

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28th, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year A

Mass Intentions

† December 29th to January 4th, 2026

Monday.....NO MASS.....December 29th

Tuesday.....December 30th

8:00 am † Len Michaud (by Jane)

† All the abandoned Souls

Wednesday.....December 31st

8:00 am ♥ Thanksgiving to God, The Almighty Father

† Shauna Foster

5:00pm † Bob McGarrigle (by Family)

† Philip Doyle (by Family)

**Thursday....The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
.....January 1st**

9:30 am † Betty Celima (by Anne & Carlo Grossi)

† Nancy Paolone

11:00 am † Jean Jacques Dessalines

† Jovenel Moise

**Friday.....St Basil The Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen
.....January 2nd**

8:00 am ♥ **Special Intention of Rachel MacFarlane**
(by Joseph & Isabel Schackmann)

† Lorna Peterson (by Hunt Family)

6:00pm ♥♥♥ **In Onore Del Sacre Cuoro** ♥♥♥

† Flore & Giuseppe Branco

Saturday.....January 3rd

8:00 am ♥ **Special intentions** of Augustin, Krista & Chad Robazza
(by Joseph & Isabel Schackmann)

† Fiorino, Vincenzo & Raffaele Falovo (by Maria Falovo)

5:00 pm † Gertrude Doyle (by Mary Cody)

† Domenic Ferrelli (by Family)

† Giuseppe DiPompeo (by Family)

† Francesca Marra (by Rosa Rondinone)

† Domenico Marra (by Rosa Rondinone)

Sunday.....The Epiphany of the Lord.....January 4th

8:00 am ♥ † For The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am † Salvatore Zangari (by Wife & Children)

† Rita Perri (by The Catechist Sisters)

11:00 am ♥ **Special intentions** of Veronica, Grace & Andrew Bogo
(by Joseph & Isabel Schackmann)

† Jack Priestman (by Family)

The Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph are put before us by the Church this weekend as a model for our families. We call them the 'holy family' but that does not mean that they did not have problems. Just as every family has to face problems and overcome them, or to put it another way, has to carry a cross, so also the holy family had to carry crosses. Their many crosses come to mind from reading the Scriptures. We can easily imagine how misunderstood both Mary and Joseph must have been when Mary conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Their story would never be believed. Even Mary herself had it very rough early in the pregnancy when Joseph was planning to divorce her before the angel intervened in a dream. When the time for Jesus' delivery came it took place in an animals' shelter since Bethlehem was already so crowded. Then the family had to flee to Egypt as refugees because Jesus' life was in danger due to Herod, in much the same way as refugees from war-torn countries are now entering many western countries. Mary and Joseph suffered the awful experience of losing Jesus for three days when he was twelve years old and the only satisfaction they got from him was that he had to be about his Father's business. We do not hear of Joseph any more so we presume that before Jesus began his public ministry in Galilee Joseph had died, the holy family suffering the greatest pain of all families, the pain of bereavement and separation through death. Jesus' public ministry must have taken its toll on Mary. Simeon had predicted in the Temple that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's soul. We can imagine one such occasion was as we read in Mark 3:21 that when Jesus returned to Nazareth one day his relatives came to take him by force convinced that he was out of his mind. Not a very pleasant experience for any family, no matter how holy. There was also the pain caused by the rhyme made up about Jesus: "Behold a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners" (Luke 7:34). And there was the growing hostility to Jesus by the Jewish authorities that must have caused huge pain to both Mary and Jesus, especially as it became increasingly obvious that Jesus would have to pay for his mission by dying. The saddest moment of all came when Mary watched her son die on the cross.

What kept the family together and sane throughout all of these trials and crosses? The answer is 'Love for each other and God'. Jesus' love for Mary and Mary's love for Jesus, and the love of both of them for God the Father or we could say faith in God. Just as the Holy Family survived all its crises through love for each other and faith in God, let us pray that our families will conquer all difficulties through love for each other and faith in God.

Fr. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.



SANCTUARY LAMP: This weekly Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *Pauline and Sam Valenti*. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Pope s' Prayer Intention for the Month of January For prayer with the Word of God:

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**SANTA FAMIGLIA DI GESÙ, MARIA E
GIUSEPPE / A**

*La santa Famiglia fugge in Egitto. Al
Figlio di Dio incarnato non saranno
risparmiare le prove, facendolo solidale
con tutti coloro a cui sono negate una
terra e una casa.*



**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Catholic Women's League
2026!!! Our 100th Birthday year!!!**

**Monthly Meeting... All ladies welcome!
Tuesday January 13, 2026
7 pm Holy Rosary Hall
Exceptional! Thank you.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2319

Beef-on-a-bun is held on the second Thursday of each month. The format is takeout only. ***Beef on a bun, coleslaw and roasted potatoes for only \$13.*** Our next Beef on a Bun Dinner Thursday, January 8th, 2026.

In the meantime Brothers Knights, remember your membership deadline. There are several way you can pay your membership. For more information, please contact Mike Pennacchietti, the Treasurer.

Mass of Thanksgiving for All Married Couples

Bishop Bergie will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for all married couples on 8 February 2026, at the Cathedral at 3:00pm.

World Day of Marriage, Sunday, February 8, 2026, 3:00pm.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Gerard Bergie at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, 3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines, ON. Celebrating All Married Couples especially those with significant 2026 Anniversaries.

Reception to Follow, No registration needed. All are welcome.

The Nativity Scene

The Nativity Scene is once again on display at City Hall in St. Catharines (50 Church Street, St. Catharines). All the faithful are encouraged to visit this display in the hope that the humble beauty of the creche will help inspire hearts to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. This meaningful religious display was made possible through the dedication of the Catholic Women's League of St. Mary of the Assumption parish and the generosity of Mr. Tom Rankin and the crew of Rankin Construction, for storing, transporting, and setting up the display, and Garden City Home Hardware Store for electrical cords and décor. It will be up until January 5, 2026.



BECOME CATHOLIC THIS YEAR! The RCIA/RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children) is a journey of faith for adults or children who are seeking to be baptized in the Catholic Church. **Our Journey of Faith continues this Sunday, December 21st, 2025 from 9:15 am to 10:45 am.**

For more information email: dcorso@saintcd.com

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

Wednesday, December 31st

8:00am, 5:00pm

NEW YEAR'S MASS

Thursday, January 1st

8:00am, 9:30am Italian & 11:00am English

Reminder

The Church office will be opened on Friday, January 2nd, 2026.

The Advent 2025 issue of **The Vineyard** is now available on the diocesan website: <http://saintcd.com/diocesan-directory/the-vineyard>

EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY

(Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)

This Tuesday, January 6, 2026, the young adults of the diocese invite you to **join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship** at **St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catharines**. For more information, contact Fr. Daniel at corso.danielanthony@gmail.com or follow us on [Instagram@emmaus.ya](https://www.instagram.com/emmaus.ya)



We pray that our Lord bless every parishioner according to their needs. As he guides the Magi to our new born Savior's cradle, may He also guide us closer to Him through our vulnerable brothers and sisters.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!