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Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
and
The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Tuesday, December 29

9:00 am † Colleen Marley – Mary Ellen Marley

Wednesday, December 30

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Thursday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

5:00 pm For all Deceased Parishioners

Friday, January 1 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10:00 am For God's Blessings for Canada in 2016

Saturday, January 2 – St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

Sunday liturgy – Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm † Margaret Ann Ertel – Grant & Janet Ertel

† Eileen Oddy – Harold Freiburger

Sunday, January 3 – Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am

10:30 am People of St. Louis Parish

For Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

The Feast of the Holy Family is a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church in honour of Jesus of Nazareth, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph, as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. Since the 1969 revision of the General Roman Calendar, the feast is celebrated on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day (both exclusive), or when there is no Sunday within the Octave (if both Christmas Day and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are Sundays), it is held on 30 December, a Friday in such years. It is a holy day of obligation only if it falls on a Sunday.

In the First Reading, the birth of Samuel was, for Hannah, a direct answer to prayer. In fact, the boy's name means "Asked of God." In gratitude, Hannah resolves to give this child (for whom she'd longed through years of infertility) back to the God, who answered her plea. When he is weaned, she will bring him to the Lord's house where he will spend his life. In today's Gospel, Mary is relieved to find Jesus in the Temple, and eagerly retrieves him to bring him home. That Hannah willingly leaves her boy behind may anticipate Jesus' words to his parents, who should have known his life would centre on the Temple and on doing his Father's business.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 3

12 pm Jubilee Year closing banquet **Gym**

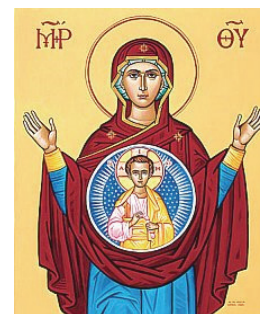
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Jan 2 5:00 pm	1 Kathie Mulhall 2 Steven Mulhall C Jim Walsh	1 Trudy Allensen 2 Rosemary Thorpe 3 Gerry Thorpe
Sun. Jan 3 8:30 am	1 Linda Wanka 2 James Skidmore C Linda Wanka	1 Rob Hinsperger
10:30 am	1 Mary Smith 2 Dana Woito C Cecilia Beechey	

For the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The English title "Mother of God" is a translation of the Latin title *Dei Genetrix*, which means "She Who Generated God", as the corresponding Greek title Θεοτόκος (*Theotokos*) means "She Who Gave Birth to God". This title was dogmatically adopted at the First Council of Ephesus (431) as a way to assert that Jesus is God, and that his mother can therefore be called Mother of God. The title that the January 1st feast celebrates is thus not only Mariological but also Christological.

The Second Vatican Council stated: "Clearly from earliest times the Blessed Virgin is honoured under the title of Mother of God" and at an early stage the Church in Rome celebrated on January 1st a feast that it called the anniversary (*Natale*) of the Mother of God. When this was overshadowed by the feasts of the Annunciation and the Assumption, adopted from Constantinople at the start of the 7th century, January 1st began to be celebrated simply as the octave day of Christmas, the "eighth day" on which, according to Luke 2:21, the child was circumcised and given the name Jesus.

In the 13th or 14th century, January 1st began to be celebrated in Rome, as already in Spain and Gaul, as the feast of the Circumcision of the Lord and the Octave of the Nativity, while still oriented towards Mary and Christmas, with many prayers, antiphons and responsories glorifying the maternity of Mary. The 1969 revision of the liturgical year and the calendar states: "January 1st, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and also the commemoration of the conferral of the Most Holy Name of Jesus."



December 27th, 2015

and

January 1st, 2016

First Communion: Anyone in grade 2 wishing to have their Sacrament here at St. Louis parish is asked to register with Kelly Krause at the parish office. Classes will begin Wednesday, January 20th, 6pm-7:30pm in the Nursery.



**Next CWL meeting: Wednesday, January 6th :
Mass 7 pm - Installation of your 2016-18 executive**

Speaker's topic: "Days For Girls": (in poor countries many girls lose 4-5 days of school each month). Find out how to make washable feminine hygiene kits and keep these girls in school! Members and non members always welcome.

