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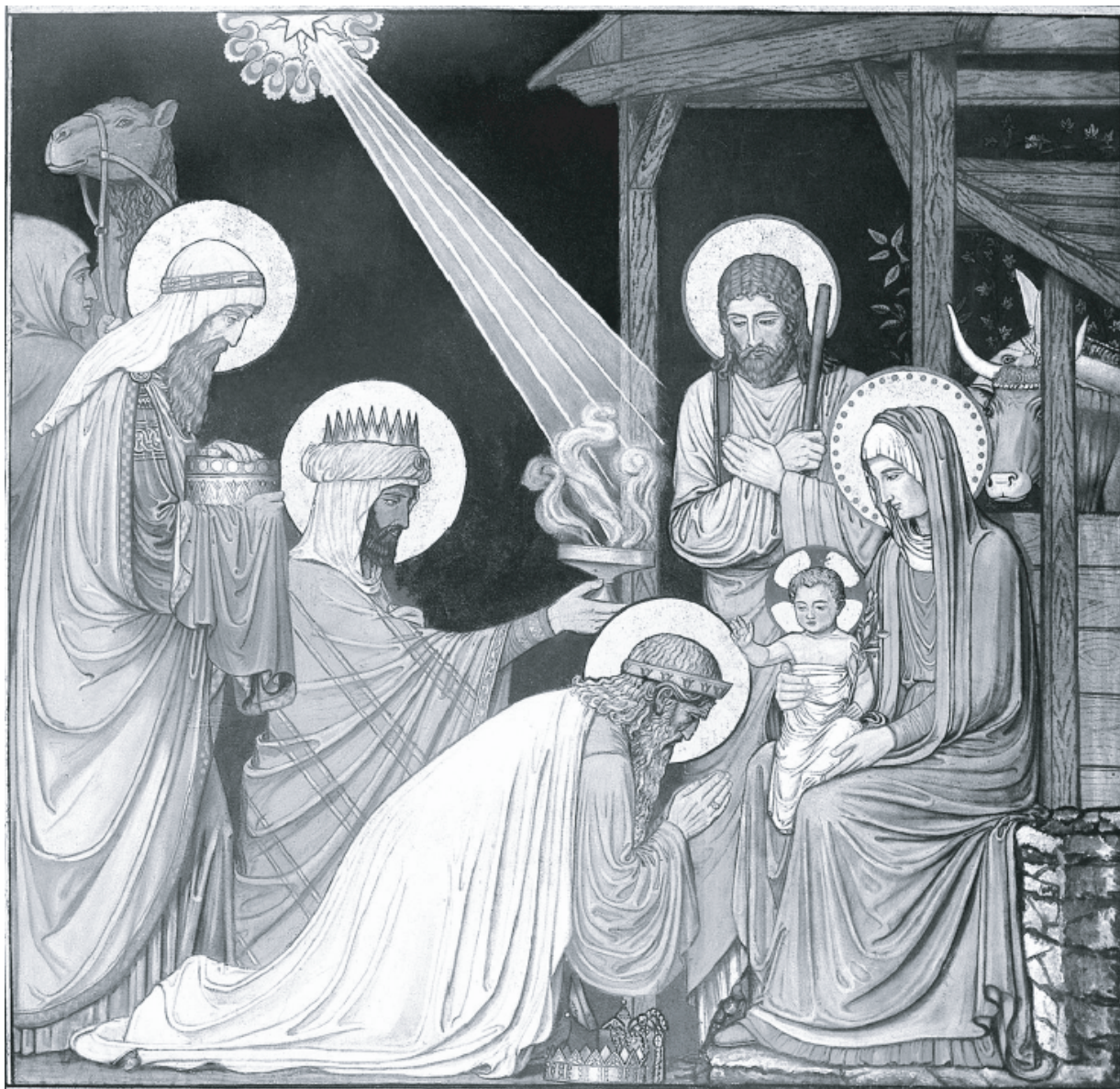
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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY & NEW YEAR 2025



Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we reflect on Mary, Joseph, and Jesus—the model of love, faith, and unity for all families. The Gospel today takes us back to the moment when it all began: the Annunciation. The angel Gabriel appears to Mary with astonishing news: she is chosen to be the mother of God's Son. Now, imagine Mary's situation. She's young, living a quiet life, likely planning her future, and suddenly, everything changes. The angel tells her: "Do not be afraid, Mary." And her response, "Let it be done to me according to your word," is an act of incredible faith and trust in God. As young families, you probably know what it feels like to have your plans turned upside down. Parenthood itself is a constant lesson in unexpected moments! Maybe you've had days when the kids are sick, the house is a mess, and you feel like you're barely holding it together. Or perhaps you've faced big decisions, financial struggles, or doubts about how to guide your children. Mary and Joseph faced challenges too. They had to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus, search for Him when He was lost in the temple, and ultimately walk with Him to the cross. But through it all, they remained united in their love for God and for each other. The Holy Family shows us that a perfect family is not one without struggles but one that trusts in God through those struggles. They remind us that holiness is found not in perfection but in love, faith, and daily acts of kindness.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

If you are a new member or haven't yet registered, please fill out the registration form on the back cover of the bulletin and drop it into the collection basket at any mass.

2025 COLLECTION ENVELOPE SETS AVAILABLE

Please pick up your next year's collection envelope sets in the lobby before or after the Mass.

Thank you,

Thank you for your generous donation of flowers and financial support during this Christmas season. Fr. Bruno

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

As we step into this new year, may it be filled with God's abundant blessings, peace, and joy for you and your loved ones. May your faith continue to guide you, your hope inspire you, and your love for one another grow stronger each day. Let us walk together as a community, embracing the opportunities ahead to deepen our connection with Christ and share His light with the world. Wishing you a year of health, happiness, and spiritual renewal. Happy New Year!

Fr. Bruno

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE *Tuesday December 24*

Christmas Eve

8:00 p.m. - Bilingual Mass (Italian/English)

Sunday December 29

9:00 a.m. - Italian Mass
10:30 a.m. - English Mass

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1st

9:00 a.m. - Italian Mass
11:00 a.m. - English Mass

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on January 1, 2025. Please call us if any emergency occurs and we will respond as soon as possible.

Join Us for the Children's Liturgy



**SUNDAY MORNINGS
10:30 AM MASS**

The Children's Liturgy is back, and we can't wait to welcome your children! This is a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the Mass in a way that's engaging, meaningful, and tailored just for them. During the liturgy, children will hear the Sunday Gospel in a way that connects with their hearts and minds, helping them grow in faith and understanding. **All children are invited to join, especially those preparing for their First Reconciliation and Communion!** We strongly encourage their attendance as part of their faith journey.

RENT THE PARISH HALL

St. Nicholas of Bari Parish Hall is available for Rent for small parties. Please contact the Parish Office at (416) 654-8908 for more details.

SANTA FAMIGLIA E CAPODANNO 2025



December 29 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am –

10:30am –

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

December 30 Monday/Lunedì

No mass today ----- Nessuna messa oggi

December 31 Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am – Repose of the soul, of Luis David Garzon, Carmen Flores, Maria Eugenia Alvarado; For the generosity of St. Nicholas's parishioners; Holy Spirit's guidance for the families who have difficulties with separation, divorce, court hearings, custody of children, housing; Birthday blessings upon Fredy Atilio Chacon, Ingrid del Camen Gonzalez, Sarah Peña Monge

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

January 1 Wednesday/Mercoledì

9:00am – Messa di Capodanno (Italian)

11:00am – New Year Mass (English)

January 2 Thursday/Giovedì

8:00am - Repose of the soul of Rossana Crescenzi, Aida de Chacon; End of Abortion & Euthanasia; For all Priest living and deceased; Healing of Jacob Lee McEwen, Otto, Walter, Irene, Ania, James Breggar, Gloria, Joe, Lucia, Pinargote Castro Family & Mily

