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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



MON, JAN 2 9:15 am	
TUES, JAN 3 7:00 pm	
WED, JAN 4 9:15 am	
THUR, JAN 5 7:00 pm	
FRI, JAN 6 9:15 am	
7:00 pm	
SAT, JAN 7 9:15 am	
5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
SUN, JAN 8 9:00 am	
10:30 am	
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Gilbert Lambe †
8:00 pm	

NEW YEARS PRAYER

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.

May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,

help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honor rather than destroy.

Lower of all souls,

help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.

In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ
bless us now and in the days ahead.

- Vinita Hampton Wright; Offered by Douglas Ruschman



*Vice is a monster of so frightful mien
As to be hated needs but to be seen;
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.*
Alexander Pope (1688-1744), English poet

In the aftermath of the English Reformation, the ensuing penal laws severely restricted social upward mobility for all non-Protestants. Born into a Catholic family, Alexander was raised outside of London. His father, having died when Alexander was two, left the family with sufficient means from his successful dealings as a linen merchant. Consequently, Alexander, of short stature and suffering from a curvature of the spine, benefited from a sound education through private tutors. By 12 years of age, he was proficient in the classical languages of Greek and Latin. Seeing as how his opportunities were limited on account of his Catholic background and fragile health, he concentrated his talents of intelligence and wit. "To err is human, to forgive, divine," "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," "a little learning is a dangerous thing" are but a few of some of his notable and often repeated contributions to literature and conversation.

Alexander Pope's love for writing had him produce many works of satire and social commentary. The cited section is taken from his, Essay of Man. In the first line, the word, "mien" is no longer in popular usage. It derives from the word – demeanor: appearance bearing an expression, attitude, personality. The brief stanza speaks to how easily we can become habituated and seduced by the distortions and adulterations of that which we know to be good. With the Feast of the Holy Family being transferred to Friday, December 30, this year, Alexander Pope's warning on society's facile accommodation and acceptance to counterfeits provides insight into conscience. Ongoing exposure to an evil that initially repulsed us eventually weakens our resistance. The free, total, faithful, and fruitful holy love that marked the lives of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph provides the model for our own families. So many of us are painfully aware of how we have allowed aberrations and deviations to infiltrate and compromise the love that is meant to be shared between spouses, children and parents. May our ongoing efforts and prayers to aspire and live out a genuine love for our families be blessed by the heart-warming glow of the Nativity scene's tenderness and intimacy.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Feast of Mary Mother of God

Over the next couple of weeks we will be moving quickly from one feast day to the next. Christmas releases a barrage of celebrations including the Feast of the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, the Baptism of Jesus and the Epiphany.

There is one idea or theme that unites these feast days and that is the theme of family. It is as though we are meant to begin the year with a focus on the family; this is where it all begins. Jesus' birth into a regular family authenticates family life. It emphasizes the fact that family is foundational to human existence.

We need strong families for the welfare of society. The Holy Family at such stands as a model for all of us, for all families, and for those who are planning to have families as well. We can look at the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and say, yes, this is how it really should be in terms of the bond that we see between them, in terms of their very deep spiritual life and prayer.

We can look at Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and allow them to be a model for us, for our own families as well. Their devotion to each other, their closeness, their loyalty, their charity, and their common purpose, all of those things you see exemplified in their life.

In this Christmas season let's pray for strong family life. Many homes today, as you well know, are not happy units. Let us pray for selfless love, self giving love, self abandoning love and in one word, self-sacrificing love in our homes.

Fr. Roger



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2023 boxes of Offertory Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please ensure you pick up your own box and that your name & address is correct so that when the T4 slips for income tax purposes are prepared, they will be sent with the correct name & address. If your box is not there or you need to make any changes, or you wish to begin using envelopes fill out an Envelope Request Form and return it to the office. Please **DO NOT** use these envelopes until **JANUARY 1, 2023**. Also a reminder: **DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!**



TAX DEADLINE



Our Tax deadline is December 31st, 2022, any donations processed or received after December 31st will count towards your 2023 donations and will not be included in your 2022 tax receipt. Thank you for your financial commitment to our parish.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration, is a Eucharistic adoration held the first Friday of every month in the church. It begins with 9:15 AM Mass and is followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of the day. Adoration concludes at 7:00pm followed by Mass. **WHAT FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION PARTICIPANTS DO:** Come any time during the adoration hours (approximately 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM) to spend some quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. Adoration participants commit to specific time. These "Guardians of the Eucharist" ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.



FIRST FRIDAY - HOLY HOUR

Please join us in this holy hour of prayers during the Eucharistic adoration on First Fridays of every month. We start with the 3 O'clock Prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Then, we continue with Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation, and Intercession. We also pray the Eucharistic Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament. We end the hour with a hymn of praise and adoration at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

PRAYER INTENTIONS



We now have a prayer binder in the chapel area where you can write your particular prayer intentions. Our morning prayer devotee's will pray for these intentions. You are welcome to join these prayer warriors Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15am. Prayer books to follow along are available for sale for \$30.

"And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him." 1 John 5:15"

RETROUVAILLE

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated?

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SERRA'S 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, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca



THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. We will be breaking for the Holidays and will resume in the New year on January 10th. Wishing you peace and blessings this Christmas and into the New Year. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrobin22@gmail.com



STITCHES FROM THE HEART



Once again Christmas season is approaching and stitches of the heart will be ending by November 28, 2022 and resume by January 8, 2023. On behalf of all the women of stitches of the heart group would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

OAPCE

Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) is the voice of parents that helps promotes and protects publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. **ENGAGE. ADVOCATE. ENHANCE.** For more information on what we do and who we are visit: <https://dufferinpeel.oapce.org/>



We are accepting registrations for our Parish Youth Program Edge (Gr 5-8) Sign up after Mass and drop off the registration and payment at the parish office.

The deadline has been extended to Friday, January 13th, 2023

First Edge night -

Friday, January 13th, 2023

Cost: \$50 (includes t-shirt and snacks)

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information email Margaret at dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com



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