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Feast of the Holy Family

Some thoughts on today's scripture



These verses tell us much about Jesus' family. He was born under the Jewish Law, and observed it. After eight days he was circumcised, the sign of the Covenant

with God. Forty days after birth, his mother underwent purification in the Temple, and gave the offering -- a lamb for rich people, two pigeons for the poor.

Lord God, I often resent the law, and I often resent poverty. But I do not aim to be a law unto myself. I love your covenant. And poverty pinches less when it is shared with Jesus.

The Holy Spirit 'rested on' Simeon. Is my heart at peace and open, or am I so full of problems and requests that I have no resting space for the Spirit?

Incredibile! Gesù, la sorgente di vita, il Redentore, la luce dei non credenti, l'onore di Israele, è destinato ad essere un segno di contraddizione; egli che è chiamato a portare la redenzione dovrà, nello stesso tempo, essere la spina che provocherà la perdita di molti uomini. E colei che ha dato alla luce il Redentore, che ha unito in sé l'amore di Dio e quello dell'uomo, è destinata a sopportare il dolore della spada che trapassa il cuore!

Tutto ciò sembra strano, eppure è stato proprio così: l'incredibile è successo.

La profezia di Simeone si compie nella sua totalità nei secoli.

Il cuore di Maria ha conosciuto il dolore di sette spade che lo trapassavano quando lei tremava per la vita del Bambino durante la fuga in Egitto; quando lo vedeva sfinito, non compreso, umiliato nel suo apostolato; quando venne arrestato, processato, torturato, e quando lo accompagnò nella via della croce, vedendolo soffrire e morire sulla croce. Ancora oggi Maria continua a soffrire con noi quando pone il suo sguardo sulle nostre pene e sulle nostre sofferenze, continua a soffrire con noi che rischiamo, coi nostri peccati, di perderci.

È raro vedere un ritratto o una statua della Madonna sorridente, mentre quasi in ogni chiesa vediamo rappresentata Maria addolorata.



By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or

deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Friars Student Writing Contest 2024 (November 08, 2023, to January 15, 2024)

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27).

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster @ <https://bit.ly/3G0l4zT> and submit their entries at,

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo February 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.



As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.



MONDAY JANUARY 01 2024

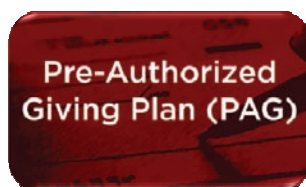
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We encourage you to please sign up for the PAG plan, if you think it is more convenient than using weekly Offertory envelopes. PAG forms are available at the church entrance, on our website, and in the church office.



TUESDAY JANUARY 02, 2024 AFTER THE 7:00 PM MASS.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a monthly devotion for prayer and quiet reflection. It is an opportunity to silently adore Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist.

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day."

- St. Alphonsus Liguori



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Sunday December 31

9:00 am -

10:30 am - +Michael Steffler

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9:00 am -

10:30 am -

12:00 pm -

Tuesday January 02

7:00 pm - +Joe Martins

Wednesday January 03

7:00 pm - +Caterina Borghesani

Thursday January 04

8:30 am -

Friday January 05

8:30 am - +Paul Mckenzie

Saturday January 06

5:00 pm-

Sunday January 07

9:00 am - +Sestilio & Romana Di Silvestri

+Mariana

10:30 am - +Antonio Barbuto

+Angelo Bertossi

+Lia Martinello

+Angela Umbrio

12:00 pm -

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