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# MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

## Mass Intentions

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

No Mass

**Tuesday, January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

9:00 am † James Donkers – Donna & Family

**Wednesday, January 4**

9:00 am No Mass

**Thursday, January 5**

9:00 am No Mass

**Friday, January 6**

9:00 am No Mass

**Saturday, January 7 – St. André Bessette, Religious**

**Sunday Liturgy – Epiphany of the Lord**

5:00 pm † Theresa Hause – Estate (6/12)

† Jim & Jeanette Sommers – John & Paula Sommers

**Sunday, January 8 – Epiphany of the Lord**

9:30 am † David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Shirley Hinsperger – Hinsperger Family

† Alma Moser – Harold & Viola Moser

† Frank Sonser – Antoinette Zappitelli

11:30 am For People of St. Louis Parish

### Reflection on the Gospel readings:

Today's Gospel begins by drawing to a close Luke's account of the shepherd's response to the angelic message of a Saviour's birth in Bethlehem. As he often does, Luke stresses joyful response to the Good News, and the shepherds immediately seek out the infant Jesus, telling Mary and Joseph of the heavenly revelation they have received. Mary responds like a woman immersed in her Jewish people's understanding of God's Word; it is to be accepted even if it cannot be understood in the moment. Then slowly with time and reflection, the full meaning of God's Word can reach its full significance.

Mary surrendered to Gabriel's incomprehensible message, and now receives confirmation of his words from a most unlikely source: a band of shepherds, people despised as unclean sinners. Still, she continues to hold all these words in her heart. Trusting even when she cannot yet fully know, she names her son Jesus, which means "God saves." In time, the meaning of that powerful name, the character of her son as the one in whom God acts to save all humankind, will be revealed to her. For their part, the shepherds continue to rejoice, praising God. Luke thus raises up a theme he will repeat often: God has come in Jesus to save, turning first of all to the lowly, the poor, the outcast, and the despised.

NO DAILY MASSES  
JANUARY 4 - 20

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, January 3**

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting

Large Hall

**Wednesday, January 4**

6:00 pm (11:30) Choir Rehearsal

Church

**Thursday, January 5**

9:30 am Small Christian Community

Large Hall

7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal

Church

**OFFICE CLOSED ON JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2017.**

### 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 AD) 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> century, January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> century, January 1<sup>st</sup> began to be celebrated in Rome, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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."

In his Apostolic Letter, *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI explained: "This celebration, placed on January 1 ...is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the "holy Mother...through whom we were found worthy to receive the Author of life." It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (cf. Lk. 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace."

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Jan 7 5:00 pm	1 Betty Gross 2 Maureen O'Grady C Jim Walsh	1 Marilyn Foster 2 Rosemary Thorpe 3 Jerry Thorpe
Sun. Jan 8 9:30 am	1 Cecilia Beechey 2 Lauren Krause C Ed Ruppe	1 Jack Sehl 2 Justine Krause 3 Rob Hinsperger
11:30 am	1 Donna Herbstreit 2 Ben Beaton C Carolyn Beaton	1 Charley Wilson 2 Darlene Wilson 3 Marianne Butler



**There will be no daily Masses from January 4<sup>th</sup> till January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**First Friday Adoration & Benediction is also cancelled.**

**Here are the daily Mass times for other Waterloo Parishes:**

**Our Lady of Lourdes:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 8:30 am & Tuesdays and Thursdays: 7 pm.

**St. Michael's Church:** Tuesdays: 7 pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 12:15 pm, Fridays: 8 am.

**St. Agnes Church:** Tuesdays – Fridays: 7 pm, Saturdays: 9 am.



**Embracing the Wisdom of Monks & Mystics: A Senior Adult Workshop Series - 6 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 11, 2017 1:30- 3:30pm at Chancery Office - Hamilton**

This 6 part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new & creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost (\$35) includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine Valters Paintner. Register by Dec. 22. For further information please contact Monica at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-52807988 X 2238 or check the website, [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more information.



**Laudato Si is a Call to Conversion** - Come and

spend an evening exploring Pope Francis' encyclical on The Environment and Human Ecology with Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salt and Light Television. "Past popes have written on the importance of protecting the environment, but [Laudato Si] is a major piece of work, and an ardent call from one of our world's major leaders for us to work together to address this existential problem. ... To use religious language, what the Pope is calling for is conversion." (Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB) Join us Wed. Jan. 11, 2017 at 7pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener. Sponsored by St. Francis Parish Catholic Women's League.



KW Right to Life sponsors the **Stop Censorship Tour** - Saturday January 14, 2017 - *Why Abortion Statistics Matter* featuring Mike Schouten from WeNeedaLaw.ca and John Sikkema Lawyer at ARPA Canada - at the Knights of Columbus Centre 145 Dearborn Place Waterloo - Fish and Chip Dinner at 5:00pm (\$10) Social at 4:30pm - Speakers at 6:00pm with Silent Auction - All proceeds go the STOP CENSORSHIP Initiative. Call 519-746-5433 or email [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca) to reserve your place or table.

**Seminar of Hope - How To Pray For Your Sons, Daughters & Loved Ones** - Free Live Seminar – by Vernon Robertson. As seen on EWTN. As parents do you suffer because of the spiritual condition of your children? Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you. FREE participant manual will be given at the Seminar. For more information, or to register call Pat or Rita at 519-748-5548 or email [paddy@golden.net](mailto:paddy@golden.net). St Anthony Daniel Catholic Church (29 Midland Drive Kitchener N2A 2A9)

**Friday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – 7 to 9 pm & Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – 9 am to 4 pm.** Bring a bag lunch. Love offering will be taken. View Promo video at [www.seminarofhope.org](http://www.seminarofhope.org)

**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. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com), [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com).

## Program Announcements



**First Communion:** Anyone who has a child in Gr. 2 and would like them to receive the Sacrament of the First Eucharist here at St. Louis parish; classes will run Wednesday nights beginning Wed. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm - 7:30 pm in the Nursery. The celebration of this Sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 am Mass. Anyone interested, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register.

**Children's Sunday Programs** at 9:30am Mass will be closed January 1<sup>st</sup>. This includes Babysitting, Sunday school and Liturgy of the word. All programs will resume January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Updated! Good Shepherd Catechesis** program is closed for the Christmas break and will resume again on **January 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**Youth Group** does not meet over Christmas break. Next meeting for everyone is January 13th. It is a fun night so bring a friend!! Next High School meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Bible Study on Thursdays** (afternoon) will resume on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm with a new program by Bishop Barron "Priest, Prophet and King". All are welcome.

**Monday Night Pivotal Players** by Bishop Barron will resume on Monday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. In January we will look at lives and work of G.K. Chesterton and Michelangelo. All are welcome.

**Beloved – Marriage Enrichment Program** – next session on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Lunch and babysitting provided. All are welcome.

**Updated! Lunch and Learn** – continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays at noon. Next meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>. (We read and discuss short chapters in the book by Patrick Madrid *Does the Bible Really Say That?* All are welcome. Come as you can.

**Small Christian Community** – continues to meet on Thursdays at 9:30 am.

**Updated! Next CWL meeting** - February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Next St. Vincent de Paul meeting** – January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Pre-Authorized Giving available at St. Louis Church.**

**You can sign up at any time.**

Funds are transferred monthly on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. (This covers **only** the regular Sunday envelope donations). If interested, pick up a registration form.



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