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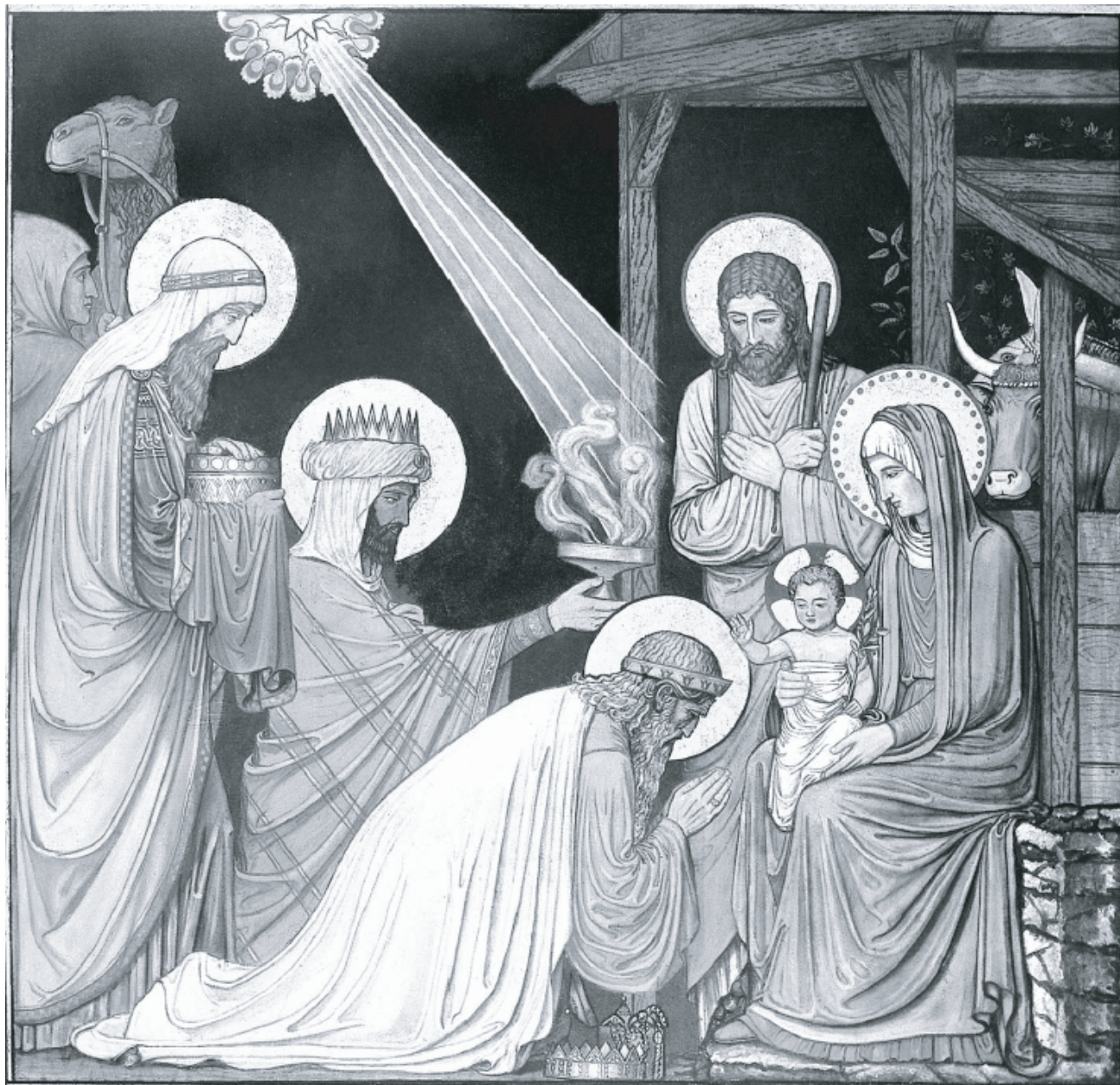
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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 30th - 9 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory ☩

Tuesday, December 31st – No Intentions

Wednesday, January 1st – No Intentions

Thursday, January 2nd – No Intentions

Friday, January 3rd - 9 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory ☩

Saturday, January 4th - 9 a.m. – Blessings Received (SI)
 – In Thanksgiving (SI)
 – All Souls ☩
 – Richard Swadzba ☩



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2025 ENVELOPES are now available for pick-up. Boxes are not attached to any name. There is no need to look for your name and/or box number. *In January, when you begin using these new envelopes, please write your name & address on the outside of the envelopes for a few weeks as we register the box to you and allocate your donation for your income tax receipt.*



UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION! We continue to expand our database to be able to communicate with parishioners more easily. Parishioners are asked to email their contact information to stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org. Please include:
 ❶ Name(s) ❷ Mailing Address ❸ Email Address ❹ Phone Number
 Thank you for your cooperation!

