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*Feast of the Holy Family*

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – DECEMBER 27, 2020

### HOLY FAMILY



Today we contemplate the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In today's Gospel we hear about them doing the things they would do as a family, in particular fulfilling the rules of the Jewish faith, to which they ascribe. It is as the Presentation in the Temple, that we hear about the prophecy of Simeon. Simeon's prophecy is fulfilled in its totality over the centuries. Mary's heart knew the pain of seven swords that pierced it when she trembled for the life of the Child during the flight to Egypt; when he saw him exhausted, not understood, humiliated in his apostolate; when he was arrested, tried, tortured, and when he accompanied him on the way of the cross, seeing him suffer and die on the cross. Even today Mary continues to suffer with us when she looks upon our pains and sufferings, she continues to suffer with us who risk losing ourselves with our sins. The rays of love, brought to us by Jesus, must reach us and ignite to become a great fire that warms us and that gives us the courage to live and sacrifice ourselves in the name of Christ, so that the Mother of God can no longer look at us with tears in her eyes, but with a smile.

### HOLY DAY LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

#### Mary Mother of God

January 1 at 10:30 am  
Mass will only be livestreamed.

### CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Today is the last day we are collecting food items for Good Shepherd Ministries. You can help Good Shepherd feed those most in need by donating the following items: canned vegetables, canned meat, granola bars, juice boxes, salad dressing, canned stew, cookies, canned soup, and wrapped hard candy. A box has been placed in the vestibule to receive your donations. Please donate what you can and help others in our city receive the gift of hope this Christmas.

### OUR COLLECTIONS

Please consider supporting your parish, even if you are unable to come to the church!

For information on how to donate, please see our website (<https://stnicholasofbarito.archtoronto.org/About-Us/donate>).

Thank you for your generosity!

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 17:3b-5, 15-16; 21:1-7.  
Psalm: Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40.

**The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. —  
Luke 2:40**

It's amazing that the Son of God was part of a family here on earth and grew up just like each of us. He is God but he still was a human being and had to learn things just like we do. The favor of God was upon him and the favor of God is upon us. Just as Jesus was a child of God, so are we! We are precious to God, and he wants us to become strong and grow to love him and others, more and more. We also learn how to not be tricked into turning away from God and his teachings. God gives us parents to guide us and teach us right from wrong.

*Dear Lord, fill me with wisdom so I will know the right things to do so I will grow closer to you and to give you honor and glory.*

### CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!



*Father Bruno and the staff of our parish wish you and your Families a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Holy New Year!*

### REFLECTION ON STEWARDSHIP

It is through meditating on the Holy Family that we begin to learn how we are called to live in our own homes. The Holy Family had to work, cook meals, clean the house, and wash their clothes and every other regular activity that we too perform, yet they did all these ordinary things with extraordinary love. We too should look to be stewards in our own homes by using our time and gifts to serve our family members with great love and sacrifice.

### COVID RESTRICTIONS

Current Covid-19 restrictions limit the number of people in the Church to 10 persons. Because of this the Cardinal has canceled all public Masses. The Church will remain open for private prayer, Tuesday to Friday from 8:00am to 12:00 noon.

## St. Nicholas of Bari Parish 2019 Financial Report to Parishioners

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Offertory	54,032.75	49,878.89
Other Collections	4,181.34	11,152.40
Easter & Christmas	2,359.30	1,977.65
Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals	15,195.00	17,410.00
Mass Intentions	7,390.90	8,350.70
Other Donations	13,096.00	2,254.00
Hall Rental	6,000.00	2,100.00
Eritrean Community	31,000.00	27,600.00
Parish Programs	6,155.50	3,330.00
Building Funds	12,426.60	19,626.16
Social Receipts	13,620.70	19,150.00
Candies	23,903.88	24,574.18
Sundry Receipts	14,410.92	17,412.90
Archdiocesan Collections	8,962.30	6,569.00
<b>Total Receipts before Subsidies</b>	212,735.19	212,385.88
Total Payments before Subsidies	(243,077.02)	(215,337.46)
Net Income before Subsidies	(30,341.83)	(2,951.58)
Loans	0.00	44,413.00
<b>Subsidies</b>		
ORAT (Refugee) Funding	18,968.00	0.00
Family of Faith Subsidies	36,250.00	25,000.00
Subsidized Expenses	(41,844.99)	(15,096.91)
Total Subsidies	13,373.01	9,903.09
Opening Book Balance	71,406.34	20,041.83
<b>Parish Income</b>	(16,968.82)	51,364.51
<b>Closing Book Balance</b>	54,437.52	71,406.34

