# Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 29, 2024

#### **Intentions:**

**Dec 29 -** For the repose of the soul of **Roger St. Martin**, requested by Avelina Bercades.

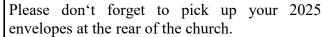
Jan 01 - For the Holy souls in purgatory and the people who have no one the pray for them, requested by Janne Campell.

### Offertory Collection

Dec 22 - \$ 640.70

Dec 25 - \$1261.00 Thank You

2024-2025 Sunday Missals are available at the rear of the church. Suggested donation is \$7.00.





St. Gabriel

11:00 am

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St. Michael 1<sup>st</sup> January Mass 9:00 am

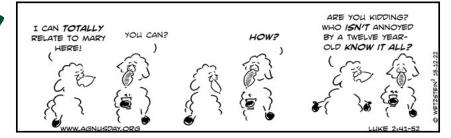
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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: Devotion to the Holy Family

Joseph: Devotion to the Holy Family flourished in the Renaissance. The leading artists of the time - Michelangelo, Raphael, El Greco, Rembrandt, Rubens, to name a few - often portrayed the Holy Family in their work. When this feast day was instituted in 1921, it was originally assigned to the third Sunday after Christmas. It is now observed on the first Sunday following Christmas, unless Christmas itself falls on a Sunday, in which case Holy Family is celebrated on December 30th.



Gospel Reflection: Parenting is a great entry into the paschal mystery! Good parents spend their children's growing up years emptying themselves of their own desires for the sake of the well-being of their children, endlessly and willingly sacrificing for them. Then, when the children are adults, parents must be willing to "let go" so that the children can be about their own business. By letting go, parents can help their children know their true identity is that they really belong to God. Thus can they find their real place in the world. Family is about relationships. A holy family is one in which their relationships include God at the center. (Living Liturgy, p. 30)





**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Fran Bernard, Roy Campbell, Patricia Cassidy, Bridget Floysvik, Chris Kelly, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.* 

## Pope's Intentions for the Month of January:

For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

#### **Intentions Book:**

You are invited to write your prayer requests in our special intentions book in the back of the church - as many and as often as you like. It is important that we verbalize in some form, our desire before God.

#### Lost and Found

Periodically, please check the lost and found basket at the church entrance for articles you may have left behind.



## Message for the Jubilee Year 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall,

The year 2025 will be a special time for our Church, a Jubilee Year during which we are called to be "*Pilgrims of Hope*." The Jubilee is a moment of grace, an invitation to renew our faith and walk together toward a brighter future. It is an opportunity for all of us to respond to God's call to be witnesses of hope in this world.

In addition to the activities organized by our diocese, I encourage you to take the initiative within your parishes and deaneries to plan events that reflect the needs of your local community. This could be as simple as a shared daily prayer, moments of spiritual reflection, engaging with the homeless or prisoners, or participating in a pilgrimage to a holy site. What matters most is to live this year with vitality and commitment, responding to God's calls and the realities and needs around us. I also encourage you to explore the resources provided by the CCCB at The Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. You will also find the link to the Dicastery for Evangelization from the Vatican and all its proposed activities for the Jubilee.

To be pilgrims of hope means to be bearers of light and a source of healing in a world often overshadowed by tribulations. Each of us has a role to play—together, let us make this year a powerful moment that strengthens our faith and deepens our bonds with one another.

May this Jubilee Year be for each of us a true source of spiritual renewal, a path of reconciliation, and a time of profound joy.

Fraternally in Jesus Christ,

+Marcel Damphousse Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

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ber our local Food Bank each week by donating items to St. Gabriel's grocery cart. Cash donations of \$20.00 and over will receive a tax receipt. Please include your name and address on the envelope. See Suzanne Lee if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



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# Weekly Eucharist

St. Gabriel's (Constance Bay) St. Michael's (Fitzroy Harbour)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass

Saturday 4:00 pm Mass Sunday 9:00 am Mass

live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday

## StMStG-Live

Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are also available by request. Please contact Fr. Anthony directly to book an appointment.

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