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THE HOLY FAMILY

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

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WEEKEND MASS

We are so happy to be able to gather once again to celebrate Mass with you! Our current restriction is 158 parishioners at each Mass. Please register for mass at **blessedozanam.ca/registering-for-mass/**

St. Brother André Catholic High School
6160 - 16th Avenue, Markham

Saturday	5 p.m.
Sunday	9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

CONFESSION

Saturday 4 – 4:45 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

Praying the News | December 27, 2020

"...they took him up to Jerusalem
to present him to the Lord."

\- Luke 2:22

Dear Lord, your Blessed Mother and Joseph presented You in the temple to acknowledge the precious gift You were, and are, from the Father. They were also told of both the joy and pain that loving You would bring. Lord, help us love our families and friends through this world's current trials and tragedies. We pray we will also hold the hope of faith and share the joy of Your presence in our lives.

Holy Family, pray for us. Amen!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph– December 27, 2020

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, December 30, 2020		**pre-recorded**
12:00 p.m.	available	
New Year's Eve - Dec. 31, 2020		**Live-stream**
4:30 p.m.	available	
Saturday, January 2, 2021 (Sunday Mass)		**pre-recorded**
5:00 p.m.	+ Joseph Lee	
	+ Claire Law Wing	

All Masses will be available on our YouTube channel and directly through the link on our parish website. They are also available for viewing after the initial time indicated above.

ST. PAUL CENTER

Follow the link below for an insightful reflection titled "Why do we call Mary the Mother of God?"
https://stpaulcenter.com/why-do-we-call-mary-the-mother-of-god-2/.
Also, as we reflect this weekend on the Feast of the Holy Family, Dr. Scott Hahn offers the following short audio:
https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/our-true-home-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-feast-of-the-holy-family-2/.

St. Paul Center's website offers bible studies, audio, podcasts, and videos, many of which are free and all of which are sure to enrich you on your spiritual journey.

CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Solemnity of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

December 31st, 2020 @ 4:30 pm

Dear Friends, I would like to invite you and encourage you to join us in spirit in consecrating our parish, our families, and ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the great Solemnity of the Mother of God (during the live-stream of our New Year's Day Mass at 4:30pm on Thursday, December 31st). What better way to usher in the New Year than to entrust ourselves to Our Blessed Mother, just as Her Divine Son did.

By consecrating ourselves to Mary, we place ourselves under Her care and protection, and allow Her to embrace us even more closely. "In doing this we are following the example of ***God himself.*** After all, He was the first person to entrust himself to her. St John Paul II explains, "for it must be recognized that before anyone else it was God himself, the Eternal Father, *who entrusted himself to the Virgin of Nazareth,* giving her his own Son in the mystery of the Incarnation" (*Redemptoris Mater, 39*).

Now, more than ever, we need the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. So, we encourage you to be consecrated to our Blessed Mother as families, as spouses, parents, children – to give everything to Her, who has given us everything in Christ!

Sacramental News at BFO Parish

INFANT & SCHOOL AGE BAPTISM

If you have recently had a baby, or perhaps have a child about to enter the school system who has not yet been baptized, kindly contact the parish office at 289-554-0556 ext. 0, for more information regarding this first Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic faith.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2020/2021 IS NOW OPEN

Preliminary Online Registration is now available on our parish website for students in Grade 7 in our four parish schools, public, private, or other Catholic schools. Please visit our website:

www.blessedozanam.ca

for important information and to download the required forms.

For further assistance, please contact our Confirmation Co-ordinator,

Kristina Mariano

at 289-554-0556 ext. 6

or email: youth@blessedozanam.ca

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATIONS 2020-2021

Registration for all grade 2 students who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion in the Spring of 2021 has taken place. If you have not yet registered your child, please visit our website: https://www.blessedozanam.ca/first-communion-registration-2020

Please contact our First Communion Coordinator, Josie Addorisio, for more information or to make arrangements to submit your child's registration and pick up your child's workbooks.
Please call: 289-554-0556, ext. 7, or email Josie at: firstcommunion@blessedozanam.ca.

If your child is in grade 3 – 8 and has not received their First Communion, or if your child attends a Private, Public, or Other Catholic School, and you would like your child to receive the Sacraments, please contact Josie.

-The deadline for registrations is Monday, January 4, 2021-

December 27, 2020 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
SIR 3:2-6, 12-14; PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; COL 3:12-21; LK 2:22-40

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are also called to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

St. Paul calls us to put on “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience… as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.” Let us “give thanks to God the Father” by being good stewards of His love and mercy to all our family members.

Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesized about what was to come, Jesus' parents were “amazed at what was said about him.” We can imagine that two parents would be taken back by these words! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan.

God’s plan will fulfill our hearts more than we could have ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender, and be attentive to God’s voice.

— Stewardship Reflections by *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins

January 4, 2021

Parents are invited to register online at:
www.ycdsb.ca/admissions

Following submission of an online registration, you will be asked to upload the following documents via a secure link:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent) or a Catholic Church in Communion with the Holy See of Rome
- Proof of age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School Support (i.e. MPAC Assessment Notice), or you can complete a school support form that is included in the registration package.

JK: Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2021 (born in 2017)

SK: Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2021 (born in 2016)

If your child is already attending a YCDSB school for JK registration is not required.

For information, contact the Admissions Department:

www.ycdsb.ca/admissions @ycdsb 905-713-2711 or 416-221-5050

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving

knowing that all that I am and all that I have is a gift from you.

In faith and love, help me to do your will.

I am listening, Lord God.

Speak your words into the depth of my soul,

that I may hear you clearly.

I offer to you this day all the facets of my life,

whether it be at home, at work, or at school –

to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.

Give me the wisdom and insight

to understand your will for me

and the fervor to fulfill my good intentions.

I offer my gifts of time, talent, and possessions to you

as a true act of faith,

to reflect my love for you and my neighbour.

Help me to reach out to others as you, my God,

Have reached out to me.

Amen.

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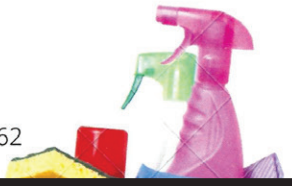

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