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LIVING YOUR FAITH

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, Dec. 30 at 5:15 pm
Sunday, Dec. 31
8:00am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

New Year's Eve Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sunday, Dec 31 at 5:00 pm

New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Monday, Jan 1, 2024
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

Additional seating available in the parish hall.



For unto us a child is born

Holy Family Prayer

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.
(Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 325)

Daily Mass Times

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am
Saturdays (Vigil Mass): 5:15pm
Sundays: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

Adoration & Confessions
Mondays: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Mondays: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
(except on Dec 25 & Jan. 1)
Saturdays: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Tuesdays before 9am daily Mass

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. CHRIS

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shone.”
Isaiah 9:2



As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, may His light illuminate your life and His peace fill your heart. On behalf of the entire OLS Parish team, may God bless you and your families this Christmas and may all the darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ.

Watch the Christmas video message from Fr. Chris on our YouTube channel - <https://bit.ly/3RPPigy>

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Donations for 2023 must be received by Sunday, Dec. 31 to be included in the 2023 donation receipt.

Parish Office - The parish office will be closed on Dec. 25 & 26 to Jan. 1, 2024. Voicemail and email messages will be monitored.

2024 Offertory Envelopes will not be mailed out to parishioners. **NEW this year** - simply pick up a box of donation envelopes in the church entrance and begin using your new numbered envelopes starting January 1, 2024. Please write your name & address on the first few envelopes, and that number will be assigned to you for 2024. If you have not used envelopes for your donations before, now's the time to start! Begin using the envelopes to make your charitable donations count in 2024.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) - The PAG program allows parishioners to make a single monthly donation through their bank account or by credit card to cover weekly offertory and/or special collections. To enroll, please go to <https://bit.ly/3RCTJlw>.

Parish Registration - If you are new or attend Mass regularly at OLS and not registered, we invite you to register with the parish. Registering ensures you receive all communications from the parish and your information is current for sacramental requests. Young adults (18+), should be registered as individuals. To register, simply go to <http://bit.ly/3vbp4t4>.

Communion for Shut-Ins - Do you know someone from our parish community who is not able to attend Mass because of health issues? Please let the parish office know so that an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can visit to administer Holy Communion.

2024 Calendars & Missals

- Calendars are available in the Bloor foyer or from a Minister of Hospitality.
- Missals (\$7.00 each) are on the book rack in the Bloor foyer. You can place your payment in the envelope provided and drop it in the offertory or mail slot at the parish office.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

We appreciate your ongoing support to help keep our parish in good working order.

Along with regular routine maintenance to prepare the property for the winter season, the following maintenance and repair projects were undertaken:

- HVAC \$3,761
- Elevator/Fire/Security \$3,309
- Electrical \$11,589
- Roof & Bell Tower \$36,545

Special Collection for Roof/Maintenance - January 7, 2024.

PARISH EVENTS

Adoration & Confessions - On Monday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2024 there will be no Adoration & Confessions. Resumes on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024.

Coffee Friday: Jan. 5 - Start off the New Year by sharing a coffee and conversation in the parish hall following the 9:00 am Mass.

Liturgy of the Word with Children - On Sunday, Dec. 24 and Sunday, Dec. 31, children are asked to be with their families for Mass. There will be no Liturgy of the Word with Children on those days. We look forward to seeing children ages 4 to 10 in the new year, Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 at the 9:30am Mass.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENT

We invite you to take a few minutes to view Archbishop Leo's Christmas message. Go to <https://bit.ly/3RVKqgy>



As we begin this New Year, we place ourselves under the protection of the Mother of God, who is also our mother. May she help us to keep and ponder all things, unafraid of trials, in the joyful certainty that the Lord is faithful and knows how to change crosses into resurrections. ~ Pope Francis

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,
 I wish you and your family a blessed and Happy New Year!

May you continue to grow in your faith, share kindness with your neighbour and pray for peace in our world in 2024. Let us take time to reflect and give thanks to God for all our blessings.

In the spirit of gratitude, I would like to thank our clergy, parish staff, ministry leaders and volunteers who serve our parish community.

God Bless,
 Fr. Chris

COMMUNITY

Give yourself the gift of a joyful marriage! - The Retrouvaille program helps couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. It's a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin but welcomes couples of all faiths. The next Retrouvaille Weekend is Jan. 19 to 21, 2024, in Mississauga. Visit torontoretrovaille.com or call 437-234-5610.

Mass Intentions
 FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 25 - 31, 2023	Jan. 1 - 7, 2024
CHRISTMAS DAY	
8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm - Parish Intentions	
Tues. 9:00am †Massimo Nottes by Gordon & Inis Mansell	Mon. 8:00am Parish Intentions
Wed. 9:00am †Elizabeth Cascagnett by Marie Clarke	9:30am †Emmanuel Lee by McKee family
Thurs. 9:00am †Gilbert Alves by Carlos Alves	11:00am †Veradis Nielsen by Carol & Bob Mitchell
Fri. 9:00am †Fernando Rivero by Carlos Alves	12:30pm Parish Intentions
Sat. 9:00am †Amelia Udasco by Tessie Udasco	Tues. 9:00am †Fred Kuehn by Rena Guerard
5:15pm †Giuliana & †Osvaldo Giusfredi by Pia & Aurelia Galli	Wed. 9:00am †Fred Kuehn by Cathy Sbrolla
Sun. 8:00am †Jose Vines by family	Thurs. 9:00am †Bill Jones by Michael Foran
9:30am †Gennaro Della Rocca by Anna Boyko & family	Fri. 9:00am Living & Deceased members of Goseco, Valencia & Feliciano Families by Linda Feliciano
11:00am Parish Intentions	Sat. 9:00am †Mercado & † Ferrick families by Anadina Ferrick
12:30pm †Jacob Russell by Albert & Wanda Imbrogono	5:15pm †Veronica & Gus Lanzarotta by Luanne D'Amico
	Sun 8:00 am Parish Intentions
	9:30am †Sir Harry Hodson by Theresa & Loreta Byrne
	11:00am †Fred Kuehn by Sandra Laurence and family
	12:30pm †Maria Domenica Cesta by Filomena Cesta
NEW YEAR'S EVE	
5:00pm - Parish Intentions	