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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God January 1st, 2023

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of Dec 31 to Jan 07

Dec 31	Sat	9:00 AM	†	Intention of Jonah Cunnell
Jan 02	Mon	9:00 AM		Souls in Purgatory
Jan 03	Tue	9:00 AM		Simon Maristanes
Jan 04	Wed	9:00 AM	†	Thomas & Joyce D'Souza
Jan 05	Thu	9:00 AM	†	Mary Kyle
Jan 06	Fri	9:00 AM	†	Martin & Arnolta Raposo
			†	Alfred & Mitalda Hannah
			†	Mary Kyle
			†	Patrick Gomes
			†	Cristino Balin
Jan 07	Sat	9:00 AM	†	Laura De Guia
		5:00 PM	†	Gabriel Celestine Van Veen

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Catholic Women's League: Therese Baduria at 416.938-5855
General meetings held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in Room 2.

Faith Enrichment: Bonnie Washer at 416.284-5772 Meetings on Thursdays at 9:30 – 10:45 am in Room 2.

Knights of Columbus: Roy Van Deen at 416.899-2771.
General meetings held every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in Room 2. Next meeting January 19th, 2023.

Legion of Mary: Dawne Williams at 416.284-8699 or Manisha Raju 647.678-0371. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 pm in Room 1. Juniors contact Manisha.

Prayer Group: Patricia Furtado at 416.724-8570 and Michael McManus at 416.438-8453. Meetings held every other Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Refugee Outreach: Carmela Gaudet at 416.283-8151. Meets on the last Saturday of every month.

Seniors 50+ Club: Joe Van Pinxteren at 416.284-4213 Refreshments, coffee, cards and companionship from 12 – 3:30 pm in the Hall every Wednesday. Seniors mass held every 1st Wednesday of the month at 11 am.

Social Committee: Bryan Noble at 647.937-6631 or bryannoble1967@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 416.282-0370 ext. 217

Technology Ministry: Isis Rebello at 416.286-0707

Youth Ministry: Angie Bernard at 647. 242-8429 or

REFLECTION

Time and time again the Old Testament considers the birth of a child, especially a first-born son, to be God's blessing. But a more pessimistic strain occurs also, for to be human is to know uncertainty, pain and death. None can avoid this law. In his letter to Galatians this is Paul's starting point, God's son, a Jew born of Mary, knew the subjection of human life even to undergoing his people's custom of circumcision. His perfect acceptance of human life has filled it with the glorious possibilities. Before we were slaves; now in the name of Jesus and through his spirit we can call God Father. But what have these readings to do with Mary, mother of God? From the fifth century, January 1 was celebrated in Rome as her feast. The mother of this child must be remembered with him. Mary's assent to God's plan marks the new age of humanity, allowing us to pass from slavery to the freedom of God's children. See how blessed we are when God chose Mary to be the mother of his Son! (*Sunday Mass Book*)

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

Thank you!

We wish to thank all our parishioners for donating to ShareLife. Because of your generosity we were able to raise \$90,476 which will allow ShareLife to continue to:

- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- deliver food to children in developing countries
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

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FORMED

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Our Office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd 2023.



*May God bless all our parishioners
with good health, happiness and
prosperity in the new year!*

*From: The Pastoral Team and
Office Staff*

2023

New Year's Day Masses

Saturday, December 31, 2022

5:00 pm

Sunday, January 1st, 2023

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00pm

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7th, 2023

9:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 8th, 2023

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

This year our Christmas appeal was a great success. For 60 families their Christmas was a little brighter. We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to all of you for your generous response to the families in need in our midst. Blessings to each and every one of you in this New Year!

*'The beauty of life is found in people who care
And the goods of life are given only to share
And we who are blessed with the ability to give
Just remember, not doing so 'may our God forgive'
– Author Unknown*

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2023

Under the Spiritual Guidance of Fr. Francis Folleh C.S.Sp

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION DATES

First Communion Preparation– 2023

1st Parent Meeting

Sunday, January 29th @ 1pm –hall

Tuesday, January 31st @ 7pm—church

2nd Parent Meeting

Sunday, February 26th @ 1pm—hall

Tuesday, February 28th @ 7pm –church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, March 25th, 2023 @ 10 am—11:30 am

First Communion Mass

Sunday, April 16th @ 1 pm

-St. Brendan, St. Jean de Brebeuf

Sunday. April 23rd @ 1pm

-Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio, Sunday School

2023 DONATION ENVELOPES

Are available for pick up in the Narthex. They are alphabetized within each tray. Please be patient and double check that you are taking your own box.

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us at www.stjosephstoronto.org



21st Annual Friar's Writing Contest 2023

Oct. 4—Jan. 16, 2023

High School students (ages 13-19) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Write a 500 word essay that explores the 2023 theme. Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J> and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3KXgu8m>.

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