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# Christmas



the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

Luke 2:10

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Christmas traditions of years past are never forgotten. I can remember back 40 years ago, going out to get the Christmas tree, out on the farm in the country, usually around mid December and knee deep in snow; but it was a wonderful time getting ready for Christmas. Getting the Christmas tree was a **big** deal on the farm. We would all be involved in decorating it and taking in the 'fresh spruce' scent! I can recall getting ready for choir for Christmas Eve Mass at St. Michael, Corkery and having to get the music ready, as I was the organist back then ... it was bitterly cold, but I will never forget the calmness of the most Holy Night, the countless stars, and the quiet anticipation of all creation! As I preside over the liturgy of Christmas with all of you, I pray that you and your family do not forget the Christmas memories that have formed in us as we celebrate the timeless presence of Jesus born in our hearts.

Blessed Christmas to all ... Fr Frank Scott

# RECENT REFLECTIONS BY POPE FRANCIS ON CHRISTMAS

Christmas, he said, is a celebration of the fact that "the Lord comes with his power – which are his caresses – to find us, to save us like lost sheep and bring us back to the flock of his church." Christmas, he said, is a celebration of the coming of the Lord, who "comes like a judge, but a judge who caresses, a judge who is full of tenderness, who does everything to save us. "The good news of Christmas, the pope said, is that God never stops seeking out the lost sheep. Recognizing his love, people should allow themselves to be consoled and resolve to follow him more closely.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Marcel Grandbois, Renee Grandbois, Margaret Clair, Mary McElheran, Ken Burke, Cecilia Hastings and Karyna Laroche.

#### VIGIL LIGHT INTENTIONS

The vigil light in front of the Blessed Sacrament is reserved for:

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

~ all those who are deceased ~

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

~ the parishioners of Augustine Parish ~

Mass	Ð	8	for the Week
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DEC. 26 <sup>TH</sup> TO JAN. 1 <sup>ST</sup>		
Mon. Dec. 26	9:00 A.M.	For <i>the repose of the soul of Griff Cain</i> by his wife Hope
200.20		and family.
Tues. Dec. 27	9:00 A.M.	For the living and deceased members of the Feraco &
		Mariani family.
Wed. Dec. 28	9:00 A.M.	For the repose of the soul of
Dec. 20		Larry Fischer by Father Frank Scott.
Thurs.	9:00 A.M.	For a thanksgiving Mass for
Dec. 29		favours received in 2016 by
		Lily Lee.
Fri.	9:00 A.M.	For the repose of the soul of
Dec. 30		<i>Fred Hazel</i> by Joan Hazel.

### **VIGIL, SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

Sat. Dec. 31	4:30 P.M.	For the repose of the souls of William & Susan France by Karl & Jean Diedrich.
		For <i>the repose of the soul of Kaye Crogie</i> by Ann Adams.

#### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

Sun.	9:00 A.M.	For the repose of the soul of
Jan. 1		Ruth Dean by Lynn Kealy.
Sun.	10:30 A.M.	Missa Pro Populo
Jan. 1		



JAN. 2 <sup>ND</sup> TO JAN. 8 <sup>TH</sup>		
Mon.	9:00 A.M.	
Jan. 2		
Tues.	9:00 A.M.	For <i>the souls in Purgatory</i> by
Jan. 3		Angie.
Wed.	9:00 A.M.	For the repose of the soul of
Jan. 4		<i>Herbert McQuaid</i> by Terry,
		Barbara & Myrtle.
Thurs.	9:00 A.M.	
Jan. 5		
Fri.	9:00 A.M.	
Jan. 6		
Sat.	4:30 P.M.	Missa Pro Populo
Jan. 7		
Sun.	9:00 A.M.	For God's comfort and
Jan. 8		protection of all seniors who
		live in senior's homes by a
		parishioner.
Sun.	10:30 A.M.	For the repose of the soul of
Jan. 8		Vittorio Brunoni requested
		by his wife, Margaret.



SOLEMNITY
OF
MARY
THE HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD

DECEMBER 31 4:30 P.M. VIGIL MASS

JANUARY 1 9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.

#### PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

**REMINDER**: the parish secretary will be on vacation until **Mon. Jan. 2**<sup>nd</sup>. The parish office will be closed during this time. Regular office hours will resume on Tues., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**2017 Sunday offering envelope packages** are available for pick-up at the Baseline entrance of the Church.

<u>CURRENT ENVELOPE USERS</u>: Envelope packages are in alphabetical order. In order to avoid confusion, we ask that you use your envelopes applicable to the current year (2017). <u>Please discard or recycle /repurpose any left over envelopes from 2016 or previous years</u>.

<u>NEW ENVELOPE USERS</u>: Unlabeled envelope packages are available for anyone who would like to start using parish envelopes in 2017.

<u>BOTH CURRENT AND NEW ENVELOPE USERS</u>: please include your full name, address and telephone number on the first few envelopes you use in 2017.

<u>REMINDER</u>: The **amount** of your contribution must be written on every envelope you use throughout the year.

### (Feast of Mary, Dec. 8)

Pope Francis composed a prayer to Mary for the occasion and read it, standing under the statue's watchful eyes.

He offered special prayers for children who have been abandoned and are exposed to exploitation, for all families who give life and contribute to society, often in hidden ways, and especially for those who are underemployed or unemployed.

"We need your immaculate gaze," he told Mary, in order to "rediscover the ability to look at people and things with respect and recognition and without selfish interests and hypocrisy."

"We need your immaculate heart to love unconditionally, without any aim besides the good of the other, with simplicity and sincerity, renouncing masks and ploys," he said.

"We need your immaculate hands to caress with tenderness, to touch the flesh of Jesus in our brothers and sisters who are poor, sick, despised, to help up those who have fallen and steady those who waver."

"We need your immaculate feet to set out to meet those who cannot take the first step, to walk along the paths of those who are lost, to go and find those who are alone," he prayed.



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