

Today much is at stake, when what the family stands for is under attack. It is through sharing in family love and responsibilities that we find ourselves as persons. It is normally in the love and support of the family that we find the resources to face the setbacks of life. And what family is there that does not know pain and suffering? Today's liturgy reminds us that, because 'he became in every way like us' (Phil 2.7), our Saviour has shared in the ups and downs of family life.



To read Fr. Thornhill's entire reflection, scan the QR code or visit his website at www.theemmausseries.com/bholyfamily.html

FAMILY OF FAITH – CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Copies of our campaign prayer cards are available in the narthex.

HEAVENLY FATHER

WE ASK YOU TO BE WITH US AS WE WORK TOGETHER AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

This endeavour offers us an opportunity to reflect on our prior blessings and prepare for future generations. Through God's grace, our parish family has grown to more than 3,000 registered households as we enter our 75th anniversary year.

SHARING AND FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF YOUR SON JESUS IN LOVING SERVICE

Our Holy Father sacrificed His only son for our salvation. Through this initiative, we will strengthen our commitment to live in Christ's image. We will restore and renew our home to countless ministries and programs as we grow our faithful community.

MAY WE BE INSPIRED BY YOUR DIVINE LOVE

Our desire to continue Catholic outreach leaves us fulfilled with love for all, just as He loves us. In addressing our spiritual and temporal needs, we build and enhance the kingdom of God.

AS WE SHARE OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Financial gifts are only one aspect of this effort; it is important to move forward in faith as one body. Recognizing our different blessings, we invite everyone to realize our vision in a way appropriate for them. Thank you to our current volunteers who have helped spread the word; we hope to welcome more volunteers for our phone-athons in January.

TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

At first glance, our building project may seem just about bricks and mortar. However, these physical changes will make a spiritual renewal at our parish. With better accessibility and a more comfortable worship space, we will rejoice together as a stronger parish family.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD

Through God's blessings, all things are possible. As we enter the final months of the effort, we ask all families to join our prayer to the Holy Spirit and allow us to continue the good works of our Church.

AMEN



We invite all families to attend a special information session hosted by Fr. Nino to hear all the details about this important initiative. We will be offering two dates: Tuesday, January 6th and Thursday, January 8th at 7:30PM in the parish hall. Please RSVP to the parish office at (416) 231-6016, ext. 20, with your choice of date. Hope to see you there!

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, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Archdiocesan Vocations Director 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

Readings ~ Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5, 15-16; 21.1-7 ~ Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19 ~ Luke 2.22-40

Mass Intentions This Week – December 29 to January 4

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Lena Badali	The family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Raymond Conrath	The family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Daniella Bratty	Cathy, Rudy & family
Thursday	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, World Day of Peace <i>a happy and holy New Year to all!</i>	
Friday, 9am	✠ members of the Goseco, Feliciano & Valencia families	Linda Feliciano
Saturday, 9am	✠ Tony Campari	Michael Brennan
5:15pm	✠ Stanislaw Cybulko	The family
Sunday, 8am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
9:30am	✠ Geno Castellarin	The Williams family
11am	✠ Florence Grossi Weber	The family
12:30pm	✠ Abel Leal	His daughter

Rosary Group stay and pray daily, after 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are "a spiritual medicine... good for your heart, for your soul, for your whole life."

Franciscus

Stretch & Flex – all are welcome! – Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30pm in the parish hall

\$10 per session. Bring a yoga-type mat, perhaps a bottle of water and wear comfy clothing!

"God Is Born" – Celebrating Polish Christmas in Song – Jan. 4, 4pm @OLS

The OLS Chorale and Toronto Ecumenical Chorale join with the Novi Polish Choir and the Toronto Sinfonietta to present this annual Christmas concert celebrating Polish Christmas. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors. Free for children under 12. A portion of the proceeds will go to the OLS capital campaign, Restore, Renew, Rejoice! For more information and tickets, contact Gordon Mansell at 416-769-3893 or email gdmansell@sympatico.ca



Attention OLS Youth Are you ready to step up and serve?

