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*May the Blessings of this  
Holy Season be with you Always.*

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



### **Vigil Mass**

**Thursday December 31**

missa pro populo

**Friday January 1**

missa pro populo

## Epiphany of the Lord



### **Vigil Mass**

**Saturday January 2**

+ Lena Elliot

Requested by

Guy, Mary & family

**Sunday January 3**

missa pro populo

+Eugenio & Caterina Moscon

Requested by John & family

+Leonard Landrigan

Requested by Knights of Columbus Laurier Council 2004

## Weekday Masses

**Tuesday January 5**

+ Kenneth Waltenbury

Requested by Marilyn & Richard Brown

**Wednesday January 6**

Intentions & Nadine Adams

Requested by Ron & Carol Jackson

**Thursday January 7**

+ Orlath Kathleen Wiley

Requested by Mary & Guy DiTomaso

**Friday January 8**

+ Albert Bouley

Requested by JoAnn & John Borley

**Saturday January 9**

+ Antony Baggio & Philip Gallen

Requested by Bernadette & family

## Baptism of the Lord



### **Vigil Mass**

**Saturday January 9**

+ Tony DiTomaso

Requested by Beth, Bob & family

**Sunday January 3**

missa pro populo

+ Rev. Gerarld Dillion

Requested by Margaret Power

+ Deacon Michael Conlin

Requested by Knights of Columbus Laurier Coucil 2004

## **Public Masses and Mass Intentions**

Due to the government-imposed lockdown the celebration of public Masses at St. Margaret's are temporarily suspended.

Fr. Roselle will continue celebrating a private Mass daily for the intentions you see listed here, for all our parishioners and community, and for an end to this pandemic crisis.

We encourage parishioners to view online/livestream/televised Masses. Cardinal Collins will continue to celebrate a livestreamed Mass each day from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30am. A full list of Masses is available at

[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

## **Prayer Requests**

**Please pray for those who have asked for prayers:**

Shelley Smith; Anne Marie Radko; Anne Marie Calhoun;

Nadine Adams; Nellie Kwapis; Verna Goneau;

Maryann Wilfling; Joe & Jan Galaski; Michael Grise;

Abigial Brown; Theresa Lapointe; Peter Pattenaude;

**Please pray for recently deceased:**

Joe Diduch; William Ledoucer; Jack Charlebois; Stan McNutt



## **The Pope's**

### **January Prayer Intention**

*Evangelization: Human fraternity* ~ May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

## **Parish Office Hours**

During the government imposed lockdown,

modified hours start January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

9:30 am – 11:30 am



## *New Year's Blessings*

*from St. Margaret's Clergy and Staff*

Fr. Roselle, Deacon Tony, Deacon Tim, Deacon Bill,  
Sandy, Jim, Katie, Stephanie, Theresa



I am Yours

Being the Mother of God is not something Holy Mary arranged for herself. Rather it was a privilege and blessing given to her by God in his great plan for the salvation of mankind. The Child Jesus did not come as a response to her deep desire and longing but came as a gift and new creation of God. At the Annunciation, Mary was free to accept or not to accept God's invitation to be the mother of the Redeemer. We thank Mary for her Fiat, her "Yes" to become the Mother of God.

To become the Mother of God was no easy task: it had its costs. Mary had to endure the trials that came with her "Yes." The life of Jesus and especially his passion and death brought much anxiety, confusion and pain to her. Though there were many things she "did not understand," "she kept all these things in her heart." Amidst her doubts, struggles and pains, she constantly kept her total faith and trust in God who she believed would maintain his care and keep his promises.

What is the significance of Mary as the Mother of God in our times? For one, she challenges us to say "Yes" to God's urgings and invitations, though we may have doubts and uncertainties. Is God leading us to some change or reform in our lives or to some new relationship or adjustment in relationships towards a renewed life?

We need the example of Mary's courage and strength as she showed her resiliency and faith in the midst of challenges and difficulties. Tradition tells us that her husband Joseph died rather young; her Son Jesus met his death in his early thirties; she saw the birth pangs of the early Church. We too meet a whole variety of

crises in our lives, especially with this pandemic; we see pain, tragedy and destruction in the lives of peoples, communities and nations.

The Church rejoices that Mary is the Mother of God. It also celebrates that Mary is our Mother: "when Jesus saw the Mother, and the disciple whom he loved, he said to the Mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'There is your mother.' And from that moment the disciple took her to his own home."

We recall advice given by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta to those in fear and anxiety, that they call upon Mary, "Mary, please be a mother to me and to us now."

As we begin the New Year, we can rely on Mary as our model in the way she had offered herself as Mother of God. We can articulate Mary's generous and total surrender to God in a prayer attributed to former Jesuit Superior-General Pedro Arrupe, "More than ever, I find myself in the hands of God. This is what I wanted in my life, from my youth. And this is still what I want. But now there is a difference: the initiative is entirely with God. It is indeed a profound spiritual experience to know and feel myself so totally in his hands, in the hands of this God who has taken hold of me.

Fr. Roselle

		<p>It is God himself, through the angel Gabriel, who greets Mary. This greeting shows God's regard for his humble servant and the joy he finds in her.</p>
<p>SOMETIMES CALLED The Angelical Salutation OR Ave Maria</p>	<p><b>Hail, Mary!</b> Full of grace, The Lord is with thee;</p>	<p>The grace with which Mary is filled is the presence of Jesus, the source of all grace.</p>
	<p><b>Blessed are thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.</b></p>	<p>Mary is <b>blessed among women</b> because she believed in the fulfillment of the Lord's word. Because of her faith, she became the mother of all believers, through whom all nations of the earth receive him who is God's own blessing: <b>Jesus, the fruit of thy womb.</b></p>
<p><b>Holy Mary, Mother of God,</b> Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death.</p>	<p>Because she gives us Jesus, her son, Mary is the <b>Mother of God</b> and also our mother. We can entrust all our cares and petitions to her. By doing so, we abandon ourselves to the will of God together with her: "Thy will be done."</p>	
<p>May Mary be there as she was at her son's death on the cross. May she welcome us as our mother at the hour of our passing to lead us to her son, Jesus, in paradise.</p>	<p>Archdiocese of Toronto <a href="http://www.archtoronto.org">www.archtoronto.org</a></p>	
<p><small>SOURCE: CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2676-2677</small></p>		



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