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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

A Word From Our Pastor:

As we come to the end of the year and have celebrated Christmas Day we find ourselves in the middle of what is known as the 'Octave of Christmas'. Octave means perfection and it represents the eight days between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. During these eight days we are blessed to celebrate several Solemnities and Feast Days. Of course, we celebrate Christmas Day, the incarnation, when God became Man and walked among us. The Feast of the Holy Family which falls on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day reminds us to be inspired and encouraged by the Holy Family; Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We consider the strengths of the Holy Family and ask them to continue to pray for us as we live our lives, not only with our immediate families, but also with our Faith family.

We also celebrate the Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist (December 27). The one Apostle who was not martyred, John gave us the Fourth Gospel which is totally different in both word and in scope from the other three Gospels. We may look upon the Fourth Gospel as the Foundation of Christ's Spirituality and a life lived in union with Jesus in the mystery of grace.

Finally, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st. During the past Advent Season, we celebrated the Image of the Blessed Mother in the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe (December 12). For the individual Christian, the fact that Mary, a human being, is the Mother of the Son of God is the clearest possible link between the human and the Divine. The two are united through Mary who gave us the perfect reflection of true and eternal love.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Let us put ourselves into His hands, and not be startled though He leads us by a strange way, a *mirabilis via*, as the Church speaks. Let us be sure He will lead us right, that He will bring us to that which is, not indeed what we think best, nor what is best for another, but what is best for us."

- Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Ian Munday, Mary Albert,
Rhonda Chartrand***

Bulletins are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

RESTART: Refresh, Renew Revive – A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support and fun! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. **Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month**, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required. For ZOOM link contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION? Your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help – you can heal from the pain. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.** Your call is important to us.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com

ReSTART: Moving Forward – This is a new and updated 10-week program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs from Tuesdays, March 21st to May 23rd. The sessions take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. The cost is \$25 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com or register on line at [ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

JANUARY 1, 2023

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (January 2 – January 8)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Edward Deevey	CWL
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Charles Spencer	Spencer Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Helen and Dusan Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of John Kosir</i>	Kosir Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Robert Rowe	Luisetto Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>	
11:00 a.m.	Fred Parsons	MacDonald Family



Please see Eddie MacDonald if you have any questions or are interested in joining the team.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Raats, Ramalho, Richardson,
Ryan, Saftic, Sammit***



CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C

Anyone interested in learning more about our parish Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus is invited to call the appropriate contact person:

CWL: Christie deSouza: 519-400-6012 cwl@lartist.com

K of C: Marc MacDonald: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

From the Parish Office: The office will reopen January 3 at 9:30 a.m. All donations received **in the collection by December 31st** will be included in 2022 receipts. Tax receipts are issued for annual donations of \$25.00 or more.

2023 envelopes are available for pickup in the hall.

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges all Baptisms and Marriages personally, by appointment. Please see Father after Mass to set a time for an interview. Marriages must be arranged one year in advance. Completion of a marriage preparation course is required. Application forms may be obtained from Father Mark.

Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions

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