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

Mass for the Intentions Week

January 1st – 7th

Office closed

Monday, 10:30 a.m.

† William Andrew Massey

Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Special Intention – Viegas Family

Office closed

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

† Teresa Nella De Pietro

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.


† Charles Schembri

Special Intention – Ashton Machado (Healing)

Sunday, 12:00 p.m.

† Ignacy Profesorski

2018 MASS INTENTION REQUEST



Mass Intention requests at St. Jerome's will only be taken in person at the parish office. We will no longer take Mass Intentions over the phone or via email. This new process will ensure the accuracy of the name and date/time requested by the family. Intentions can be offered at the daily evening Mass at 7:00 p.m., at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. and at the Sunday Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The Archdiocese of Toronto has suggested Mass Intention donations at \$20.

LAST CHANCE! 2018 SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2018 *Living with Christ* Sunday Missals are now available for purchase at the parish office. Limited quantities, so get yours today. Cost \$5.



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS



Daily Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. The office will be open on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM

Good Shepherd Centre

The next pick-up date for the Good Shepherd Centre is **Friday, January 5, 2018**. Please remember to bring your casseroles to the church before **10:00 a.m.**



Thank you for your continued generosity!



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families

Excerpt from *With Christ Through The Year*

~Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



The 2018 offertory envelopes are ready for pick up in the gathering space. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order by last name. Please ensure that you pick up the correct envelope number and confirm your name and address information is correct.

Please let the parish office know if there are any changes. The address on the offertory box will be used to mail out your 2017 tax donation receipt.

We encourage new parishioners and those who are currently not using parish offertory envelopes to pick up an *unassigned* box and register the envelope number with the parish office.

PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS, THE ENVELOPE NUMBER MAY HAVE BEEN RE-ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER PARISHIONER.

Thank you to all our volunteers who arranged and prepared all the offertory envelopes!



FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT WEEKEND

The First Communion Enrolment weekend will be on **January 13th & 14th** at all the Masses, we will welcome the grade 2 students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion. The Enrolment Ceremony encourages families to continue to attend Mass together, as well as making the children feel welcome, recognized and witnessed through the congregation. The children will be asked to come up to the Altar at the end of the Mass before the final Blessing.



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT WEEKEND

The Confirmation Enrolment weekend will on **January 20th & 21st** at all the Masses. The purpose of Enrolment weekend are:

- To encourage the candidates to make public their commitment to preparing for Confirmation within the parish community
- To highlight the importance of partnership in the preparation programme for Confirmation
- To make the connection between Baptism and Confirmation more tangible by the renewal of Baptismal Promises
- To invite the candidates to make a commitment to personal prayer, to community prayer by attending Mass, to take seriously all the preparation for Confirmation, at school, in the parish and at home and finally to do their best to be kind of person that Jesus would want them to be. We also invite their parents and sponsors to witness this commitment and to promise to help and encourage their child in their endeavours.

The students will be asked to come up to the Altar at the end of the Mass before the final Blessing.



St. Jerome's Youth Group meets on **Tuesday evenings** in the Social Hall from **7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** All youth in grades 8-12 are welcome to join.

We hope to see you there!



ST. JEROME'S MOMS GROUP

Moms of all ages are invited to join our weekly **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** Moms Group at St. Jerome's Parish. The Moms Group will also meet on the **Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** on the **1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month.** The group meets once a week in fellowship to support each other, learn more about our faith and become instruments of love in our families and community. Babysitting is available. For more information, please contact Jyotsna at 289-752-6743 or Brenda at 905-454-4081.

THE IMPACT OF FAITH ON FINANCES



We've received so much from Our Lord – life, faith, freedom, and family. Along with these gifts, we've also been given the responsibility to be faithful and *faith-filled* stewards of our finances. Yet many of us have allowed a wall to separate our

faith lives from our money. As one person puts it, "I feel the strength of my faith was not being reflected in my finances."

What's the biggest problem most people have with their finances? Credit card bills? Inadequate income? No savings? Too much month left at the end of the money?

While people tend to think these are their major problems, they are just symptoms. The real problem isn't so much money (or lack of it) as it is our relationship with God and how we respond to His call for us to be Stewards of Providence. This includes trusting God to provide for our financial needs and doing our part to manage our resources in ways pleasing to the Lord. How do our priorities reflect our beliefs in Him? How much do we include Him, through prayer, in our decisions?

Some Questions to Ponder

Balancing faith, family, and work is an ongoing effort. Why is achieving this balance important? How well are you doing at maintaining such a balance?

Work is so much of who we are, yet we often fail to recognize the role that faith should have in our work. Do you work to live or live to work? How does your work impact your family life?

Look at how you deal with money at work. Are you more careful with the budget you are allotted at work than you are with your own money? What if you truly believed that your money was from God? Would you be more careful in how you spend it?

To read more on *Faith & Finances*, pick-up a brochure located just outside the parish office in the book case.

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