SHARELIFE IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROUS HEARTS THIS 2024! *Your gift will double in value! From November 1st 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.*

If you've shared your blessings through ShareLife in 2024, thank you. Because of you, a neighbour is healing, a young mother is finding stability, and someone struggling with hunger now has a meal. Your kindness has transformed lives through ShareLife. There's still time to touch more lives. If you donate online by December 31st, you will receive a 2024 tax receipt.

We have raised \$27,919.73 towards our parish campaign goal of \$35,000. Please share your blessing by making a contribution at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope.

Do you have gifts and talents that you can share with our parish? Join a parish ministry today! Volunteer what you can, when you can and as often as you can. No contribution is too small. Training and support will be provided. We especially need: **Lectors, Ushers, & Sacristans.** *Call or email the office to sign up!*



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. LIBORIO

I would like to wish you all a most Holy and joyful Christmas Season! I pray that each and every one of you will be able to have time for relaxation and reflection on the gift of Jesus in our lives. I also hope that people will be able, if possible, to gather with family and friends to share the JOY of Christmas.



Please be assured of my prayers for all of you during this time of Mystery where we remember that God became one of us! **BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio**

Our *Society of St Vincent de Paul* thanks all parishioners for their generosity in providing Walmart gift card(s) for the needy families in our community this Christmas Season. If you haven't had a chance to buy your gift card(s) yet, the SSVP will continue to graciously accept them. Please put them in the collection basket OR give them directly to Fr Liborio or Deacon John after the weekend mass you attend. Thank you for giving to our neighbours in need!

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 God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, Call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

HORIZONS OF HOPE is a program developed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to help us make informed decisions about end-of-life issues. In response to the increasing promotion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) and recent efforts to broaden its eligibility, the Archdiocese has requested all parishes to implement this program. As Catholics, it is vital for us to understand the Gospel of Life and the Church's teachings on this important topic, so we can better support our loved ones and those in our faith community.



This program will be coming to St John Fisher in May!
<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/horizons-of-hope-a-toolkit-for-catholic-parishes-on-palliative-care/>

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18-25

Celebrating 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS? (John 11:26)

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. **Sunday, January 19th at 4 p.m.**

North City Church, 377 Woodbridge Ave, Woodbridge

This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

TORONTO RETROUVAILLE

HEALTHY COMMUNICATION, INTIMACY, RELATIONSHIP

► **Fri Jan 17th - Sun Jan 19th** / Build a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes all couples to help get their relationships back on track.

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Each couple is asked to make a \$600 donation to help cover the cost of the process. This one donation covers all the expenses of the weekend and the post-weekend sessions. Weekend lodging, meals and materials are all covered by this single donation. A non-refundable registration fee is required when you register for the process to confirm your accommodations. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged.



Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS: Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 60+) in 2025 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited. Register early.

Click the register button at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>

Sunday, February 9th at 2:30 pm at St Michael's Cathedral

Watch the Mass via livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”.

In the words of Pope Francis: “We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”

The Holy Father opened the Jubilee Year on Dec 24th, with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter’s Basilica. It will continue until Jan 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Holy Door.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on **Dec 29th at 5 pm at St Michael’s Cathedral Basilica**. All are invited to join this special celebration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 - 4:45 pm. *May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.*

☐ Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents’ house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his lungs: “I pray for a new bicycle, and I pray for a new Nintendo!” His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, “Why are you shouting? God isn’t deaf.” The little brother replied, “No, but Grandma is!”

St. John Fisher’s Christmas Schedule 2024-2025

Date	Feast	Time
Monday, December 30th <i>Office Open</i>	Christmas Weekday	9:00 am Morning Mass
Tuesday, December 31st <i>Office Closed</i>	Vigil: Feast Day of Mary, the Mother of God	9:00 am Morning Mass Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1st <i>Office Closed</i>	Feast Day of Mary, the Mother of God	9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:00 pm
Thursday, January 2nd <i>Office Closed</i>	Christmas Weekday	9:00 am Morning Mass
Friday, January 3rd <i>Office open</i>	Christmas Weekday	9:00 am Morning Mass
Saturday, January 4th <i>Office Closed</i>	Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord	9:00 am Morning Mass 5 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, January 5th <i>Office Closed</i>	Epiphany of the Lord	9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:00 pm

The Christmas season ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 12th. We hope you are able to fill your heart with Hope, Love, Joy and Peace; gifts which only the King of Kings can give. Remember it is not only during this time we can encounter Jesus; we may do so daily in the Blessed Sacrament present always in the tabernacle.

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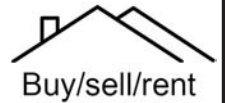


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