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Feast of the Holy Family

From the Desk of Fr. Tim...

Feast of the Holy Family...

"The family is the privileged setting where every person learns to give and receive love...The family is an intermediate institution between individuals and society, and nothing can completely take its place...The family is a necessary good for peoples, an indispensable foundation for society and a great and lifelong treasure for couples. It is a unique good for children, who are meant to be the fruit of the love, of the total and generous self-giving of their parents...The family is also a school that enables men and women to grow to the full measure of their humanity...O God, who in the Holy Family left us a perfect model of family life lived in faith and obedience to your will, help us to be examples of faith and love for your commandments."

...Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Our priests and deacon will be very happy to offer individual Family blessings following the final hymn of the Mass, asking the blessing of the Holy Family upon the lives of our families in the coming year.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and World Day of Peace

In the womb of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, are met mercy and faithfulness, justice and peace. May the peace of God born in Jesus Christ be the future for which we hope and toward which we work, through Mary's example and intercession. Due to the importance of this Feast it is designated as a day of obligation for Catholics in Canada, and so we invite you to join us on Monday, December 31, 21 at 5:00 p.m. or Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at either 10:30 a.m. or 12:00 Noon. There is NO 7:45 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. mass on January 1, 2019.

First Friday Mass and Holy Hour...

Please join us on Friday, January 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Welcome to our new Weekend Secretary – Receptionist!

We welcome Elise Jaklic to our parish staff as our new weekend Secretary-Receptionist, alternating weekends with Alexandra Isa. Elise is a first year Engineering student at McMaster University in Hamilton. Welcome Elise!

Christmas Thank You...

There are so many people involved in the preparation of Christmas for the Church to all these women and men, young and old, a sincere 'thank you'. For all those involved in the liturgies at all the masses, the ushers, the Ministers of the Eucharist, the musicians, singers and Ministers of the Word, altar servers, Ministers of Hospitality and decorators of the outdoor urns, the sanctuary and the preparation of the crèche...for those who worked so hard to bring comfort to the poor...for our parish schools and for the generous hearts of our parishioners who also donated to the annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Drive, we thank you!

As priests who are called to minister in this parish, we are very fortunate to have such generous people who respond so well with giving hearts to our parish collections during this holy Christmas season. We, in turn, are truly committed to serving you with the utmost abilities and gifts that God has given us. May God continue to bless all of us with His abundant love and compassionate heart this coming year.

On behalf of Fr. Charles Egbulefu, C.C.E. and our parish staff whose privilege it is to serve you throughout the year, we extend to you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas and a Peace-filled New Year!

2019 Parish Envelopes/Pre-Authorized Giving/ 2018 Financial Report...

My thanks to everyone who has picked up their 2019 envelopes to use faithfully each Sunday. Envelopes are available for pick up outside the office. Please remember to mark your name and address on the first few envelopes you use in the New Year...we appreciate your support!

I invite each family to consider the option of Pre-Authorized Giving for the new year. The PAG registration form can be found in the foyer of the church or on our website and can be returned (along with void cheque) to the office directly or by dropping it into next Sunday's Offertory basket.

Thanks to all on behalf of our Property and Finance Council who will be making their Annual Financial Report to the parish on the weekend of February 16/17, 2019.

From the Desk of Fr. Tim...continued...

Little Rock Bible Study - *THE GOSPEL OF LUKE*...Thursday, January 10, 2019

This year (Year C in the liturgical cycle) we primarily read the Gospel of Luke at Sunday mass. This gospel tells the story of Jesus of Nazareth as a mighty prophet and Savior of the world in fulfillment of Old Testament expectations. Luke also emphasizes Jesus as a person dedicated to prayer. He begins with Jesus' virginal conception and birth and follows Jesus through his public ministry to his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven—all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Luke, along with Matthew and Mark, is one of the synoptic gospels.

This is an excellent introduction to bible study for those who have not yet attended one of our Little Rock Bible Studies! We begin this 12-week Thursday evening bible study on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall...registration is \$30 per participant. All are welcome!

Confirmation Preparation Programme Begins!

We continue to pray for our Grade 7 candidates for Confirmation now that they have presented their Commitment Forms to the parish community. Their preparation programme continues with a first Preparation Class on *either* Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Please be reminded that attendance mandatory for all candidates!

Those Grade 7 students who did not attend the Registration Meeting earlier this month are asked to bring their registration form, baptismal certificate copy and \$20 offering to the church office as soon as possible. They should also plan to attend a special Registration Make-up Meeting with their parents and sponsor on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the church. After this date, NO further registrations will be accepted for the 2019 Confirmation class.

Any older youth or adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2019 are asked to contact Fr. Charles as soon as possible.

Parish *Evening of Reflection 2019...A Journey Worth Taking: Finding God in the Terror of 911...*

On Thursday, January 24, 2019 women and men of the parish are invited to an *Evening of Reflection* with Susan Gonz. Susan's successful, fast-paced corporate life came crashing down when she met Jesus in the rubble of the terror attack on the Twin Towers - a moment that changed everything. Today, Susan tells her own story of transformation and growth *by putting God first*. During these years she has developed a deep, personal friendship with God and found her voice and dignity as a woman of faith.

We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a glass or wine or beer and pasta dinner, dessert and coffee, followed by a talk by Susan and time for questions and answers. Tickets (\$15 per person) will be available beginning the morning of Saturday, January 6, 2019 and after the weekend masses on the weekend of January 5/6, 2019.

Liturgy of the Word with Children resumes on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at the 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon Mass.

EDGE Youth Ministry – Students in grades 6 – 8 are invited to come out on Monday, January 7, 2019 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The topic is "Epic Universe" Social Night. Come and check it out!

Loyola Playgroup resumes on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

Dufferin Peel District School Board Presents...TEEN MENTAL WELLNESS: Building Hope, Resilience, and Grit. An Evening of Learning and Sharing on January 15, 2019 from 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Catholic Learning Centre, 2495 Credit Valley Road, Mississauga. Join Dr. Rumeet Billan, the internationally award-winning national ambassador for *Not Myself Today*, an initiative of the Canadian Mental Health Association, learning architect, speaker, author, and humanitarian, as she provides invaluable insight, strategies and hope for parents, teens and families facing the growing challenges of mental illness. The evening will also feature information booths and representatives from many of our partnering community agencies who offer mental health supports and counselling services to teens and families. Please RSVP at james.neil@dpcdsb.org or cathy.rizzo@dpcdsb.org. Spaces are limited to the first 150 respondents. The event is FREE.



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