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

January 3 Friday/Venerdì

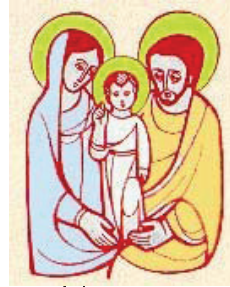
8:00am – Repose of the soul of Enriqueta Moto de Rodas, Krenija Poljak; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; Repentance, conversion, peace in the world; Healing of Ivette, Pax, Emriz, Emma Sophia Greco, Han Ycaza; Birthday blessings upon Julio Gonzalez, Sr; Thanksgiving Wedding Anniversary Karen & Claudio Calix

January 4 Saturday/Sabato

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Lucio Rego, Sonia Mabel Gonzalez, John Michael Fee; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; For the unborn, orphan & unbaptized children; All souls in Purgatory, for all migrants, refugees, prisoners, dying, sick, lonely, unemployed, poor; Thanksgiving to Heavenly Father for all Sacraments Thanksgiving for the anniversary of ordination Rev. Priest Jibin, Rev. Priest Jojo

January 5 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am –



Oggi celebriamo la festa della Santa Famiglia, un momento speciale in cui riflettere sul dono della famiglia e sul suo ruolo nella nostra vita. Il Vangelo di Luca ci racconta un episodio molto particolare: Gesù, ancora ragazzino, si perde a Gerusalemme, lasciando Maria e Giuseppe in ansia per tre giorni. Questo episodio ci mostra che persino nella famiglia più santa della storia ci sono state difficoltà e incomprensioni. Maria e Giuseppe erano genitori attenti, ma anche loro, per un momento, hanno sperimentato quel senso di smarrimento che ogni genitore conosce. E voi, cari che avete cresciuto figli e nipoti, sapete bene cosa vuol dire preoccuparsi per loro. Forse anche voi, come Maria e Giuseppe, avete vissuto notti insonni, momenti di incertezza, o situazioni in cui non capivate le scelte dei vostri figli. Ma guardiamo a come Maria e Giuseppe affrontano questa situazione. Non si disperano, non si arrendono: cercano Gesù con fiducia e determinazione. E quando finalmente lo trovano nel Tempio, lo vedono immerso nelle cose del Padre. Questa scena ci ricorda che ogni famiglia è chiamata a mettere Dio al centro. Cari fratelli e sorelle, la famiglia non è mai perfetta. Ci sono sempre momenti di gioia, ma anche di fatica, incomprensioni e sfide. Tuttavia, ciò che rende una famiglia santa non è l'assenza di problemi, ma la presenza di Dio. Quando una famiglia prega insieme, quando si sostiene nei momenti difficili, quando mette l'amore al primo posto, diventa una piccola immagine della Santa Famiglia di Nazareth.

AUGURI DI BUON ANNO 2025

Con l'arrivo del nuovo anno, desidero inviarvi i miei più sinceri auguri di pace, gioia e benedizioni. Che il 2025 sia per ciascuno di voi un tempo di crescita nella fede, di serenità nelle famiglie e di solidarietà nella nostra comunità. San Nicola, nostro patrono, ci ispiri a vivere con generosità e amore, seguendo l'esempio di Cristo. Prego affinché il Signore accompagni i vostri passi, illumini le vostre scelte e riempia i vostri cuori di speranza. Un augurio speciale a voi e alle vostre famiglie per un anno ricco di grazia e prosperità. Con affetto e preghiera,
Padre Bruno

ORARIO MESSA DEL CAPODANNO

Domenica, 29 Dicembre

9:00 a.m. – Messa in Italiano

10:30 a.m. – Messa in Inglese

Nuovo Anno – Mercoledì, 1 Gennaio 2025

9:00 a.m. – Messa in Italiano

11:00 a.m. – Messa in Inglese

Nota bene: l'ufficio rimane chiuso : Giovedì 26 Dicembre 2024 e Mercoledì, 1 Gennaio 2025

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