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Epiphany of the Lord

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass: Friday December 31

5 pm missa pro populo

There will be No Holy Hour or 12 Noon Mass today

Saturday January 1

11:30 am missa pro populo

There will be no 5pm Mass today

peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is the hostility between us (Ephesians 2: 14).

The second grace the Church asks for God's people is the maternal protection of Holy Mary, the Mother of God. The first terms of endearment we experience in this world come from our mothers. On the spiritual level, this should also hold. We need the loving gaze of Mary, first directed to Jesus, as mentioned in the Gospel for today (Luke 2: 16-21).

Today's Solemnity honors Mary as the Mother of God to emphasize that Jesus whom she bore in her womb and to whom she gave her very humanity is both. Lord and God, equal to the Father and the Holy Spirit in power and glory. But Jesus has entrusted us to her from the cross where she became the mother of all believers. Our concern becomes hers too, as we read in the Gospel of St. John (19: 27): And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home ['concern', Greek 'eis ta idia']

Fr. Roselle

Taking Her into Our Home



On New Year's Day, the atmosphere is filled not just with the sounds and sights of merriment but also with the polyphony of wishes for the year that begins. In all probability, people wish for success, prosperity, health of body, happiness and end of the pandemic.

In declaring the first day of the year as the World Day of Peace, the Church reminds us of the fundamental need of human beings: peace. We need peace, more than other things. This, however, is not the peace that human beings establish, coming from the good will and intention to live in peace with one another. If it stands only on human efforts, peace is fragile. On the other hand, peace may not be one that is imposed by a superior power; if it is, it is not peace responding to our aspirations, but peace dictated from above.

The peace that we pray for on New Year's Day is the peace of God, given to human beings at the birth of his son Jesus, and first announced by the angelic choir to shepherds of Bethlehem. This is peace on earth from the good will of God; and since it has God for its source, it is peace that does not disappoint. Moreover, it is offered to everyone, not just to those people of good will. Peace is God's gracious gift, not some kind of reward for our human efforts.



*Happy New Year
from St. Margaret's clergy & staff*

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



The peace of God is not facile. It is the peace of the Messiah who became a contradiction. This contradiction led Jesus to the cross and caused the heart of Mary to be pierced by a sword. But

the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus are really the cause of this peace, and established him as Peace itself. St. Paul explains how Jesus became our peace: For he is our



**The Pope's Prayer Intention
For January 2022**

For true human fraternity ~

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Mass Intentions

The Epiphany of the Lord



Sunday January 2

9 am missa pro populo
11:30 am + Ted Percival
Requested by K of C Laurier Council

No evening mass today

Tuesday January 4

12:05 noon + Eugenio & Caterina Moscon
Requested by John & family

Wednesday January 5

12:05 noon + Mrs Katherine Fligg
Requested by Charles & Dolores Maguire

Thursday January 6

12:05 noon Intentions of Fr. Roselle Azares
Requested by St. Margaret's
Life in the Spirit Group

Friday January 7

11am – Holy Hour

12:05 noon + Kerry Lavigne
Requested by Wayne & Joanne Corosky

Saturday January 8

10am + Anne Marie Calhoun
Requested by Jim, Yvonne & family

The Baptism of the Lord



Vigil Mass

Saturday January 8

5 pm + Linda
Quesnelle
Requested by her brother & sisters

Sunday January 9

9 am missa pro populo
11:30 am + Ted Percival
Requested by Toddy Blaicher
7:30 pm + Ryszard Milewski
Requested by Peter, Diane & Natalie

Prayer Requests

Please Pray for:

Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Stephen Roach; Elizabeth; Bernie Gemmell; Jenny; Mel Boudreau; Peter Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Florence Carson; Barb Mc; Brenda Bylow; Shirley Dower; Gina Grech; Francesca D'Alessandro; Liz Gaudet; John Jerome; Lila Bates;

Please pray for recently deceased:

Georgette Taylor

2022 Offertory Envelopes

Are available for pick-up at the back of the church or at the parish office during the week
Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 2pm

2021 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be mailed out at the end of January. Thank you for your generosity and support of the parish.

Sunday Missals

Available at the side entrance to the church for \$6 each

USHERS

St. Margaret's needs more ushers for all the weekend masses, most especially the 11:30 am mass Sunday.

If you are able to spare some time before and after mass to offer hospitality to guests and fellow parishioners we need your help.

Contact Shelley 705-515-0113, email: sleboeuf@rogers.com

A big thank you to all our current ushers. Your assistance during these challenging times of the pandemic is greatly appreciated, you've enabled us to keep the doors of the church to open to safely welcome guests and parishioners. Thank you.

 <p>Hail Mary</p>	 <p>Hail, Mary! Full of grace, The Lord is with thee;</p>	<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>Blessed are thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.</p>	<p>Mary is blessed among women 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: Jesus, the fruit of thy womb.</p>	
 <p>Holy Mary, Mother of God,</p>	<p>Because she gives us Jesus, her son, Mary is the Mother of God 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>Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death.</p>	<p>By asking Mary to pray for us, we recognize that we are sinners. We give ourselves over to her now and surrender even the hour of our death to her care.</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 www.archtoronto.org archtoronto</p>

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