessed by his relic. We also have a special mass the second Monday of the month at 7 PM in Italian. ☑

“Pray, Hope and don’t Worry”

- Padre Pio

ROSARY

Come join us every Wednesday night for the Rosary at 6:15 PM, followed by Mass at 7:00 PM in honour of our Lady of Perpetual Help.

SENIORS IN FRIENDSHIP



Christmas

The next Seniors in Friendship social group will meet on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025**. Have a blessed

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume on January 5th. We wish all our children and their families a happy advent and a joyous Christmas!

KNITTING CLUB

The knitting club will be on holiday break the last two weeks of December. We will restart on January 7th, 2025.

GOOD SHEPHERD NEEDS COFFEE



Give a Cup of Coffee – Feel the Warmth

With the weather getting colder, help Good Shepherd Ministries serve 1000 cups of coffee each day to people who struggle with homelessness and poverty. Kindly drop your donation of coffee in the bin located in our parish. Thank you for your generosity.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE



In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica. All are

invited to join in this special celebration. Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT

February 15 & 16

Please join us as we host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit.

The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to “virtually visit” the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration. St. Margaret Mary Parish, 8500 Islington Ave., Woodbridge. For more information call 905-851-2661 or email office@stmargmary.com

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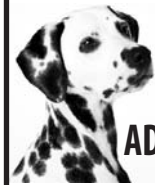
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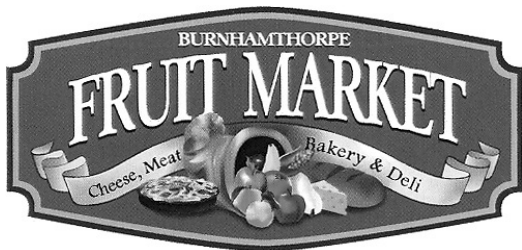
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