The Symbolon (Part 2) – Living the Faith - 10 sessions resume on Monday, January 11th, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Returning and new participants are very welcome.

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, January 7th, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking available across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Mercy: A Study in Scripture - A Workshop Series - 7 Wednesdays, starting Jan. 6, 1:30- 3:30pm at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. By exploring the theme of Mercy in the Old Testament we hope to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of Mercy. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND & David Dayler. The cost of \$75 includes the textbook & other resources. Register by Dec.18. For further info contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528 7988 ext. 2238.



ST. LOUIS PARISH HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Th u	Dec. 31	5 pm	New Year's Eve – Vigil Mass For New Year's Day – Feast of Mary Mother of God
Fri	Jan 1	10 am	New Year's Day – Feast of Mary Mother of God
Sat	Jan 2	5 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass – Feast of the Epiphany
Sun	Jan 3	8:30 am	Sunday Mass (without music)
	Jan 3	10:30 am	Feast of the Epiphany – 125 th Jubilee Closing Mass with Bishop Crosby

Holiday Office Hours

Monday	December 28	Closed
Tuesday	December 29	9 am–noon and 1 pm–4 pm
Wednesday	December 30	9 am–noon and 1 pm–4 pm
Thursday	December 31	9 am - noon
Friday	January 1	Closed

Please note: This bulletin was submitted to be printed on Dec. 18th – as per Liturgical Publications requirements.

In **Bishop's Crosby Christmas message** we are reminded that goodness abounds: "This Christmas, let us look for the goodness of others, and allow the good in us to shine – so that God's compassionate mercy might be revealed through simple, everyday kindness". "The biblical story of creation reminds us that God considered the created world to be 'good'. And the human was 'very good'! Original good came *before* original sin – and in Jesus Christ, the first born, that goodness is restored." (*Copies of the letter available at the back of the church.*)

**BEST WISHES OF A BLESSED
AND ABOUNDING IN GOODNESS
NEW YEAR**

**FROM FR. PHIL, FR. MICHAL,
KELLY, ANNA, MICHAEL AND JOHN**

**NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS – SOME
SUGGESTIONS:**

Whether or not you were able to attend the parish mission in early December, you might consider listening (again) to Fr. Adam Voisin's talks. They are available at his website: www.fatheradamvoisin.com.

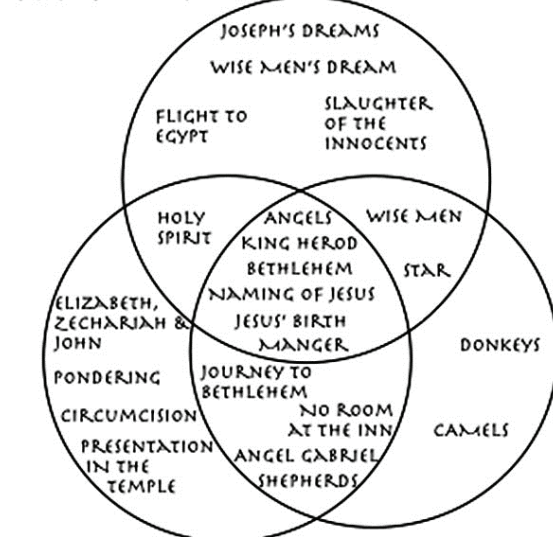
If you missed buying a copy of the book that Fr. Adam recommended: "Interior Freedom" by Jacques Phillippe (our 12 copies disappeared very quickly), the store that has it in a book format is Primary Educators from Newmarket www.primaryeducators.ca or 905-895-8350.

The Catholic Register has a special subscription price for the holidays, which is available until Jan 8, 2016: 47 issues for \$32.00 To order call (416) 934-3410 ext. 404, or www.catholicregister.org

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**ELEMENTS OF THE NATIVITY STORY
IN DIFFERENT GOSPELS:**

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



GOSPEL OF LUKE

CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS



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