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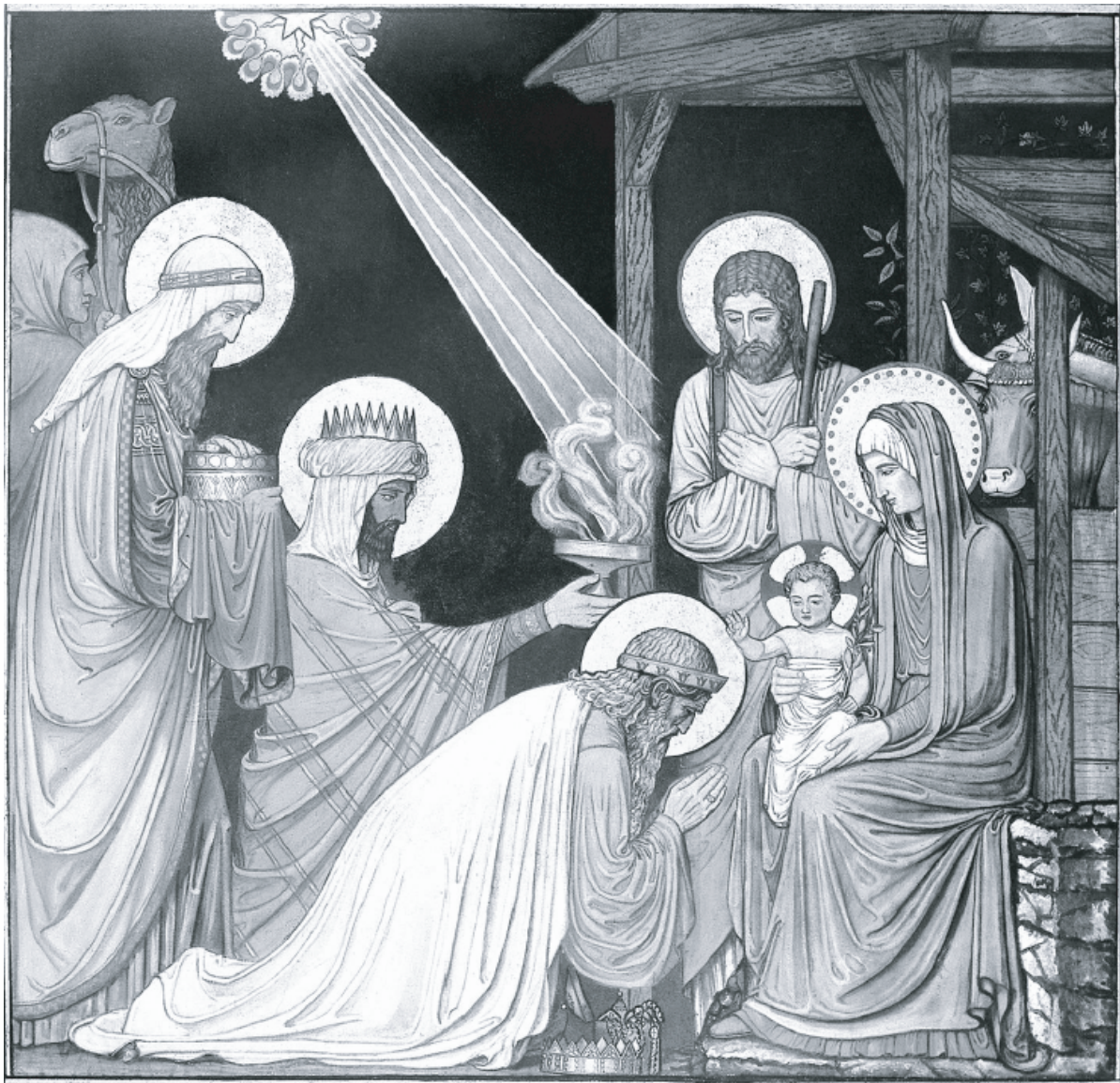
PARISH TEAM

Fr Paul Dobson Parish Priest

Fr Anish Alex Associate Pastor

Deacon George Jurenas

Deacon Oliver D'Mello



Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 28	The Holy Innocents
4:30 pm †	Rose Conklin
SUN 29	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:00 am †	Rose Conklin
9:30 am	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
11:00 am †	Beatrice Jonathan
12:30 pm	In Thanksgiving
6:00 pm †	Anamaria D'Sousa
MON 30	
8:30 am	In Thanksgiving
TUES 31	New Year's Eve
8:30 am †	Elias Alexander Alvares
WED 01	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
8:00 am 09:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm	
THUR 02	
8:30 am †	Manuel Costa Eglida Marrello
FRI 03	
8:30 am	<i>Multiple Intentions Mass</i>
7:30 pm †	Rosita Villanueva
SAT 04	
9:00 am	<i>Multiple Intentions Mass</i>

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Although we are used to thinking of Our Blessed Lady as the Mother of God, and honouring her as such, we must remember that there was a time in the history of the Church when certain theologians denied that Mary was God's Mother. They were prepared to allow that she was Mother of Christ the Lord, but claimed that she could not be, nor could any human person be, the Mother of Almighty God.

But the Church constantly believes otherwise, and at the Council of Ephesus in the year 431 A.D. the Bishops of the Universal Church met together to decree solemnly that the faith of the Church from the time of the Apostles has always been that Our Blessed Lady is indeed the "God-bearer" or, in Greek, the "*Theotókos*".

