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May the
Spirit of God
Lead You Through
the New Year





Monday, Jan. 5th

9:00am + Eugenio & Caterina Moscon
Requested by John Moscon and family

Tuesday, Jan. 6th

9:00am + Simone Flaim
Requested by John Moscon and family

Wednesday, Jan. 7th

9:00am + Larry Sauve
Requested by Elaine Edwards and
the Dorion family

Thursday, Jan. 8th

9:00am Special Intentions for
Eileen Reibling & Elizabeth Landry

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 10th

5:00 pm Special Intentions for
Bob & Terri Bourgeois

Sunday, Jan. 11th

9:00 am Mass for the People

11:00 am + Jean Henderson
Requested by Doug & Betty Swales

**Pope's Prayer Intention for
January**

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Wavelengths

I don't think my mom and dad were party people. Being saddled with four boys, the holidays were usually occupied with hockey tournaments in Ontario or Buffalo. So, the prospect of going to an official "New Year's Eve" party was just not possible.

Anyway, New Year's was much too contrived for Dad. On occasion, we kids stayed up to welcome in the New Year, but there is no vivid recollection of it being a big deal. I do remember when we got our first colour television, there was an excitement about watching the Rose Bowl Parade in colour. That was so long ago.

When I think of New Year's Eve, my favorite of all was the year I was placed in a parish as a seminarian. By a long-convoluted twist, I was placed in Collingwood for the year. At the time, I was a skier and several of my friends from university had settled there. The plan was to arrive at one of the homes for dinner, then don our cross-country skis and meet the new year under the glow of the moon and stars.

A group of us headed out into the darkness of the fields and woods on that cold, crisp December night, filled with excitement and exuberance for the novelty of it all. It didn't take long before the giggles and frivolity gave way to silence. The stillness of the night, and the incredible spectacle of the stars, coaxed us into silence. (I would hazard a guess now that the silence would be exchanged for panting out of breath, but this was decades ago.) The silence resulted from the sheer beauty and awe of the night sky. Of course, we lost track of time and so when we did pause to usher in the new year, no one was sure if it was before or after. At that time, it just didn't matter, we were all transcended.

Eventually, with a great reluctance, it was time to head back. Back at the house, when conversations resumed and hot chocolate and mulled apple cider were served, we agreed that it was a perfect way to welcome the new year, this great mystical encounter. So, the host put on a Van Morrison song, and we quietly listened as Van immersed us back "*Into the Mystic*" which remains even today, one of my all-time favorite songs. Whenever I hear it, I am transported to the cold evening in the back fields somewhere in Collingwood, to the night when the separation between heaven and earth was very thin.

Happy New Year.

Fr. Roy



2026 Liturgical Calendars

A limited number of Catholic Missions in Canada 2026 liturgical calendars are available for purchase at the Parish Office for \$15.00 each. (Or stop by the sacristy after Mass during the holiday break.) Email stmargaretmi@archtoronto.org to reserve your calendar.

LAST CALL: Address for Tax Receipts

Has your mailing address changed in 2025? Please notify the Parish Office if your mailing address, email address, or phone number has changed in the past year. We require current mailing addresses so you will receive your charitable donation tax receipt in the new year! Contact the office at stmargaretsmi@archtoronto.org or call 705-526-6313 x1.

C.W.L. NEWS

Our next C.W.L. meeting is Monday, Jan. 12th at 1:00pm. After Mass at Noon. Hope to see you there!

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4 p.m. EST

Venue: Runnymede United Church, 432

Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

Theme: *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling"* (Ephesians 4:4)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday, December 28, 2025

Offertory \$4,507.30

**Amount includes PAG & Donate Now*

Looking for a way to celebrate the new year in a meaningful way? Consider volunteering! There are many ways to bless our parish and community: lectors, ushers, SVDP Food Bank volunteers and more! Speak with Fr. Roy after Mass, or contact the Parish Office



2026 Offertory Envelopes

New 2026 Offertory envelopes are available at the back of the church or at the Parish Office. Please remember to print your name and address on your envelopes for the month of January—it really helps us to keep track!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Pat Leeson, David Charlebois, Ken King, Johnathan McCord, Lee-Anne Sanderson, Bruce Latanville, Donna Conlin, Maria Curvas, Antonio Guerra, Alba King, Rachel, Jenna Charlebois, David Boyce, Jenny Brock, Garry Edwards, Jose Mendoza, Lauraine Marshall, Barb Ledoucer, Grant Robitaille, Geraldine Diamago, Ralph Ladouceur, Carol Jackson, Carmen Desroches, David Morton, Dan Camp, Elaine Chiasson, Lisa Wright, Judy Martin, Michael Pontze, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire, Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek, Mary Fletcher, Sherry Archer, Abigail Brown, Romelda Morson, Nicole Marchildon, Lilah Bates, Shelley Smith, Peter Pattenau



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