

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

## ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

DECEMBER 29, 2024 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



## A PRAYER TO THE *Holy Family*

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

- POPE FRANCIS

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

30 North Fullerton Avenue  
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Indicates the Mass is livestreamed.

**CONFESSION: Saturday 4:30 pm (or by appointment)**

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am | 10:30 am | 6:00 pm

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday at 8:00 am

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:00 pm + Lorraine Kits

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00am + Maria Esposito

10:30am People of the Parish

6:00 pm + Don Howard

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00am Miguel Fong

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

#### New Year's Eve

8:00am + Christine Grogan

5:00pm + Gregorio A. Prado

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

#### New Year's Day

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am + Gregorio A. Prado

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00am + Agnes Kpogo-Azah

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00am + Bianca Esposito

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:00 pm + Robert J. Reilly III

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am + Raffaele Maritato & Family

6:00 pm + Sylvia Magliaro

*"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:11*

### "... A TIME TO BE HEALED..."

Michael Bruder III, Anthony Pacifico Jr, Joel Rivera, Carmen Kessler, Ieda Giles, Doreen Carson, Lauren Ojido, Connie Romano, Maria Metzel, Eileen Burriss, Kevin Haber, Karen Potucek, Frank Gallo, Barbara Regan, Jose Fidalgo Sr, Bridget Connell, Jaxson Rivera, Carole DeCepoli, Oneida Fernandez, Michelina Giuliano, Chester Karnas Jr., Laura McGannon, Joseph Carrier, Fabiola Fong, Kenneth Busku, Rose Bruner, Edward T. Crowe, William Crowe, Terry Henson, Robert Henson, John Rahilly, Kent Riggs, Harriet Riggs, Jim Norris, Gary Davila, Melba Espinoza, Kevin Cole, Carlos Mario Moreno, Anne Granja, Shannon Finnegan, Jacob Rivera, Clara Rojas, Cliff Schaffer, Lindsay Trembulak, Don Peters, Stefano Rum, Ayan Kapoor, John Nicastro, Paolo Rum, Massimo Macarelli, Michael Munoz

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to add someone to the sick list.

### "... A TIME TO DIE..." Recently Deceased

**BIANCA ESPOSITO**



## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

5:00 pm Mass

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**

Mass 8:00 am 10:00 am  
(no 6 pm Mass)

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**HOPE EVERYONE HAD A JOY-FILLED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS,** one of the gatherings of family and friends, one of memories of distant pasts, one of gratitude for the abundance of gifts and blessings received from our loving God. Christmas is always a special time, for it celebrates family, both individual families and the world family. Our world family is struggling, countless millions within our midst seem intent on destroying all that God has created. They focus on themselves, their own perceived grievances and resentments, their own sense of truth and justice that they completely lose sight of the one eternal truth which from the very beginning of human life on earth has bound us together. That truth, which is at the center of our faith, is God is a God of love, compassion and forgiveness and created us in his own image and likeness not so that we might destroy ourselves but that we might live in peace and harmony and hopefully gain his heavenly kingdom. This divine love is the unbreakable connective thread which holds our lives and our world together. Without God's love, life become somewhat meaningless, only a daily grind to get what you can and keep what you get. It thus becomes a self-centered life rather than a life of service and love of others. It is a life of "ME" rather than a life for and of our brothers and sisters in Christ. What a sorry and sad life! That is why we must remain



resolute in our faith and our belief in God's eternal love. Without this love we all become just "things" and lose our graced specialness.

**T**HE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH should remind us of the importance of family, regardless how fractured or contentious they may be at times. Family is the mortar which holds together our world, the source of shared and giving love, the foundation of the world community. Today our families are coming under attack from a number of directions. Social commentators seek to dismiss the importance of family as the important source of communal relations and stability. Something so magnificent and world-changing took place in Nazareth where Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived together until Christ burst forth to proclaim and witness to God's love. That "thing" was the holy family; a place of growth, a place of faith, a place of giving and a place of love. The life of the Holy Family should be the goal and desire of all human relationships because the Holy Family powerfully proclaimed the beauty and goodness of shared and supportive love. Let us strive to make our homes such a place so that future generations might look back in gratitude and offer thanks for the witness of family life. Happy New Year!

*- Fr. Michael Donovan*

## GUIDANCE FOR BRINGING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

The Eucharist is the source and the summit of every Catholic's life of faith. It is in partaking of Holy Communion that Catholics receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. It is important that Catholics not be deprived of the opportunity to receive the Blessed Sacrament due to illness, age, or infirmity.

Sometimes, ordinary ministers of Holy Communion (bishops, priests, deacons) cannot always fill the great need among Christ's faithful. Therefore extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion must be properly prepared according to pastoral theology, canon law, and diocesan regulations to fulfill this need in taking the Eucharist to the sick.

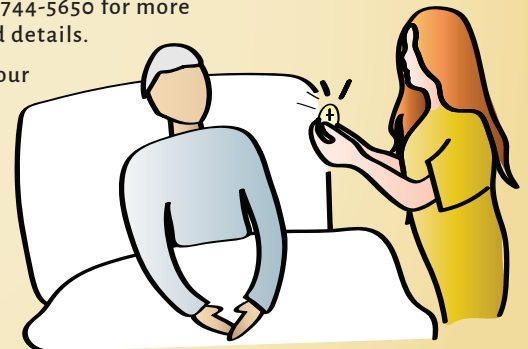
Here at St Teresa's we have a number of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who have been properly prepared, and have successfully completed the required process by the Archdiocese of Newark. They have also been mandated to serve in this important ministry. We are grateful to them for their ministry!

From time to time, and recently more frequently, someone approaches a mass celebrant or staff person, within or outside of mass, presenting a pyx, requesting to bring Holy Communion

to an infirm loved one who is at home, hospital, or in a care facility. As kind and pastorally sensitive as we would like to be to accommodate this generous request, this is never allowed, without the proper training and authorization.

Should you wish to serve as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, we welcome you, but unless and until the required training is completed, simply "bringing" Holy Communion to a loved one is prohibited. Please reach out to the parish office at (973) - 744-5650 for more information and details.

Thank you for your understanding.





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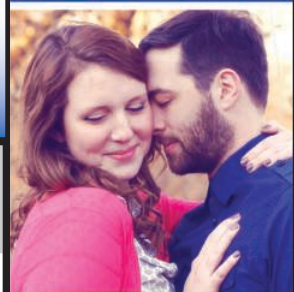


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