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Feast of the Holy Family

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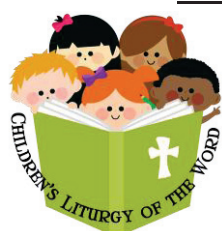
2026 DONATION ENVELOPES



The new donation envelopes for 2026 will be available in the Parish lobby. To ensure an accurate tax receipt kindly do not use these envelopes until the new year.

Please note: Parishioners who currently do not have donation envelopes and wish to obtain a box may register in the parish lobby those weekends. Also, we will be handing out the Pre-Authorized Giving Form (PAG) for parishioners who wish to donate through their Bank Account automatically every month. You can download the PAG form here: <https://tinyurl.com/yvmzcrk5>, or if you wish to register as member of the Parish click here: <https://tinyurl.com/2jdma2ra>.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sundays at 11:00 AM Mass: We will celebrate our last children's liturgy of 2025 on **Sunday, December 21st**. We will resume in the new year on **January 4th**.

Merry Christmas!

TIP TAP PAY - A NEW WAY TO GIVE

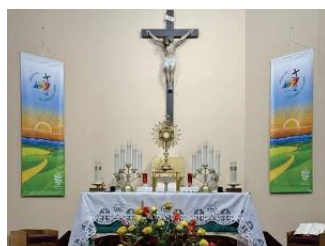


As you may already know, we have a new way of contributing to our parish offertory using your debit or credit card. To donate, please tap your credit or debit card on the device. That's it! You can also tap the device more than once to increase the amount you wish to contribute. No information is stored on the device, and it's encrypted. If you would like to receive an end-of-year tax receipt for tiptap gifts, after making your first tap, scan the QR code available on

the stand and enter your information, including your debit/credit card number. Tapping without registering your information will result in an anonymous gift to our parish offertory. You only need to register your card once.

The TIP TAP stand is located in the back lobby.

FIRST FRIDAY

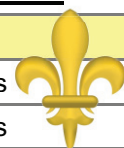


Friday, January 2, the first Friday of the month, we will celebrate our Holy Hour starting at 6:00 PM with devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Mass at 7:00 PM. Every first Friday now you'll have the opportunity of being blessed

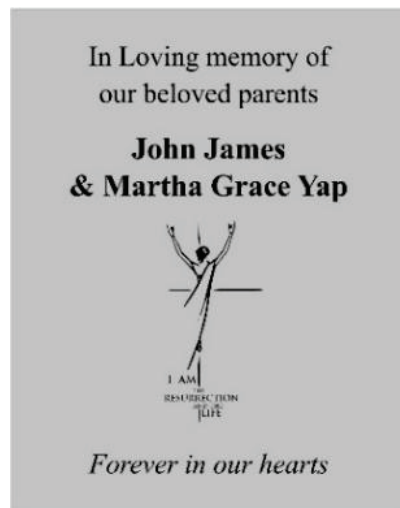
with the Holy Oil of St. Joseph with which St. Brother Andre would bless countless pilgrims.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God	
Wednesday, December 31	7:00 PM Mass
Thursday, January 1	9:00 AM Mass
	11:00 AM Mass



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES



The name of a beloved family member may be engraved on a memorial plaque as a lasting tribute. Would you like to honour someone from your family in this special way? St. Martha and Mary Parish will soon introduce a *Wall of Remembrance* to commemorate loved ones.

Each plaque, pewter in colour and measuring 7½" x 6", features the image of the Risen

Christ and personalized wording of your choice. The names inscribed on the Wall of Remembrance will be included in the *Prayers of the Faithful* at every weekend Mass. A donation of \$600.00 per plaque is requested. To reserve a plaque or learn more, please contact Anne Au-Yong at 905-625-5670 ext. 7.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – TOONIE COLLECTION

November 1 & 2, 2025



There will be a Toonie Collection after all masses Saturday January 3rd and Sunday January 4th, 2026. Your contribution and participation are greatly appreciated. We thank you for continuing to support our Neighbours in Need through the St. Vincent de

Paul Society.

REMEMBERING THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL



A bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and your gratitude for a lifetime of blessings! A gift to the parish or any of our diocesan charities in your will creates a lasting legacy that will help the church continue its heritage of service and pastoral care to the faith community. When making your will, please consider a bequest to our parish.

To learn more about making a bequest, please call the parish office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411 ext. 519 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 29 – Sunday, January 4

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 A.M. + Leslie & Yvette Dias

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 A.M. + John Felix & Sophie Aguiar
Sabrina Mendes

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 A.M. + Josefina Larios

7:00 P.M. + Urbane Noronha

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. + Gerry & Alice Mayo

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 A.M. + Yvette Rachel Dias

7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 A.M.

4:30 P.M. + Thomas & Geraldine Spitsz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 A.M. Mass of Thanksgiving
+ Takao Doi

11:00 A.M.

DID YOU KNOW?...

Veneration of the Holy Family was practiced in Canada in the 17th century and was especially promoted by Msgr. François de Montmorency-Laval, the first bishop of Canada. The feast was extended to the universal Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1893 and was inserted into the general Roman liturgical calendar by Pope Benedict XV in 1921.

In many places, New Year's Eve is called Sylvester because December 31 is the feast day of St. Sylvester (Silvester). Sylvester was pope from about 314 to 335 and was a contemporary of Emperor Constantine.

Theotokos is a Greek title of Mary. Strictly translated, it means "God-bearer," that is, "the one who gives birth to God." The Third Ecumenical Council, held at Ephesus in 431, solemnly affirmed that Mary is truly *Theotokos*. This title is especially used in the Eastern Christian traditions, including the Eastern Catholic Churches, while in the West it is commonly rendered as "Mother of God," an idiomatic equivalent expressing the same doctrine. The fact that Mary is the Mother of God is one of the dogmas of the Church.

The English name *Mary* comes from the Greek *Maria*, which in turn comes from the Hebrew *Miryam* (Miriam) or its Aramaic form *Mariam*. Aramaic was the main vernacular language spoken in the Holy Land in the time of Jesus.

Sts. Martha & Mary Rummage Sale Collection

Your donations will help raise funds for a much-needed lift, making our church accessible to everyone. Items can be left beside the Padre Pio Room.

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| Books | Artwork |
| Clothing | Tools |
| Housewares | Baby items |
| Electronics | Small furniture |
| Sporting Equipment | Bicycles |
| Gardening | Textiles |
| Craft Supplies | Jewellery / Accessories |
| | Toys / Games |
| | Paper / Plastic and Cloth Bags |
| | Tissue paper / Newspaper |

The sale is planned for April 18/2026
Thank You for your support.



If you are interested in helping organize, volunteering the day of the event or have questions please email: mina.vancardo@gmail.com

CONSIDER PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN (PAG)



The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account.

Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. PAG brochures and sign-up forms are available at the back of the Church and in the parish office. The form is also available on our website for download: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2pwvde>

To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it or bring it to the Parish Office. For additional information on PAG please contact the parish office. A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that year.

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