To celebrate this definition, Pope Liberius built a magnificent Church in Rome to honour Mary the Mother of God, the Church we still know today as "**St. Mary Major**", adorned with beautiful ancient mosaics depicting the role of the Mother of God and the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in her. The Roman Church from those times has honoured "***The Mother of God***" on January 1st.

~ FR. PAUL DOBSON

Pilgrimage with Fr. Anish Alex - April 28 – May 11, 2025

Visit: Fatima, Avila, Valencia, Montserrat, Barcelona, Andorra, Lourdes and other locations. Toronto Departure.

See flyers at both entrances for information or email group@qstours.com or call 905-412-3355 / 1-800-565-3619

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR January 8th 9:00 AM - *Frauds and Scams*

With Constable Ariel Reyes from the Peel Police department with an updated presentation on various scams and frauds to be aware of. Everyone is welcome and table offerings are always appreciated.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - resumes January 12

At the 11:00 am and 12:30 pm Masses

YEAR OF JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES

These designated holy places of worship have been identified in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year. The Archdiocesan site is St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto and for Western Region (our region) we have **Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Etobicoke & St. Mary's Parish in Brampton**. Each region will host Masses & Celebrations to focus our attention on the Jubilee Year as a faith community and bring us together on a regional level. For Western region St. Mary's Parish in Brampton will host Mass at 7:00 pm followed by a reception on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

For more information, please refer to the letter to parishioners in last weeks' bulletin or find the letter at the church entrances.

*** TAX RECEIPTS 2024 ***

2024 donations must be received by the parish (or dropped in lock box outside at back entrance of church) **by Tuesday, December 31 (not post marked)** to be included in 2024 donations, otherwise they will be credited to 2025.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The parish will reopen on Thursday January 2nd at 9:00 am. For funerals or an anointing leave a message on the emergency line as prompted. For other urgent matters please leave a message or send us an email.

Deacon George's **WALK-IN MINISTRY**
is suspended over Christmas until further notice

YOUTH MINISTRIES AT ST. JOSEPH

LifeTeen: Grades 9-12 | Edge: Grades 6-8
For more info or to register, email Megan, our Youth Minister at ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com
Follow us on Instagram @ym.stjosephmi to keep up with our schedule and events!

St. Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

NEW YEAR 2025

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

VIGIL Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 4:30 pm

Wednesday January 1st, 2025

8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm

MINISTRIES

ST. JOSEPH LifeTeen RETREAT

We are going on retreat!!! Join us for GROWING YOUNG, a LifeTeen overnight retreat focused on childlike faith and dependence on The Father.

For teens in grades 9-12 | When: Friday, Jan 31-Sunday, Feb 2

Email Youth Minister Megan, ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com, for more details and to register.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE – Adult Faith Study

Learn how to read and understand the entire Bible with Jeff Cavins, a renowned Bible teacher and author. The Bible Timeline study program uses a color-coded chart and video presentations to guide you through salvation history and the narrative of Scripture. Join these no cost sessions Monday evenings at 7pm (start Jan 13) in the hall or Tuesday mornings (start Jan 14) upstairs at 9am. Next sessions are Conquest & Judges Part 1 & 2 (read Joshua 1-4, 6-8, 16-24).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Vita Centre Donation Drive: In Support of Vita Centre, we are collecting baby items (formula, bottles, baby food, diapers, wipes and clothing). Please place items in the crib at the Church foyer. Please contact gk8661@ontariokofc.ca for monetary donations.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meetings every Wednesday in the Hall at 7 p.m.

Will resume from Wednesday, January 8, 2025 :

Upcoming Special Services:

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 7 p.m. – Hall

SAINT FAUSTINA AND THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Wednesday, January 29 – 6.45 p.m. – Church

“HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS” Celebrant: Reverend John Paul Bolger C.C. Catholic Chaplaincy at York University

Saturday, April 5 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Hall

“LENTEN RETREAT” – Details to follow

ALL ARE WELCOME!

AROUND THE ARCH

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2025 - February 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto) to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment and are welcome to attend. Register early to get reserved seating if celebrating a milestone anniversary (search Marriage Sunday at arch.toronto.org). All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

SPIRITUS WEST – Young Adult Ministry

Spiritus West is dedicated to gathering and forming Catholic men and women from across the region! Interested in meeting others on your faith journey, worshipping together and becoming formed by some of the greatest speakers around? For more information about upcoming events please contact Christopher Fraccaro at spirituswest@gmail.com.

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 29, 2024

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Movie Night on FORMED.ORG There are many movies to watch over the Christmas break and at any time of the year such as:

The Jesus Film | Jesus of Nazareth | Mary of Nazareth | Bakhita | Restless Heart | Padre Pio Miracle Man | The Siege of Vienna | The Violinist | Blessed Dun Scotus



DRAWing Closer to God - 6 lesson /stories

Join art teacher Ms. Kim as she teaches children (and grown-ups) draw different scenes from Scripture.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHANGED THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY.

Register with your email and parish code: **V9WRHN** or search for St. Joseph Parish Mississauga.

HUMAN FAMILY IN CHRIST

Are you looking for an Act of Charity this Christmas?

Please consider sponsoring an underprivileged child from Bolivia. Only \$5/day for 40 days [\$200 per year] will provide education and healthcare to a child for a whole year. Or make an impact with a one-time gift.

For information, please contact Marie Morrison at

kilgallenmorrison@gmail.com | (226) 384-3979

or Teresa Pimentel at (905) 858-0117.

Smile for the week:

What do French cats eat?

Answer

Chocolate Mousse

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