

# *St. Leo The Great*

## **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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## **Feast of the Holy Family**

  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

**Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 p.m. + Antonio Tamburro

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Carmen Mcinerney &  
Family

11:00 a.m. Janice Fernihough

**Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30a.m.+ Innocenzo &  
+ Vincenzina  
Mammone &  
+ Attilio &  
+ Maria Tuzi

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

9 a.m. Bridget Otobo

11:00 a.m. Pro Populo

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

No Mass---

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

4:30 p.m. + Manuel Pacheo

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. + Larry Hallihan

11:00 a.m. + Michael Giardullo

**Pray for our deceased**

**parishioners:**

**For: Sanctuary Light Request**

**For: Vigil Light for Mary.**

**For: Visiting Statue of Blessed  
Virgin Mary.**

**For: a visit by the parish priest**

***Make your request at the office***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Building and Maintenance  
Fund

**\*Parking - Carson Avenue**

Gentle reminder! Please try to  
avoid parking your vehicle on  
Carson Avenue. We have

plenty of parking spaces in our  
west parling lot

**Kitchen & Hall Floors**

We are in the process of getting  
quotes for our Kitchen & Hall  
Floors. Your Comments or  
suggestions are welcome.

**2026 Offertory Envelopes**

Kindly pickup your 2026  
Offertory Envelopes that are on a  
table in the vestibule. If you  
need any help finding your box  
of envelopes, please ask an  
Usher. For PAG Parishioners  
requiring special envelopes,  
please put your name down on  
the sheet.

**Employment Opportunities**

Looking for work, please check the  
board next to the Welcome Centre for  
Job Postings.

**Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year**

Archdiocese of Toronto Year of Jubilee  
Committee wish to extend a warm  
invitation to the faithful of the  
archdiocese to join with Cardinal Leo  
for the Closing Mass for the Year of  
Jubilee on **Sunday, December 28, 2025**,  
at St. Michael's Cathedral  
Basilica at 5 p.m. The Sacrament of  
Reconciliation will be available with  
numerous priests present from 3:30 to  
4:45 p.m. All are most welcome.  
Each Jubilee Pilgrimage Church will  
also celebrate a Closing Mass for the  
Year of the Jubilee on Sunday,  
December 28, 2025,

at a regularly scheduled mass of their  
own choice. Please visit the  
pilgrimage church websites for further  
details:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>

**Year-End ShareLife Parish  
Campaign & Matching Gift  
Program**

ShareLife will match your gift!  
Your gift will double in value!  
From November 3 until year end,  
your contribution to our parish's  
ShareLife campaign will be  
matched by an anonymous donor  
up to a total of \$500,000.

The vulnerable members of our  
parish community are facing  
loneliness, hunger, and uncertainty  
this season. Your year-end gift to  
ShareLife enables those in need to  
receive support through 40+  
ShareLife-funded agencies.

Because of you, hope can live  
beyond Christmas and into the new  
year. There's still time to double  
your impact. If you donate online  
by December 31, you will receive a  
2025 tax receipt. Please support the  
work of ShareLife agencies  
through [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or by  
giving at our parish using a  
ShareLife envelope. Thank you for  
living the Gospel!

**Annual Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity Prayer Service  
2026**

Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4 p.m.

Venue: Runnymede United  
Church, 432 Runnymede Rd,  
Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

Theme: "There is one body and  
one Spirit, just as you were called  
to the hope of your calling"  
(Ephesians 4:4)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau  
and a wide representation of  
Christian leaders to pray for the  
restoration of full visible unity  
willed by Jesus Christ for the  
Church. This event is jointly  
organized by

the Office for Ecumenical &  
Interfaith Relations and the GTA  
Council of Christian Churches.

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 28, 2025

*When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. Matthew 2:13-14*

Today we honor and ponder the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The love within their home exceeded that of any other household, and the love within their family poured forth upon their extended family and wider community. Scripture gives us limited details about the life of the Holy Family. What we do know is that from the very beginning, they suffered through enormous challenges.

Mary's pregnancy was the first challenge they faced. She conceived the Christ Child before she and Joseph lived together. Though she knew how she conceived the Son of God, Joseph did not understand until the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. We can imagine that relatives and members of the community expressed their disapproval, given that the angel of the Lord did not reveal the truth to everyone.

Jesus was born far away from their home, in the little town of Bethlehem, in a cave, where animals dwelt. Humble shepherds were their first guests, and the magi from the East soon followed. Within a year or two after Jesus' birth, this family had to uproot from their home and flee to Egypt, find accommodations, and earn a living

because Herod sought to kill the child Jesus.

After Herod's death, Joseph was instructed in two subsequent dreams that he could return to Israel and was to move his family to the small and unremarkable village of Nazareth. Though Nazareth was not held in high esteem, it was within this simple setting that Jesus was raised and learned the virtues of hard work, obedience, and humility. Nazareth, though overlooked by the world, became the sacred ground where the Savior of the world was prepared for His mission. Finally, given that Saint Joseph is not mentioned during the time that Jesus exercised His public ministry, it is commonly believed that Jesus and His mother experienced the human sorrow of Joseph's earthly death.

Despite the hardships the Holy Family endured, the love in their home overshadowed every challenge, making their family life a source of the utmost consolation and joy. Amidst the trials they faced, the Holy Family found joy, not in worldly comforts, but in their deep union with God and with each other. Their home was a sanctuary of love, prayer, and mutual support, where God's presence was always felt. How fascinating it will be one day, in Heaven, if God reveals to us the details about the earthly and hidden life of the Holy Family. Though the angels witnessed their lives as they unfolded in time, we can hope and imagine that God, in His goodness, will share these mysteries with the saints, revealing the true beauty of the Holy Family's earthly life together. Their conversations, interactions, charity, prayer, fun, work, and all that made up their family life will be a source of eternal admiration and gratitude.

Reflect today on the Holy Family. Ask God to give you insight into their lives together. As you do, use any insights as a source of inspiration for your own life and relationships with those closest to you. Though we will all fall short of the charity that permeated the home of the Holy Family, we can work to imitate them by allowing God to increase our charity toward one another. Through daily prayer, acts of sacrifice, and a commitment to love one another, we can create a family life that reflects the holiness and unity of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Your family life was holy beyond imagination. In your daily interactions, Your love was manifest and inspiring to each other and to Your relatives and friends. Please draw me into Your family life and teach me to love those in my family so that we will become a stronger community of love. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**<https://mycatholic.life/>**



**Happy New Year!** May the coming year, 2026, bring you abundant graces from our Lord Jesus Christ, under the loving protection of **Mary, Mother of God**, whose solemnity we celebrate on January 1. As we bid farewell to the old year and embrace the new, let us renew our commitment to living as faithful disciples, growing in holiness, charity, and peace.

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