



*Our Lady of the Airways Parish*  
**Christmas Schedule**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 pm - English Vigil Mass  
10:00pm - Tamil Holy Hour ~ 11:00 pm - Tamil Mass

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> (Office Closed)**

9:00am - English Mass  
10:30am - Italian Mass  
12:00pm - English Mass  
NO TAMIL MASS



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday: December 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday: December 31<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

**Wednesday: January 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am - For the People of Our Parish

10:30am - For the People of Our Parish

12:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

**Thursday: January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday: January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00am - †Raniero Rotondo

7:00pm - †Antonio and Ika Mrkic

**Saturday: January 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am - †Joe and Luigi Venditti;

†Mary Manuelpillai

(10th Anniversary of Death)

5:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

**Sunday: January 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am - †James Theophilus

Balthazaar

10:30am - †Gaetano Giordano

12:00pm - †Joe and Maria Marques



*Let us pray!*

For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

**Eucharistic Adoration**



Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 8:30am to 7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

***Vocations Corner...***

*By Baptism we are God's holy family today.*

*Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person.*

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

Web: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



**Pastor's Corner**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sacred Scripture is filled with many kinds of verses that expresses a sense of thanksgiving and gratitude. In Psalm 136: 1-5, for example, we read the uplifting praise of thanksgiving given by the psalmist to God:

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever..."*  
It is in the same spirit that I would like to take this opportunity to express a few heartfelt thank you.

"I give thanks to the wonderful parishioners of Our Lady of the Airways Parish, who during this Christmas Season gathered together as a community of believers. Your presence and active participation in these liturgies is a wonderful testament to your fidelity, faith and love in the Infant Child, Jesus."

"I give thanks to the Liturgical Environment Volunteers who once again transformed our Church for this joyous liturgical season with the beautiful crèche, the Christmas flowers and Poinsettias".

"I give thanks to all the members of our liturgical ministries ~ the Children and Adult Choirs, the Lectors, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Ushers, and all the Altar Servers ~ who served at Mass during this Christmas season. Thank you for giving your time, talents and treasure to the people of God."

"My final thank you goes to the members of my pastoral team ~ Fr. Canisius, Enza Lamberti and Johnathann Rajanayagam. Thank you for your fidelity and untiring assistance. They have greatly helped me in carry out my ministry as Pastor of this parish."

I pray that each of you may be enveloped in the loving embrace of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May God abundantly bless you and your loved in the coming New Year.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



When my children were young, I developed an unexpected nightly ritual. Before going to bed, I went into their rooms and checked that they were asleep in their beds. I *knew* they were there - where else could they be? - but until I could see with my own eyes that they were safe, I could not get to sleep. Such is the protective instinct of parents.

Imagine what must have gone through Saint Joseph's mind when an angel came to him late one night and confirmed his worst fear - his child was in mortal danger and he had to do something. He got up instantly and, abandoning work, home and all social connections, hastily packed and led the child and mother away to safety.

To protect his child he chose to give up everything and become a refugee in a strange land. Such is the protective instinct of parents.

All parents want what Saint Joseph wanted - a safe home for their children. Some are forced to flee danger and become refugees, as he did. Others are more fortunate, and can stay in their homes and protect their children by ensuring them clean air, pure water, nourishing food, good education and a future filled with hope.

For parents, Saint Joseph offers a perfect lesson in parenting - take care of your children.

*~ Patrick Gallagher, Living With Christ*

Contempliamo la Santa Famiglia e, nelle parole del vangelo di questa festività, consideriamo Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe.

Subito dopo l'adorazione dei Magi, Matteo narra nel suo Vangelo la fuga in Egitto, la strage degli innocenti e il ritorno dall'Egitto: tre episodi collegati alla storia della Santa Famiglia e presentati nel Vangelo come altrettanti compimenti di profezie dell'Antico Testamento.

L'angelo del Signore è apparso in sogno a Giuseppe e gli ha detto: "Alzati, prendi con te il bambino e sua madre e fuggi in Egitto, e resta là finché non ti avvertirò, perché Erode sta cercando il bambino per ucciderlo". Dio, colui che è il Salvatore, agisce in diversi modi. Un tempo aveva salvato un altro Giuseppe, sempre in Egitto, facendo sì che sfuggisse ai suoi fratelli, uscisse dalla prigione e avesse, infine, autorità e potere per aiutare i suoi fratelli e l'intera famiglia di Giacobbe, suo padre. Davvero Dio salva in diversi modi. Questa volta salva la Santa Famiglia grazie all'aiuto di un altro "giusto": san Giuseppe, spinto ad obbedire alle parole dell'angelo proprio dalla sua fiducia nel disegno divino e nel compimento della volontà celeste.

"Giuseppe, destatosi, prese con sé il bambino e sua madre nella notte e fuggì in Egitto", proprio mentre Betlemme e i dintorni stavano per risuonare di pianti e lamenti, provocati dalla strage degli innocenti. Dopo la morte di Erode, sempre obbedendo alle parole dell'angelo, Giuseppe ritorna dall'Egitto, portando con sé Gesù e Maria, per stabilirsi a Nazaret.

La fede in Dio e l'obbedienza alla sua parola possono cambiare il cammino della nostra vita. Così, è per la nostra salvezza che Dio ha salvato la Santa Famiglia.



### *Prayer to the Holy Family*

JESUS,

Son of God and Son of Mary,  
bless our family.

Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace,  
and mutual love that you found in your  
own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother,  
nourish our family with your faith and your love.

Keep us close to your Son,  
Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus,  
guardian and spouse of Mary,  
keep our family safe from harm.

Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH,  
make our family one with you.

Help us to be instruments of peace.

Grant that love, strengthened by grace,  
may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and  
trials through which our families sometimes pass.  
May we always have God at the center of our hearts  
and homes until we are all one family,  
happy and at peace in our true home with you.

Amen.



*Are you in grade 5, 6, 7, or 8?*

All students in **grade 5 - 8** are welcome to our next EDGE  
Night on **Friday, January 10th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

**EDGE Registration Fee: \$25**

September 2019 to June 2020 Session  
(EDGE t-shirt included with registration)

For registration info, please contact 905-677-4615 or  
email: [OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com](mailto:OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com)

Calling all "OLA Teens" in grades 9 - 12!

*Are you looking for service hour opportunities?*

Teens in need of volunteer hours for  
High School graduation are asked to email  
[OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com](mailto:OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com) to get on the list  
for **Parish Service Projects and Youth Events**  
which will require volunteers.

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