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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 pm Mass for the Unborn (*Sanctity of Life*)

Wednesday, January 4

7:00 pm

Thursday, January 5

7:00 pm † Joan Summers (*Mary Anne Hoyle*)

Friday, January 6

7:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 7 (Vigil Mass)

Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm For the Parishioners at St. Theresa's
Thanksgiving for All the Benefactors of SSVF

Sunday, January 8

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 am Thanksgiving for Morena Albudin's Birthday
Thanksgiving for All the Benefactors of SSVF
12:00 noon † Carmen Donaldson (*Angela Iozzo*)
Thanksgiving for All the Benefactors of SSVF

Solemnity: Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2023



Of all the Marian feasts of the Church, this day dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, is the greatest. Drawing on scriptural and patristic sources, it celebrates Mary's role in the incarnation and in redemption. In this role, her special relationship with her son is emphasized and she is acknowledged as model of the Church.

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because His Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 721



Let Us Pray FOR THE SICK

Medy Soros, Maria Ferreira, Norma Salmingo, Judy Discutido, Vic Walker, Norman Garcia, Conchita & Del Laranang, Susan Tighe, Vivian Potter, Carmelina Aquino, Madeleine Franco, Paul & Monica Brewster, Nadia Moalic-Gagnon, Vesca Isaef, Bobbi Melchers

Pope's Prayer Intention in January



FOR EDUCATORS

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



VOCATION SEEDS

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto:

☎ 416-968-0997 📧 vocations@archtoronto.org

January 1 is the World Day of Peace!

The World Day of Peace, celebrated on January 1 every year, is primarily a Catholic feast day dedicated to universal peace on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

On this occasion, Popes generally make authoritative declarations on the Catholic Social Teachings (C.S.T.). The theme of the feast has always been about creating a culture of care. The Church stresses the need to care and share tolerance for each other, and to create a society that focuses on good moral values and does not yield to the temptation to disregard others. The benefits of a peaceful society have been the emphasis of every year's World Day of Peace.

The world must be educated to love Peace, to build it up and defend it. — Pope Paul VI, 1968



Dear Parishioners,

The Church has given us this Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, at the beginning of the new year. She is our patroness for the new year. A patron or patroness is a defender. Let us then give ourselves over to her protection and intercession so that we and our families may be defended from all evil by her prayers in this year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.

On another matter, I am taking two weeks of my holidays and will be away next Sunday and the following Sunday, that is: January 8 & 15.

Please welcome the supply priests for these weekends: Fr. Walter Werbylo from St Augustine Seminary; Fr. Bosco Wong; Fr. Michael Corpus from St Augustine Seminary; and Msgr. Bob Nusca also from St Augustine Seminary. What a blessing it is to have priests available for helping out when the pastor is away; many parishes in other parts of Canada are not as fortunate as this!

I will be praying for you all while away and ask that you kindly remember me in your prayers.

On a further note, last November 8 marked the one year anniversary since I became your pastor. Amazing how time flies! In that time, I've have settled down and now feel that I know some of you and am getting to know more of you. St Therese Parish has become my home.

On this World Day of Peace, may the Prince of Peace through the intercession of His mother, bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,
Fr Simon

**Best Wishes for a Blessed New Year
of Happiness, Peace, and Good Health!**

**Thank You very much for celebrating Christmas &
New Year with us, and for your generous offerings!**



We have 86 new parishioners registered in our parish last year. Let us all welcome them to St. Theresa's family.

Registering to the parish not only makes you part of the family of St. Theresa and the church, it gives you and your family the chance to be counted and heard in the parish.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes for 2023

Kindly start using your 2023 envelopes this weekend. Make sure to write your name and phone number on the envelopes, at least in the month of January. Always indicate the amount of your donation.



Do not use any of your 2022 or previous years' envelopes anymore, especially if you were assigned a new number.

New Year Reflection

*Lord, I sometimes wonder where I am going
and what is the meaning of my life.*

*I wonder especially what the New Year holds for me.
Will it bring joy or sorrow,
success or failure, life, or death?*

*But then, I remember that You came on earth;
And that You still travel the road of life with me.*

*And so, I say to my soul:
'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand
in the hand of Christ, your Brother;
that will be better than a light,
and safer than a known path.'*



From the members of the St. Theresa Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP), sincere wishes to all for a New Year Full of God's Blessings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Parish office will be CLOSED on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 in observance of New Year's Day.

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