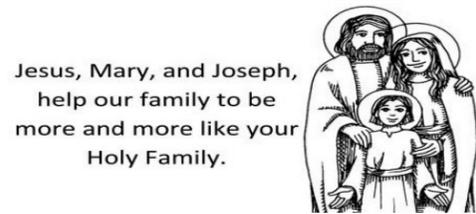


Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 28th, 2014



The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Luke 2:22-40



Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, help our family to be more and more like your Holy Family.

Last Sunday's Collection
Dec. 21 Offertory - \$ 2189.80
Christmas Flowers - \$55
Christmas Offering \$4106.80
Renovations \$350.
Bless you for your generous support.

Upcoming Events

Jan.1st Solemnity of Mary, the holy Mother of God. January 1st is also celebrated as World Day of Peace.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be Jan.18-25, 2015.

Next Family Mass and Luncheon will be on January 18th, 2015, at 11AM with the Inscription Ceremony for the Confirmation candidates.

Mass Schedule & Intentions from Dec .27, 2014 - to Jan. 4, 2015

Saturday	10:00AM	Funeral Mass for Verna Presti
	5:00PM †	Antonio Chiavaroli By wife Rosa and family Dominic Mammarella by wife Lilliana & family Eileen Bauer by Dennis & Cheryl Patrino Giuseppina Nero by Domenic Sorbara
Sunday (Feast of the Holy Family)	9:00AM †	Carlo Nero by wife Olga & family Franc Horvat by Theresa Horvat Angelina Caporicci by Franco & Franca Sdao Angelo Nobile by Ada Jeniko For us and all our dear ones
	11:00AM	
Monday	10 :00AM	Funeral Mass for Mr.A.Notorianni
Tuesday	9:00AM †	Communion Service by Emilio & Josephine Deluca
New Year's Eve	5:00PM	Mass of Thanksgiving
New Year's day	10:00AM	For World Peace
Friday	9:00AM	Angelo Nobile by Silvio & Candida Bruni
Saturday	5:00PM †	Antonio Gallo by wife & family Maria Agostino by Carmela & Josephine Mancuso Terzo Pace by Salvatore Candeloro Peter Camposarcone by Peter Aiello
Sunday	9:00AM †	Evelina & Tesina DeGaetano by Aledino & Maria Magazzeni Giuseppina Nero by Maria Nobile Vincent Fazzalari by Maria Seneca Claude Poulin by family
	11:00AM	For us and all our dear ones

New Sex Education Curriculum

The Ontario government is resurrecting the controversial sex Ed curriculum that was 'shelved' in 2010 over parental concerns that it was age-inappropriate, overly explicit, and that it undermined the religious beliefs of many families. Learn more at www.campaignLifeCoalition.com/SexEd. Then contact your school Trustee and MPP with concerns.



PRESTI VENERA "Verna", our long time parishioner passed away on December 23, and we celebrated a funeral Mass for her on Saturday 27th, here at St. Andrews. We express our deepest sorrow at the sudden demise of Verna and pray that God in His mercy grant eternal rest to her. We thank her beloved husband and family for opting our parish for memorial donations. May God console and strengthen Carmelo and all Verna's dear ones.

Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



A big thank you to all who donated their time, money and skills to decorate our church for Christmas Celebrations. We appreciate it very much, dear friends. May the baby Jesus bless you and your dear ones.



POPE FRANCIS
 from a Christmas
 homily

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

...When the angels announced the birth of the Redeemer to the shepherds, they did so with these words: "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Lk 2:12). The "sign" is in fact the humility of God, the humility of God taken to the extreme; it is the love with which, that night, he assumed our frailty, our suffering, our anxieties, our desires and our limitations. The message that everyone was expecting, that everyone was searching for in the depths of their souls, was none other than the tenderness of God: God who looks upon us with eyes full of love, who accepts our poverty, God who is in love with our smallness.

On this holy night, while we contemplate the Infant Jesus just born and placed in the manger, we are invited to reflect. How do we welcome the tenderness of God? Do I allow myself to be taken up by God, to be embraced by him, or do I prevent him from drawing close? "But I am searching for the Lord" – we could respond. Nevertheless, what is most important is not seeking him, but rather allowing him to seek me, find me and caress me with tenderness. The question put to us simply by the Infant's presence is: do I allow God to love me?

More so, do we have the courage to welcome with tenderness the difficulties and problems of those who are near to us, or do we prefer impersonal solutions, perhaps effective but devoid of the warmth of the Gospel? How much the world needs tenderness today! The patience of God, the closeness of God, the tenderness of God.

The Christian response cannot be different from God's response to our smallness. Life must be met with goodness, with meekness. When we realize that God is in love with our smallness, that he made himself small in order to better encounter us, we cannot help but open our hearts to him, and beseech him: "Lord, help me to be like you, give me the grace of tenderness in the most difficult circumstances of life, give me the grace of closeness in the face of every need, of meekness in every conflict".

Dear brothers and sisters, on this holy night we contemplate the Nativity scene: there "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Is 9:1). People who were unassuming, people open to receiving the gift of God, were the ones who saw this light. This light was not seen, however, by the arrogant, the proud, by those who made laws according to their own personal measures, who were closed off to others. Let us look to the crib and pray, asking the Blessed Mother: "O Mary, show us Jesus!".

Be at Peace
by Saint Francis de Sales
 Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;
 Rather look to them with full hope that, as they arise,
 God, whose very own you are,
 will lead you safely through all things;
 And when you cannot stand it,
 God will carry you in His arms.
 Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow;
 The same Everlasting Father who cares for you today,
 will take care of you tomorrow and every day.
 Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
 Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.

My dear friends, I wish you and all your dear ones a prosperous and grace-filled New Year

Today we thank the heavenly Father for the greatest gift He gave to us in Jesus and in Him, in each other. We also ask pardon to the Lord for our non-cooperation with His blessings and offer our resolve to do better in 2015. I take this opportunity to **thank all the volunteers** and staff for their love and support to the parish: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Catholic Women's League, Ushers, Children's Liturgy team, Sacristan, Choir and Organists, money Counting team, Youth & family Ministry teams, Family Mass team, Decoration team, Maintenance team, Pasta Dinner team, Golf Fundraiser team and Secretary - are a few to mention. Special thanks to each and every volunteer doing different ministries in our parish. I also thank all the parishioners, well-wishers and CWL for their special offerings to the church; and for the greetings and gifts you gave to me personally.

Again thank you, one and all for all your prayers and support to our parish. Let us continue to work together in the new year.

God bless you. Fr. Paul Vellakunnath

Please remember our parish in your WILL and as a beneficiary for the memorial donations.