Please consider joining our amazing community of young parishioners in their mission to serve at Sunday Mass. For more info, contact ministry coordinator Kristen Scanlan via email at kristen@sorrows.ca today!

New Year's Schedule

New Year's Eve – Wednesday, December 31

9am – regular weekday Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*, World Day of Peace – 5:15pm vigil Mass

New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1

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

Regular Sunday schedule (8, 9:30, 11am, 12:30pm)

* Indicates a holy day of obligation. As Catholics, we are required to attend Mass on these special feast days.

Search your app store with your smartphone and install your preferred QR code reader today!

Neuroscience and Resilience January 12, 7pm

New Beginnings and Catholic Family Services of Toronto invite you to this inspirational talk by James Shaughnessy, M.S.W., R.S.W., Psyn.D. Neuroscience teaches us that resilience is the capacity for our brain to adapt and bounce back after life-changing experiences. Come and learn how you can develop your own resiliency. Catholic Pastoral Centre, 4th Floor, 155 Yonge St., Toronto For more information please call 416-921-1163, ext. 2227.

Regis College Windows on Theology Continuous Learning Series

"Painting as Spiritual Quest: The Religious Art of Maurice Denis, 1884-1943", presented by Fr. Gilles Mongeau, SJ. Maurice Denis was a devout Catholic, friend of Cézanne and Gauguin, visionary painter and revolutionary art theorist. He understood his vocation as a painter to be a prophetic and spiritual quest, a service to his contemporaries in search of new meaning in post-revolutionary France at the dawn of the 20th century. The course will trace the story of his development through his paintings, his theoretical writings and his spiritual journal. Along the way, we will take time to reflect together on our own spiritual questions in dialogue with his art. \$175 for eight sessions. Begins Jan. 14, 11am–1pm, Regis College, 100 Wellesley St. W. For info. & registration, call 416-922-5474, ext. 221 or visit www.RegisCollege.ca/Windows_On_Theology



Regis College Film Series – "The Hidden Roots of Love"

Regis College invites you to a series of evenings to help you deepen your spiritual life. Small group discussion led by John O'Brien, SJ. Begins January 14, 7–9pm and continues on Wednesdays for eight weeks. Free. For more information and to pre-register, please visit www.RegisCollege.ca/Film or call the number above. Regis College is the Jesuit School of Theology at the University of Toronto.

Theology of the Body four consecutive Wednesdays, begins Jan. 14, 7–9pm

Discover the master plan for your life, unfolding God's plan for human love, life, marriage and family. Scripturally-based teaching of St. John Paul II. Takes place at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, 2300 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W., Mississauga. More info or register by email at TOB@bell.net

Calling All Parents Of Kindergarten Students!

The TCDSB invites all parents of kindergarten-age children to attend a free, two-part interactive parent fair. The fair will provide parents with advice and resources to help their children improve listening and understanding skills, speaking and literacy skills. Jan. 20 & Feb. 24, 5:30–7:30pm, St. Jane Frances Catholic School, 2745 Jane St. and Jan. 22 & Feb. 26, 5:30–7:30pm, St. Maria Goretti Catholic School, 21 Kenmark Blvd. Free child minding and refreshments. To register, call 416-222-8282, ext. 2261 or visit www.tcdsb.org/parentfair

Attention '25 & Up' Practicing Catholic Singles!

Join our genuine online community of practicing Catholic singles who are looking for a mate with the same values. Visit our private website at www.goo.gl/CXcUNj and join for free! Saturday night speed-dating, 7–9pm, with singles in your age group takes place at a restaurant near Lawrence Ave. & Don Mills Rd. in Toronto. Minimum cost is \$20.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015 Ecumenical Prayer Service

Come and join His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse and other city-wide religious leaders. Homilist: The Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson (Professor of Homiletics, Emmanuel College and ordained Minister of the United Church of Canada). Parking is available. Refreshments to follow in church hall. For further information, please call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or email vkwok@archtoronto.org