# Our Lady of the Airways Church

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# Our Lady of the Airways Christmas Schedule

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** 

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>** 5:00 pm - English Vigil Mass 10:00pm - Tamil Holy Hour ~ 11:00 pm - Tamil Mass

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> (Office Closed) 9:00am - English Mass 10:30am - Italian Mass 12:00pm - English Mass NO TAMIL MASS



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# Prayer to the Holy Jamily

O Holy Family of Nazareth, community of love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, model and ideal of every Christian family, to you we entrust our families. Open the heart of every family to the faith, to welcoming the Word of God, to Christian witness, so that it becomes a source of new and holy vocations.

Touch the hearts of parents, so that with prompt charity, wise care, and loving devotion they be for their sons and daughters sure guides towards spiritual and eternal values. Stir up the hearts of young people a right conscience and a free will, so that growing in "wisdom, age and grace," they might welcome generously the gift of a Divine vocation.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that all of us, contemplating and imitating the assiduous prayer, generous obedience, dignified poverty and virginal purity lived out in your midst, might set about fulfilling the will of God and accompanying with far-sighted sensitivity those among us who are called to follow more closely the Lord Jesus, who "has given Himself for us" (cf. Gal 2:20). Amen!

#### **2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP!**



Parishioners are asked to pick up their 2019 Offertory Envelopes in the chapel. It is important that you discard all previous envelopes when the New Year commences. Please enter your full name and address on the first few 2019 envelopes so that we may allocate donations correctly for income tax purposes.

If you do not have offertory envelopes and would like a box, please fill out a request form found in the church foyer or in the parish office.



## Retrouvaille Weekend: Jan 25 - 27, 2019 Help for Troubled Marriages

If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated, but want to try again then Retrouvaille can help. This program will give you the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will also give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

Phone: 416-281-6007 Email: info@torontoretrouvaille.com Web: www.torontoretrouvaille.com



#### Monday: December 31st

8:00am - In Thanksgiving ~ Pinto Family 5:00pm - For the People of the Parish 11:00pm - For the People of the Parish

#### Tuesday: January 1st

9:00am - For the People of the Parish 10:30am - For the People of the Parish 12:00pm - For the People of the Parish

#### Wednesday: January 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory 7:00pm - †Kuzma and Pavica Andrijic

#### Thursday: January 3rd

8:00am - †Antonio and Maria Vella

#### Friday: January 4th

8:00am - +Raniero Rotondo 7:00pm - †Mary Manuelpillai (9th Anniversary of Death)

#### Saturday: January 5th

8:30am - †Luigi and Joe Venditti; In Thanksgiving ~ 60<sup>th</sup> Anniv. of Religious Profession of Sr. Alcidia A.C.

5:00pm - For the People of the Parish

### Sunday: January 6th

9:00am - †James Theophilus Balthazaar

10:30am - †Pasquale Rosati (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death)

12:00pm - †Pires Mendonca

"The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family is rightly called 'the domestic church'". (Catechism 1666)

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 8:30am IHS) to 7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



The journey to Jerusalem for the Passover is difficult, often taking days of walking. The city is crowded, filled to the edges with people from all over the region and beyond. The air is thick with smoke and the smell of burnt offering and blood. And of course, Roman soldiers keep a watchful eye.

Imagine losing your child in this city, searching frantically for three days and the

joyful relief at finding him safe! Jesus' cheeky response on being found always takes me by surprise. Even at twelve, he is aware of his origin. But Mary, his mother, the life-giver, the courageous woman who said "yes," knows there is more in her son's destiny. She collects these moments and ponders as she did when the shepherds visited Bethlehem at Jesus' birth. She and Joseph, after all, are the first people to know Jesus' true nature and have the greatest hand in shaping it.

Their approach of patience, listening and thoughtful meditation as they raise Jesus is a key touchstone that can guide us during our most difficult times. Like Mary, we too can benefit from this reflection on our own lives, listening for the message from God to help us navigate our destinies.

(Saskia Sivananthan, Living with Christ)

L'inquietudine e l'incomprensione di Maria e di Giuseppe, nonostante la loro vicinanza a Gesù, nonostante che siano stati preparati da Dio al compito di accompagnare i primi passi della vita di Gesù, ci riportano a quello che è il nostro atteggiamento di fronte all'opera di Dio in noi e intorno a noi. Ogni essere è un mistero per quelli che lo circondano. La sofferenza che nasce da questa solitudine collettiva non trova pace se non nella fede.

Noi siamo vicini gli uni agli altri perché siamo tutti amati di un amore divino. L'amore che ci unisce, lungi dall'abolire il nostro essere diversi gli uni dagli altri, rafforza, anima e sviluppa quanto c'è di originale in noi. Ma solo una carità che venga da Dio può mettere nei nostri cuori una tale disposizione.

Maria e Giuseppe non hanno capito a fondo ciò che Gesù diceva o faceva. Ma hanno accettato, nella fede e per amore, di vederlo compiere la sua vita e adempiere alla sua missione, partecipandovi nell'oscurità della loro fede. Che lezione per noi! Quando non capiamo l'azione del nostro prossimo, perché supera le nostre capacità, dobbiamo saper amare senza capire: solo con un tale atteggiamento tutto diventa possibile.

## Vocations Corner...



By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live

faithfully your vocation as single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call

Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca



In his letter to the Corinth community, St. Paul wrote: "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have

decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6-8).

A special **THANK YOU** goes out to all those cheerful givers within our parish community who generously gave their time, talent and treasures in helping make our encounter with the Infant Jesus a blessed one during this Advent and Christmas Season.

A special **THANK YOU** to all those who took part in our Children's Christmas concert which took place on the first Sunday of Advent. These include Michelle, Zabrina, Carlos and all the members of our church's choirs who sang so beautifully, and to all the children, youth and volunteers who brought to life the ancient Christmas story to life through their wonderful collective efforts.

A special **THANK YOU** to all those who made our annual Christmas Bake Sale another smashing success. These include those individuals who generously gave various gifts for the raffle, the youth and volunteers who selflessly served in so many different capacities, and the many talented bakers who made so many amazing and delicious goodies.

Finally, a special **THANK YOU** to all the members of the various ministries who helped make our liturgical celebrations a joyful one: the Choirs, the Lectors and Commentators, the Eucharist Ministers, Ushers, Liturgical Environment volunteers, and all our young Altar Servers.



#### Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next EDGE Night on **Friday**, **Jan. 11th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

*EDGE Registration Fee: \$25* January 2019 to June 2019 Session

For registration info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: <u>OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com</u>

Calling all "**OLA Teens**" in grades 9 - 12! *Are you looking for service hour opportunities?* 

Please join us for our next *LIFE TEEN* - Hangout & Community Service on Saturday, January 19th, from 2pm - 4pm. *Follow us on Instagram:* ourladyairwaysyouth

OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39. *Follow us on Twitter:* @Airways\_YA

