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Feast of the Holy Family

From the Desk of Fr. Tim...

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"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, we 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. We invite you to join us on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. or Wednesday, January 1, 2020 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, 2020.

First Friday Mass and Holy Hour...

Please join us on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Christmas Poinsettias and Nativity Scene *Thank You...*

A sincere *Thank You* to Longo's at 3163 Winston Churchill Blvd. for their generous donation of beautiful red poinsettias for the sanctuary. Our thanks to Chico Boliver, Caroline Borcsok, Yvette Mondragon and Gabor Toth who prepared the trees, decorated the sanctuary and the outdoor evergreen urns.

Parish Evening of Reflection, Wednesday, January 22, 2020, "The Humour of God - A Pilgrim's Journey"...

Women and men of the parish are invited to an Evening of Reflection with Sr. Francis, Director of Mission and Ministry, St. Bernard's Convent, Toronto on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Sr. Francis uses humour to illustrate how God's has worked in her life and vocation, and her talk comes highly recommended by those who have heard her personal testimony.

We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a glass or wine or beer then enjoy a pasta dinner, dessert and coffee, followed by a talk by Sr. and with time for questions and answers. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available at the weekend masses on January 4/5 and during the week until we are sold out.

Little Rock Bible Study – *The Gospel of Matthew* begins on Thursday, January 30, 2020...

This year (Year A in the liturgical cycle) we primarily read the Gospel of Matthew at Sunday mass. This gospel provides a bridge from the Jewish world awaiting a Messiah to the emerging Christian world of Jesus and his followers. This Gospel introduces us to Jesus as the Master Teacher whose words of instruction are captured in large teaching sections. The first five lessons of the series take us from the birth of Jesus through much of his public teaching life, to the first prediction of his passion. This second part of the study reveals a growing tension as Jesus ministers around Jerusalem, is arrested, is crucified, and rises to new life. Revealed as Emmanuel (God with us) at the start of the Gospel, Jesus will promise his continuing presence as the disciples are commissioned at the close of the Gospel.

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 ten-week Thursday evening bible study on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall...registration is \$30 per participant. All are welcome!

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

2020 Parish Envelopes/ Pre-Authorized Giving...

Thanks to all who have picked up your 2020 envelopes and use them faithfully each Sunday. Envelopes for pick up are in the foyer near the office. Please remember to mark your name and address on the first few envelopes you use in this New Year so that we can issue you a 2020 tax receipt. 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.

Missals and Children's Missals 2020...

...are still available in the parish office for \$5.00 each for your use in 2020.

Confirmation Program for Grade 7 Students continues with the First Preparation class in the parish hall on Monday, January 13, 2020 OR Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Attendance will be taken.

Late Registration for Grade 7 Confirmation – If you missed the registration meeting in early December you may still register to be confirmed in May 2020. The Late Registration date is Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Please drop off your Registration Form, materials fee and baptismal certificate A.S.A.P. to the parish office. For more information, please call the church, 905-820-1444.

Liturgy of Word for Children...will resume on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 10:30 am and 12 Noon masses.

Loyola Playgroup will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Moms, dads, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to come out for playtime, circle time, crafts and snacks.

EDGE - The EDGE program for students in grades 6 – 8 will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020. The topic is "Always Burning – IGNITION an EDGE Night on the Mission of the Holy Spirit Breathing Fire". Even if you haven't come to EDGE before you are welcome to join us!

FORGED Young Adult Ministry will meet at St. Ignatius Loyola parish on Wednesday, January 8 in the parish hall from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Even if you haven't come before you are welcome to come out! We always have a social!

Walk-In Counselling – The holiday season can be very stressful. Individuals, couples and families can come to Walk – In counselling on Tuesdays from 12:30 – 7:30 p.m. at 2227 South Millway, Suite 202 (near South Common Mall). You can make an appointment, 905-450-1608 ext. 201. Parking and childminding are free.

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Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board Kindergarten Registration...

Children born in 2015 or 2016 can start Full Day Kindergarten at one of our Catholic Elementary Schools in September 2020. Please register online at: www.dpccdsb.org during the week of January 6 – 17, 2020.

Preparing your Child with Differing Abilities for the Sacraments...

Parents and their children are invited to an interactive evening to explore the Adaptive Sacrament kits on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at the Catholic Education Centre, 40 Matheson Blvd. West, Mississauga, Room 301 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. To attend and for further information, please contact Laura Conte 905-890-0708 ext. 24011 or laura.conte@dpccdsb.org . Please note that Fr. Tim and Fr. Mauricio also use the Adaptive Sacrament kits to help the Grade 2 and Grade 7 students preparing for the sacraments in our parish.

Information Session Supporting the Transition of Children with Differing Abilities into Dufferin-Peel...

Please come to the information session to learn more about the entry planning and transition process on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 40 Matheson Blvd. West, Mississauga. The Snow Date is Thursday, January 30, 2020. The session will be presented by the Special Education and Learning Services department. For more information, please contact Laure Conte at the Board Office at 905-890-0708 ext. 24011 or laura.conte@dpccdsb.org .

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