

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH



Our True Home

BY SCOTT HAHN

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see [2 Corinthians 6:16-18](#)).

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it.

The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our

faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "his parents" and are referred to separately as his "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that

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Art: *Holy Family* by Mike Moyers

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Special Collection for the Needy: **this weekend**

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
(*Holy Day of Obligation*):
Tuesday Dec 31 @ 5 pm
Wednesday Jan 1 @ 10 am

Solemnity of The Most Holy Name of Jesus
(*our parish feast day*):
Mass on **Friday January 3**
@ 9 am

Saturday January 4:
Holy Hour @ 8 am
Mass @ 9 am
Social @ 9:30 am with cake!

earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls “my Father’s house,” every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see [Ephesians 3:15](#)). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God’s house, His dwelling (see [Luke 19:46](#)). But it’s also an image of the family of God, the Church (see [Ephesians 2:19–22](#); [Hebrews 3:3–6](#); [10:21](#)).

In our families we’re to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God—until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: “I shall be his God and he will be my son” (see [Revelation 21:3, 7](#)).



Welcome home, Maeva!

THE BAPTISM OF MAEVA ANDRES
DECEMBER 22, 2024

What a joy it was to witness at 11am Mass the baptism of Maeva Zelig, the second child of Megan and Miguel Andres. Her brother, Avery eagerly looked on as he was baptized at this font on this very altar two years ago!

2ND COLLECTION

Today’s special collection is for the Needy. This special collection happens only twice a year and funds our parish’s support for charities.

Our donations will support:
**A family of refugees from Gaza,
Catholic Street Ministry,
Madonna House, Birthright, The
Door is Open, and the
Missionaries of Charity.**

Online donations for this collection are not possible at this time, but you may call the parish office with your credit card information if you wish to make an offering. Cash and cheque donations are gratefully accepted. Next year in 2025, the Collection for the Needy will be renamed **Parish Support for Charities**.

“Jesus is the best part of our life,” wrote Megan in 2022 upon her firstborn son, Avery’s baptism. And now, she and Miguel get to share the best part of their lives with their baptized daughter Maeva, that “When the Lord comes, may she run to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.”

Please pray for the Andres family and all members of our parish family, that we may **all** be renewed by the Water of Christ this Christmastide!

THANK YOU

To Purita for stewarding our Advent Wreath, and Adelina and Angie for the lovely flowers.

To the Reyes family for building our breathtaking Nativity Scene.

To the Ignite leaders (Molly, Justina, William, and Johannes) and all the young adults, PREP family members, and Theresa for decorating our church this Christmas.

To our sacristan Edward for his energetic diligence in our liturgies and so much more.

To Mike and all greeters and ushers for sharing the warmth and hospitality of Christmas all year long.

To our dedicated altar servers, lectors, and music ministers for many hours of preparation and service to uplift us all in the liturgies.

To the Projection Team (Arnold, Val, Tan, and Cherry) and all our parishioners who work tirelessly behind the scenes during the week and every Sunday to bring the Good News closer to our eyes, mind, heart, and soul.

To our Catholic Women’s League, Knights of Columbus, and all our generous donors for sharing the light of Christ in every season.



The parish office will be closed December 31 & January 1 for staff holidays. In emergencies, please call Fr. Jose’s cellphone **672-272-5284** (parish voicemail will not be checked regularly).

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

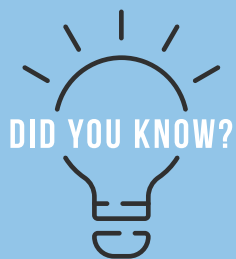
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Our Lady of China by Rebecca Gorzynska



There are two Holy Days of Obligation in Canada (in addition to all Sundays of the year): Christmas Day (December 25) and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on **January 1**.

Come to Mass on **Tuesday December 31** at 5 pm (Anticipated Mass) or **Wednesday January 1** at 10 am.

Of all the Marian feasts of the Church, this day dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, is the greatest. In addition to Mass, we encourage all families to engage in some form of devotion to the Blessed Mother, such as praying the Rosary together, offering flowers, lighting votive candles in church, or revering her images at home. These devotions serve as reminders for us to emulate Mary's virtues in our own lives.

“Trust in a God of unconditional love. It worked for me.”



The Legion of Mary is the largest active apostolic organization of laypeople in the Catholic Church. We pray in the rectory **every Thursday morning** from 10 am to 11:30 am. Join us!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

“Your name is oil poured out” (Song 1:3), says the Song of Songs, referring to the Bridegroom. Indeed, the name of Jesus is like an aroma spreading its perfume throughout the house. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux points out that oil possesses three qualities that apply to the name of Jesus. Just as oil “is light, food and medicine,” so the most sweet Name of Jesus, “when preached gives light, when meditated nourishes, and when invoked, relieves and soothes.”

Here are some ways to celebrate our parish feast day together:



Art by Jorge Cocco Santángelo

MASS Parish Feast Day this Friday, January 3 @ 9 am

1ST SATURDAY HOLY HOUR Saturday, January 4 @ 8 am followed by morning Mass @ 9 am

AFTER-MASS SOCIAL Saturday, January 4 @ 9:30 am with cake

SUNDAY CAFÉ Next Sunday, January 5 @ 12 pm with parfaits

THE JESUS PRAYER



Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Join our Jesus Prayer 33 Challenge!

Text **JESUSPRAYER** to **514-900-0130**. Starting Friday January 3, once a day for 40 days, you will receive a text message reminder from the parish to say the Jesus Prayer. The text message will be sent each day at a different hour. (You can unsubscribe from the text messages anytime by texting **STOP** to 514-900-0130).

NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFERING



There will be a special collection on New Year's Day **January 1, 2025**. The proceeds will go towards the needs of the parish. Use the envelope in your 2025 set OR

Scan this QR code to make a donation online or visit www.holynameparish.ca/donate

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec. 30, 2024 - Sun. Jan. 5, 2025

(† Deceased)

Monday	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday	Kenneth Clark †
Wednesday	<i>New Year's Day</i>
Thursday	David Myung & Family
Friday	Magdalene N.C. Ang †
Saturday 9am	Gabriala Pellizzont †
Saturday 5 pm	Anthony Hee †
Sunday 9 am	Parishioners
Sunday 11 am	Betty Cam Little