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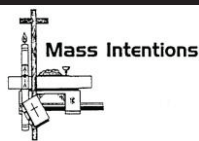
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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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Saturday, Dec. 31

9:00 a.m. - JENNIFER MOHABIR R.I.P.

5:00 p.m. - *(Still available)*

Sunday, Jan. 1 - Mary, Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. - RORY & ANNETTA McGUCKIN R.I.P.

10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00 noon- MANUEL DACOSTA TOME
& MARIA TOME R.I.P.

Monday, Jan 2 - St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 a.m. - BARBARA FERNANDEZ R.I.P.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

7:00 p.m. - DINO PERUSINI R.I.P.

Wednesday, Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 p.m. - VINCENT FERNANDEZ R.I.P.

Thursday, Jan. 5

7:00 p.m. - MARIANA DAVID R.I.P.

Friday, Jan. 6

9:00 a.m. - MARIA SAO JOAO TAVARES R.I.P.

7:00 p.m. - PHYLLIS KULA-LUTYENS R.I.P.

Saturday, Jan. 7 - St. André Bessette

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY

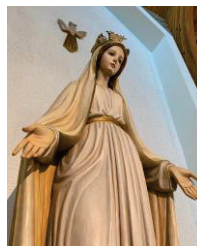
5:00 p.m. - RODNEY FERNANDES R.I.P.

Sunday, Jan. 8 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 a.m.- *(Still available)*

12:00 noon- EMILY LEPINE R.I.P.



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Luke 2:19

On this, the eighth day of the Octave of Christmas, we turn our focus to the unique and beautiful fact that God chose to enter our world through a human mother. Mary is called the "Mother of God" for the simple fact that her Son is God. She was not the mother of her Son's flesh alone, nor the mother only of His human nature. This is because the Person of Jesus, the Son of God, is one Person. And that one Person took on flesh within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Though becoming the Mother of God was a pure gift from Heaven and not something that Mother Mary merited on her own, there was one particular quality that she had that made her uniquely qualified to fulfill this role. That quality was her immaculate nature.

First, Mother Mary was preserved from all sin when she was conceived within the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. This special grace was a grace that was imparted to her from the future life, death, and resurrection of her Son. It was the grace of salvation, but God chose to take that gift of grace and transcend time to impart it to her at the moment of her conception, thus making her the perfect and pure instrument necessary to bring forth God into the world.

Second, Mother Mary remained faithful to this gift of grace throughout her life, never choosing to sin, never wavering, never turning from God. She remained immaculate throughout her life. Interestingly, it is this choice of hers, to forever remain obedient to the will of God in every way, that makes her more fully the Mother of God than the simple act of bearing Him within her womb. Her act of perfect unity with the will of God throughout her life makes her, also, the perfect mother of divine grace and mercy and perpetually the spiritual Mother of God, continually and perfectly bringing Him into our world.

Reflect, today, upon these most solemn mysteries of our faith. This eighth day of the Octave of Christmas is a solemn celebration, a celebration worthy of our pondering. The Scripture above reveals not only how our blessed Mother approached this mystery but also how we are to approach it. She "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Ponder these mysteries, also, in your own heart and allow the grace of this holy celebration to fill you with joy and gratitude.

(Source of content: mycatholic.life)

Readings for January 1

Numbers 6.22-27 Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 2.16-21

FIRST FRIDAY

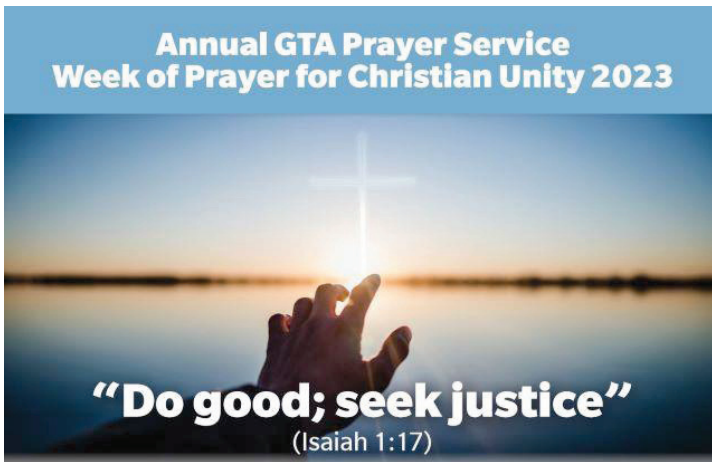


Friday, January 6th is the First Friday of the month. There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Adoration. Also,

at 6:00 p.m. there will be Adoration followed by 7:00 Mass.

GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH

The next drop off date for the Good Shepherd Prepare-a-Meal Program is next Saturday, January 7th from 11:00 till noon around the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 p.m. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-24 school year begins January 9

Kindergarten registration for the 2023-24 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools will take place Monday, January 9 to Friday, January 13, 2023. The DPCDSB offers the Kindergarten program in 125 Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton and Orangeville.

Parents/guardians can register online at dpcdsb.org. Registration is open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least four (4) years of age by December 31, 2023.



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POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Offeratory envelopes for **2023** are available downstairs in the first room. If you used 2022 envelopes, you will find a box with your name on it. If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2023, **unlabelled** boxes are available in the sacristy upon request. Please write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use.

Please destroy all old envelopes from previous years.

Tax receipts for 2022 will be issued by the Archdiocese by the end of January.



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen – February 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online: <http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>

Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.



Confirmation Enrollment forms for students **not** attending schools one of our seven parish schools are available on our website or contact the office. Please return the form, along with a copy of the student's Roman Catholic baptism certificate. Classes will begin in February 2023.

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