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Feast of the Holy Family



Solemnity Mary, Holy Mother of God

Monday December 31st

5 pm Missa Pro Popula

Tuesday January 1st

10 am Missa Pro Popula

Wednesday January 2nd

St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

12:05 noon + Nancy Murphy

Requested by Theresa & family

Thursday January 3rd

12:05 noon + Eugenio & Caterina Moscon

Requested by John & family

Friday January 4th

11 am-12 noon Holy Hour

12:05 noon + Callie Israel

Requested by Joan Bourrie &

Pat Wiessflog

<u>Saturday January 5th</u>

10 am Souls in Purgatory

Sunday Masses Solemnity – Epiphany of the Lord





Saturday January 5th

5 pm + Linda Quesnelle

Vigil Mass Requested by her brother & sisters

Sunday January 6th

9 am + Stasia Chartrand

Requested by Bernie Chartrand

11 am Missa Pro Populo

7:30 pm + Fred & Madge Bools



From Rusty & Sunny



Mary, Holy Mother of God

Starting with the Vigil Mass Monday December 31st at 5 pm and then on Tuesday January 1st at 10 am we begin the New Year with the Feast of Our Lady that is so very important. This feast is an Octave Day of Christmas and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Theologians realized that Jesus was both God and man; therefore, Mary is the Mother of God. Mary is given many titles and honored in many ways, but being the "Mother of God" is Mary's most important title and is what makes Mary so powerful an intercessor for us, her children. Jesus gave us His own Mother to intercede for us and that is why the Hail Mary is such a wonderful prayer - first we praise Mary for the Lord is with her; then we ask her to pray for us both now and at the hour of our death. Mary watches over us; she tells the Lord when we are in need as she did at the marriage feast when she noticed the lack of wine. She also tells us what she told the waiters then, "Do whatsoever He tells you."

Established by Pope Paul VI in 1968, January 1st is when the Church observes the World Day of

Peace, praying for peace among nations and an end to war and violence. We know that peace is a great blessing and one of the deepest longings of the human heart. We also know that real and lasting peace cannot co-exist where there is injustice, oppression and poverty. Building peace is everyone's responsibility. The "seeds" needed to build up peace in the family and in the world are respect, humility, self-control, patience and tolerance, inner strength, generosity, goodness and kindness, joy, justice and As we continue to celebrate the birth of prayer. the Prince of Peace, let us remember that Jesus has given us the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist so that we can live in peace and communion with God and with one another.

On this great feast day, may Our Lady inspire us to say our own "yes" to God and welcome the Son of God into our lives and hearts.

May you all have a very Happy New Year and live it in union with Jesus! May we live this New Year close to Mary in peace and *joy*.



On behalf of myself and the St. Margaret's staff I would like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of the parishioners and your families this year.

A special thank you to all of you who worked so hard to help our St Vincent de Paul clients, to our musicians, cantors and choirs, ushers and lectors and catechists, the CWL, the Knights of Columbus, the Funeral luncheon ladies, and all who volunteer their time to enrich the life of St. Margaret's Parish.

Sometimes it seems as though the world has gone mad, but Christmas reminds us that God loves the world and hasn't given up on it. We are worth saving!

May God richly bless you and your loved ones, and may the peace of the Christ child dwell in your hearts and in your families this year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone! Fr. Jim





Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who have asked for prayers:

Christian Neuman; Ben Corosky; Shelley Smith; Anne Marie Radko; Anne Marie Calhoun; Dawn Sweeney; Vincentia Beelen: Lea Sheils: Deacon Bill & Florence Carson: Joe Kingston; Ralph Ladouceur; Colin Herring; Jim Walsh; Meagan; Victor Farrugia; Kim Bailey; Edna Grenier; Please pray for our recently deceased relatives & friends: Angelo Ingriselli Sr.; Stephanie Belanger; Adjutor Belanger; Fr. Francis Voorwerk; Richard Juneau; Patricia Maurice; Jim Reichheld; Richard Dupuis;

Please notify the Parish Office when you hear of someone sick, in the hospital, or of a death; so we may put them on the prayer list and respond. Thank you.

Parenting Tip



The New Year is a time for all of us to reflect on the past and see if positive changes are needed in our lives. Are there changes you would like to see in your family - more time spent together, a greater number of meals shared as a family, increased sharing of events in each others lives, or an increase in peaceful family time? Discuss what changes each family member would like to see and then write out an action plan - a how to, so you will accomplish one or two of your goals. Your children will learn how to set goals and action plans, while all of you will benefit from positive changes that will strengthen your relationship as a family.

2019 Envelopes

THE 2019 WEEKLY ENVELOPES are available at the back of the church for pickup. The boxes are in alphabetical order by Last Name. If you cannot find your name please do not take someone else's box. If you cannot find your name, please visit the parish office during the week or simply take a new unassigned box of envelopes and put your name and mailing address on the new envelopes for the first month. Thank you for your co-operation.

Daily Mass Readings

Parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto can now find the Canadian daily readings on their archdiocesan and parish websites. Working with our publishing partners at Living with Christ/Novalis, the Archdiocese of Toronto has been able to include this new feature on the www.archtoronto.org website and all parish websites within the archdiocesan website network.

Securing access to these online readings for the day is significant because the vast majority of daily readings found online are from the United States Lectionary. There are some key differences between the American and Canadian Lectionaries in translations, the arrangements of some readings and feast days, as well as some differences in the instructions for readers. By partnering with Living in Christ, we are ensuring website visitors will find the same readings they would hear in their local parish Mass.

The Daily Readings tab can be found under the Our Catholic Faith drop-down menu on the archdiocesan and St. Margaret's parish website stmargaretsmi.archtoronto.org

Cold and Flu Season

The cold and flu season is upon us. To avoid sharing germs please remember that: At the Sign of Peace if you don't want to shake hands, then simply bow, smile and say, "Peace be with you."

During the winter months,

parishioners are cautioned to stay well away from the sides of the church, and not to park where the snow may fall off the steel roof.



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