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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH
THE NEW YEAR**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUTTON - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mo.	Jan 1	8:30am: Parishioners
Tues.	Jan 2	8:30am: Deceased member of the Scandiffio Family req. Michael and June Scandiffio
Wed.	Jan 3	8:30am: Andre Garing for a job
Fri.	Jan 5	6:30pm: Thanksgiving Divina Zavala
Sat.	Jan 6	5:30pm: +Eugenio Scetto req. Scetto Family
Sun.	Jan 7	8:30am: +Charles Savoje req. Savoje Family

KESWICK - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mo.	Jan 1	10:30am: +John Fielding req. Holmes Family
Thurs.	Jan 4	8:30am: +Liberato Bautista
Fri.	Jan 5	8:30am: Thanksgiving Lota Bautista
Sat.	Jan 6	4:00pm: +Rosina Parete req. Kathy Peruzza
Sun.	Jan 7	10:30am: + Tony Reda req. Reda Family

Parish Debt as of November 2023 **\$70,000**

Friday January 5, 2024

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Keswick: after 8:30am mass

Sutton: 5:30pm followed by mass



January 6 The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)

What is the solemnity of the Epiphany?

On this feast, the Church celebrates the manifestation (epiphany) of Christ to the Nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi—also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings. In earlier times, this feast combined two other manifestations, that which took place at the Lord's Baptism, and that which took place in Cana at the Wedding feast. This is still the custom in Eastern Christianity. Although the date of the Epiphany on the General Calendar of the Church is January 6th, in the United States and some other countries it is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so more Catholics can participate. Thus, in 2024 the Solemnity of the Epiphany is Sunday, January 7. *Ewtm*



Through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed **Gabriella Thea** and **Domenico Samuel Mammone, Emani Grace** and **Joell Romasanta Twyman** and **Hylton Anais Bankasingh-Davis** into our parish. May God bless and guide these children through the loving example of their families.

CWL:

Thank you so much for all your support with the gift card fundraiser.

Reminder: Our next general meeting is on January 17, 2024 at 7pm in Sutton at the front of the church.

All women are welcome.



January 1

The Solemnity of Mary,

The Holy mother of God

Way back in 431, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Catholic Church. They debated the question: Who is Mary in God's plan? In the end, the bishops declared that Mary is really the mother of Jesus and Jesus is really God. So it must be said that Mary is the Mother of God. The oldest Christian greeting of Mary was proclaimed when Mary's relative Elizabeth called her "Mother of my Lord." When Elizabeth welcomed Mary, she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it. For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to imitate her faith. *Loyola Press*





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Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024



Archbishop Francis Leo invites for and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the

Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. The prayer service will be at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, 455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont. L3R 5Z2
Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sunday, December 31, 2023

First Reading: Sirach: 3.2-6, 12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128. 1-2, 3, 4-5(R.1)
Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-21
Gospel: Luke: 2.22-40

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually

unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimittis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

Father Dunstan, Deacon Steve and staff of Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of the Lake extend their prayerful blessings to each and every one of you as the New Year 2024 begins with peace, happiness and good Health.

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