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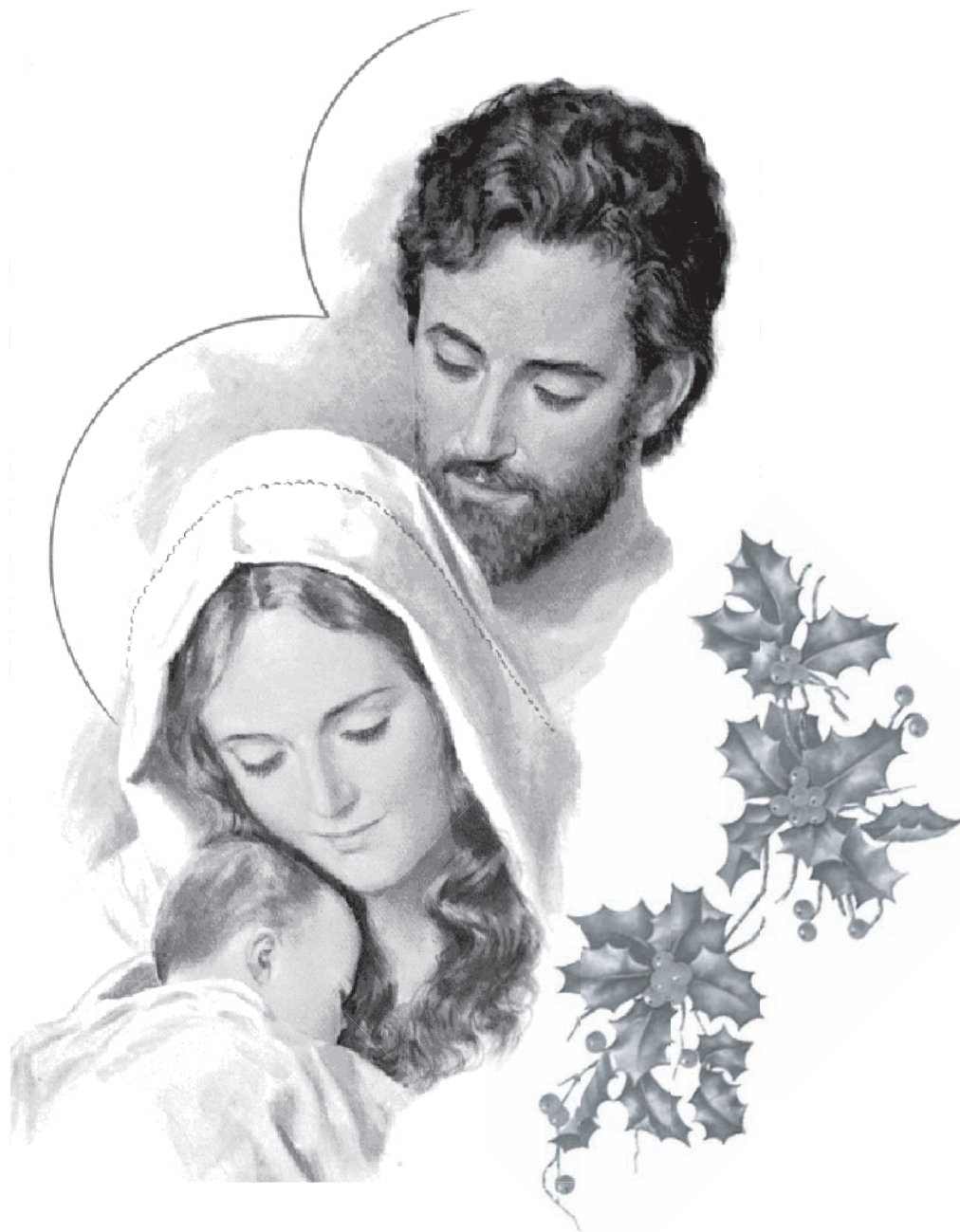
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*Feast of the Holy Family*

# The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Our God has appeared on the earth!

December 26, 2021

## Mass Intentions

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST Florestan Gonzalez - Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00pm	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS Geoffrey Artz - Family Holy Souls In Purgatory – Al & Cindy MacIntosh Loreta Santimano DeSousa - Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	Russell & Michael Tidball - Family Dee-Dee Quiming - Family Deceased member of the Rosario Family - Family Baby Aria Mary Kanneth – Verghese Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am	Catherine & Joseph Mathieson - Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	Nathan Galoni – McMahon Family Following Mass, Adoration until noon
5:00pm	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Gary Engel
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00am 11:00am	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass ( <i>Livestream</i> ) Mass ( <i>No Evening Mass</i> )



Due to early publication the offerings for this weekend will be posted the following week.

### Holiday Office Hours

December 29<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm – 4:00pm  
 December 30<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am – 4:00pm  
 December 31<sup>st</sup> – 8:30am – 12 Noon

Holy Family  
pray for us!



