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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am
11:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday: 5:00pm
Friday: 5:00pm

REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome! They are requested to register at the parish office



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- all by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND

HOLY COMMUNION

Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org.

Schools in the area:

St. Anselm	416-393-5243
Holy Cross	416-393-5242
Canadian Martyrs	416-393-5251
St. John XXIII	416-429-4000



Make Family Holy

Today's liturgy invites our attention to two families: Abraham and Sarah, Joseph and Mary. **Their adventurous acts in forging their way and in forming themselves as God's people are reminiscent of the struggles faced by families today.** In an article titled "Unintended Consequences", Fr. James Smith illustrates the impact of social pressures on American Life. 'Unintended consequences' is an expression used by social scientists to account for side effects of larger issues. On this feast of Holy Family it is worth reflecting on the "unintended consequences" of modern life on Canadian families.

Years ago we thought that technology and work-saving devices would give us more free time. But, in fact, now we work more hours than people did twenty five years ago. Lack of time is the worst problem of the families at present.

Both parents have to work now, whereas one parent's work was enough in the past. Why? Needs increased. Today parents think of themselves becoming successful only if they house their children in certain neighbourhoods, clothe them in designer clothes, feed them

junk food and teach them to take care of themselves.

Now the parents spend more time at work than with the children for the good of the children. If they sincerely believe so, **are they not considering themselves as providers rather than companions?** Does it not mean that parents think children prefer presents from them rather than their personal presence? And does it not turn their children into little more than small consumers?

We may not be able to control outside forces, but we can remain in charge of our inner lives. **We can decide that people are more important than things.** We can decide that **families are worth more than careers.** We can decide that we have values worth handing on to our children; and they would be better people for having them. We can decide that our children would benefit by our presence. **We can decide that our family should be holy.**

PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

May Jesus, our Lord and Saviour grant you graces and blessings beyond all measure. May He bless your heart and home with healing, love, and contentment, and may He give us all the great privilege of serving Him in the coming years ahead. A Glorious and Peaceful NEW YEAR to All!

Through Him, with Him, and in Him...

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, ". . . do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."