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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Mass Intentions



for the Week

ST. JOHN PAUL II HOMILY ON THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

“Hail, holy Mother! The Child to whom you gave birth is the King of heaven and earth for ever” (cf. Entrance Antiphon).

With this ancient greeting, today, the eighth day of the Octave of Christ and the first of the year 2023, the Church greets the Blessed Virgin Mary, invoking her as Mother of God.

In her the eternal Son of the Father took our very flesh and through her became “son of David and son of Abraham” (Mt. 1:1). Thus Mary is his true Mother: the Theotokos, Mother of God!

If Jesus is Life, Mary is the Mother of Life.
If Jesus is Hope, Mary is the Mother of Hope.
If Jesus is Peace, Mary is the Mother of Peace,
Mother of the Prince of Peace.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

MONDAY – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
TUESDAY- Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
WEDNESDAY – Diocesan Priests
THURSDAY – Rev. Ranjan D’Sa, O.C.D.
FRIDAY – Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
SATURDAY – Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

MONDAY – JANUARY 2ND – ST. BASIL THE GREAT & ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN

9:00 AM – Amelia Agnes

TUESDAY – JANUARY 3RD

7:30 am – Mario Di Carlo, Fiorello & Clelia Nori,
Tom Wojcicki

WEDNESDAY- JANUARY 4TH

7:00 pm – Berardino & Ida DiCarlo, Vincent
Perez, Narcisa Sacramento,
Salvatore Tiberi, Domenico Tullo

THURSDAY – JANUARY 5TH

7:30 am – Lucia Lee

FRIDAY – JANUARY 6TH

7:30 am – Dina Paolone
6:30 pm – Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:00 pm – Colomba Mancinelli

SATURDAY – JANUARY 7TH – ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

9:00 am – Donato Tortis

JANUARY 1, 2023

OFFICE NOTES

On **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH**, the parish office will close at **4:00 PM**. The office will re-open on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD** at **9:00 AM**.

THIS WEEK

First Friday Mass will take place on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH**, at **7:00 PM**. The Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will start at **6:30 PM**.

BISHOP'S CHARITY DINNER DANCE

. . . will be held on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2023** at Carmen's Banquet Centre (1520 Stonechurch Road East).

The Guest Speaker will be the Most Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D. Limited tickets, \$75.00 per person, can be obtained by calling Mario Salvatore at 289-812-2548.

HOW LONG DOES THE CHRISTMAS SEASON LAST?

Merry Christmas! But is Christmas over now? Nope! We've been enjoying the Christmas season but how long does it actually last for? Just like the liturgical seasons of Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, and Eastertide, there is also the liturgical season of Christmastide. It begins on Christmas Eve and continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, which is this upcoming Monday, January 9th, the day after the Epiphany of the Lord on Sunday, January 8th. Like the celebration of Easter, Christmas is such an amazing event in salvation history that we cannot just celebrate it for one day. To do it justice, it requires its own liturgical season. So you don't have to take that tree down right away, or put away your decorations, or stop listening to Christmas music! In fact, it's great to listen to Advent music in Advent, and Christmas music in Christmas.

Moreover, it's great to have little Advent gatherings in Advent, and Christmas parties in Christmas! So let's keep celebrating, and Merry Christmas to you and your families!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 6:30-9:15 PM- Hamilton Vocations Young Adults Night (Fr. Greg is co-hosting and speaking at this event) – At Annunciation of Our Lord Church, Hamilton (See the poster on our vocations board)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 7:00-8:30 PM - Encounter Night: Adoration and Confessions along with some sacred music and praise and worship music and including times of silence. Here at St. Margaret Mary parish.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Where there is love,
there is hope.
Where there is hope,
there is joy.
Where there is joy,
there is laughter.
Where there is laughter,
there is freedom.
Where there is freedom,
there is trust.
Where there is trust,
there is love.
Where there is love,
there is God.


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