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### Scripture Readings of the Week

Mon. Dec. 27	1 John 1.1-4, John 20.2-8
Tues. Dec. 28	1 John 1.5-2.2, Matthew 2.13-18
Wed. Dec. 29	1 John 2.3-11, Luke 2.22-35
Thurs. Dec. 30	1 John 2.12-17, Luke 2.36-40
Fri. Dec. 31	1 John 2.18-21, John 1.1-18
Sat. Jan. 1	<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> Numbers 6.22-27, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.16-21
Sun. Jan. 2	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2.1-12

### HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups this week:

Monday:	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Tuesday:	Rev. Francisco Cruz
Wednesday:	Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)
Thursday:	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Friday:	Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
Saturday:	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

### New Year's Mass Schedule

January 1<sup>st</sup>, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Friday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	5:00pm
Saturday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am ( <i>Livestream</i> ), 11:00am No Evening Mass No afternoon confessions

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> (Epiphany)

9:00am (*Livestream*), 11:00am,  
8:00pm

### Thank You from Fr. John, Fr. Gregory and the Parish Staff

Thank you to all the parishioners for your generosity over the Christmas holidays, and thanks to everyone for the gifts that were dropped off at the rectory and the parish office over the holiday season. We sincerely appreciate the cards, gifts, prayers, and well wishes. Thanks to Linda Herlihey and all the musicians for all their hard work in preparing and providing music for the liturgies, especially at Christmas, and throughout the year. Thanks to Deacon Brian Dunn for his ongoing ministry in our parish and service at Mass. Thanks to Al & Cindy MacIntosh for their work in decorating the church each week and all the extras for Christmas. Thanks to all the ministry leaders for their work in scheduling and coordinating the various parish ministries throughout the year. Thanks to all the Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who helped at the Masses this year. We also extend a very big and sincere thank you to the Ushers and Greeters who were faithfully here at each Mass to ensure that we could be open safely with the pandemic restrictions. We pray that the celebration of our Lord's Birth may lead us all ever deeper in the Mystery of God's love, and that 2022 may be filled with an abundance of the Lord's blessings for us all!

### From the Pastor's Desk

As I reflect on this past year, perhaps the biggest surprise in my life was being named pastor of St. Paul's in June. That announcement was totally unexpected and brought about the unique and interesting situation of being the pastor and the person in charge of the parish, while being the youngest and least experienced member of the parish staff. I was ordained in 2019 and had only 6 months of "normal" parish experience before the pandemic wreaked havoc on our lives. I feel that I'm still figuring out how to be a priest with all of the challenges and unfamiliarity of living that new identity, let alone the pastor of St. Paul's which is one of the largest and most active parishes in the diocese. However, I couldn't imagine a more kind and understanding parish community in which to learn and grow. You have been such a blessing to me as I undertook these new responsibilities. I thank God every day for the gift of serving you, and I am sincerely striving to do my best to lead you closer to our Lord. I thank you for your continued prayers and support so that I can be an effective and holy pastor for you. God Bless. Fr. John

### Baptisms

We **WELCOME** the following who recently became part of our faith community through the sacrament of Baptism: Mason McIninch, Penelope McIninch, Alyssa Mackenzie, Josephine Mackenzie, Nicholas Joaquin, Benjamin Phares, Oliver Phares, and James Ramrattan

### Retirement of Linda Herlihey

Linda Herlihey, our parish Music director, will be retiring effective January 1, 2022. Linda has been a wonderful leader for the music ministry in our parish for the last 6 years, and we wish her and Gerard a very happy retirement. Linda will still be playing at the occasional Mass, wedding, and funeral at St. Paul's, and she will take on the scheduling and coordinating of the musicians until we hire a replacement in the future. We are grateful for the many years that Linda led our parish choirs, and may God bless Linda and Gerard abundantly for their service to our parish

### K of C Big Band Concert

On **Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** from **2:00 to 4:** the Knights of Columbus of Burlington are hosting an afternoon of "Big Band Music" featuring the Toronto All-Star Big Band. The price per ticket is only \$48.00. You can reserve your seat by calling the box office at 905-681-6000 or by going to their website at [www.burlingtonpac.ca](http://www.burlingtonpac.ca).

### Youtube Christmas Message

Check out our parish Youtube page, and see the Christmas message from Fr. John, Fr. Gregory, and Elisabeth! Search for "St. Paul the Apostle Burlington ON" or scan this QR code on your mobile device!



### Marriage Support

Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille – a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins **March 13, 2022**. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

### From a Parishioner:

I am really happy that we did not wait until our marriage was falling apart before we decided to get help. I even wish Retrouvaille was part of the marriage preparation course because, oh boy, it sure would have come in handy on some of our no holds barred shouting matches: you know, the ones you never could have imagined when you first got married, the ones where you bring up every little thing your spouse ever did wrong and wonder why they don't ever listen to you anymore (perhaps because you keep bringing up all of their flaws)?

We knew that we still loved each other, but often it was easier to each do our own thing rather than try to talk, especially about the big things like how to raise the kids. We were living the married single life: we were always together, especially during lockdown, but each doing our own thing, not enjoying being together. We had tried couples counseling in the past but it never worked because we both acted like defendants in a courtroom trying to prove our argument, always ready to counter-argue any criticism our spouse would throw our way. That was a recipe for disaster for us! I finally convinced my husband to try Retrouvaille after a particularly bad argument, when we noticed the negative effects of our constant bickering on our children.

I went into the Retrouvaille weekend convinced that my husband would finally realize how he had been neglecting my feelings and that he was the one who had the most work to do if our marriage was going to improve. Wow was I wrong!! What I learned was that we both needed to learn to communicate and to truly try to understand our spouse. I realized all the ways my husband showed his love and how I didn't notice it because I was too hung up on a certain demonstration of love. I am finally getting to understand why certain things are so important to him and even why some things he does are misinterpreted by me because of my own past. We are learning together that our feelings are valid. We are learning how to understand each other on a deeper level. And best of all, we don't have to share anything with a stranger like we had to in couple counseling. You only share with your spouse and that creates a deeper, more meaningful connection. Our marriage may not have needed saving as we were not at the point of separation; however, we definitely have a much better marriage now than ever. I would highly recommend Retrouvaille to any couple who feels a loss of connection with their spouse.

God Bless you,  
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