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An Invitation To You & Your Family To Our **Annual Christmas** Remembrance Service

3pm Saturday, December 7th, 2019 at the Jones Funeral Home 11582 Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown



Presiding over the service Rev. Paul Ivany Fr. David Walter



Refreshments to follow in the Trafalgar Room Please call the Funeral Home at 905-877-3631 to confirm your attendance

ASK THE PROFESSIONAL

How do I know what my date of separation is?



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This is a question that has come up a few times lately. It is the date that spouses began living "separate and apart".

The date of separation is important for several reasons: 1) it starts the clock to determine when a divorce can be granted; 2) it's the date to determine equalization of net family property; and 3) it is the date child and/or spousal support obligations may begin. You do not have to be physically separated; you can be separate and apart in the same house. You do not need a written agreement to confirm that you are now separate and apart; it is a factual question. Some things to consider when trying to determine the date of separation include: when did you stop sleeping together, did you stop celebrating holidays, you separated your finances, you started telling people you are separated, one or both of you went to see a lawyer for advice concerning the consequences of separating, you stop doing things with or for each other (e.g. cooking, cleaning, vacations), there is written communication between you confirming the separation, and/or you file your income taxes as "separated". We are a full service firm that does a lot of family law. We are happy to meet you for a free consultation at one of our three offices, including 8 Guelph Street, Georgetown, in the Lounsbury Life & Group Insurance Benefits building. Have a great weekend.

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