<b>Payments</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Salaries	76,802.84	71,800.60
Payroll Expenses	9,055.14	9,467.17
Office Supplies, Services	10,397.64	11,811.90
Church Insurance & Utilities	29,149.28	32,211.41
Property/Equipment Repairs	15,956.20	20,473.19
Liturgical Expenses	7,574.96	2,582.48
Other Church Expenses	3,996.88	7,717.09
Parish program Expenses	561.00	2,693.22
Security Service Expenses	20,764.68	1,322.68
Hall Expenses	13.14	2,123.10
HST Paid	14,520.11	5,263.19
Rectory Expenses	21,810.48	14,527.34
Candles	15,619.45	16,996.94
Clergy Health/Pension	168.12	152.50
Sundry Expenses	6,084.25	8,697.07
Principal Loan Repayment	168.13	191.88
Interest on Loan	2,203.18	874.00
Archdiocesan Collections	8,231.54	6,431.70
<b>Total Payments Before Subsidies</b>	243,077.02	215,337.46
Subsidized Expenses	41,844.99	15,096.91
<b>Total Payments</b>	284,922.01	230,434.3

<b>Loan With Chancery</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	59,042.37	14,821.25
Principal Loan Repayment	(168.13)	(191.88)
Loan Advances	-	44,413.00
		0.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>	58,874.24	59,042.37

<b>Family of Faith Account With Chancery</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	1,073.13	664.01
New Proceeds	672.50	767.50
Interest Paid	34.67	25.37
Redemptions	(336.25)	(383.75)
<b>Closing Balance</b>	1,444.05	1,073.13

## FESTA DELLA SACRA FAMIGLIA – 27 DICEMBRE 2020



**Because of COVID-19, by decree of His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, Masses and other functions in the parishes of Toronto and Peel Region are cancelled, until further notice. Church will remain open for private prayer only.**

Please know, Fr. Bruno will be saying private Masses for the parishioners and their intentions.

### **December 27 Sunday/Domenica**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY / FESTA DELLA SANTA FAMIGLIA

9:00am - Cancelled / Cancellato

10:30 - Mass will be livestreamed - Lorenzo D'Archangelo, Antonio e Francesco Lippa

12:00pm - Catholic Ge'ez Rite - LIVESTREAMED

### **December 28 Monday/Lunedì**

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS / FESTA DEI SANTI INNOCENTI

*No MASS TODAY*

### **December 29 Tuesday/Martedì**

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

11:00am - Catholic Ge'ez Rite - LIVESTREAMED

### **December 30 Wednesday/Mercoledì**

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

### **December 31 Thursday/Giovedì**

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

11:00am - Catholic Ge'ez Rite - LIVESTREAMED

### **January 1 Friday/Venerdì**

SOLEMNITY OF THE MARY, MOTHER OF GOD / SOLENNITÀ DI MARIA, MADRE DI DIO

10:30am - LIVESTREAMED

### **January 2 Saturday/Sabato**

Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen / Memoriale di San Basilio Magno e San Gregorio Nazianzeno

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

### **January 3 Sunday/Domenica**

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / SOLENNITÀ DELL'EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE

9:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

10:30 - MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED -

12:00pm - Catholic Ge'ez Rite - LIVESTREAMED

### **SANTA FAMIGLIA**



Oggi contempliamo la Sacra Famiglia: Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe. Nel Vangelo di oggi sentiamo parlare di loro che fanno le cose che farebbero come famiglia, in particolare adempiendo alle regole della fede ebraica, alle quali si iscrivono. È come la Presentazione al Tempio, che sentiamo parlare della profezia di Simeone. La profezia di Simeone si è compiuta nella sua totalità nel corso dei secoli.

Il cuore di Maria ha conosciuto il dolore di sette spade che l'hanno trafitto quando ha tremato per la vita del Bambino durante la fuga in Egitto; quando lo ha visto esausto, non compreso, umiliato nel suo apostolato; quando è stato arrestato, processato, torturato, e quando lo ha accompagnato sulla via della croce, vedendolo soffrire e morire sulla croce. Ancora oggi Maria continua a soffrire con noi quando guarda i nostri dolori e le nostre sofferenze, continua a soffrire con noi che rischiamo di perderci con i nostri peccati. I raggi dell'amore, portati da Gesù, devono raggiungerci e infiammarsi per diventare un grande fuoco che ci riscalda e che ci dà il coraggio di vivere e di sacrificarci nel nome di Cristo, affinché la Madre di Dio non ci guardi più con le lacrime agli occhi, ma con il sorriso.

### *AUGURI DI SANTO NATALE*

*Padre Bruno e il personale della nostra parrocchia vi augurano a voi e alle vostre Famiglie un Santo Natale e Un felicissimo e Santo Anno Nuovo!*



### **DONAZIONE DI CIBO PER NATALE**

Oggi è l'ultimo giorno di raccolta dei prodotti alimentari per i Good Shepherd Ministries. Una scatola è stata posta nel vestibolo per ricevere le vostre donazioni. Vi preghiamo di donare ciò che potete e di aiutare gli altri nella nostra città a ricevere il dono della speranza questo Natale.

### **LE NOSTRE COLLEZIONI**

Considerate la possibilità di sostenere la vostra parrocchia, anche se non potete venire in chiesa!

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