



Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

January 1, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 31 TO JAN. 08

(L) indicates a living intention

Saturday	Dec. 31	Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	
4:30 pm		Jim & Millie Ross	
Sunday	Jan. 01		
9:00 am		Our Parishioners	
11:00 am		Francesco Antonio Speranza	Fr. Mike Shaw
Monday	Jan. 02		
8:30 am		In thanksgiving from Thérèse Cavanaugh	
Tuesday	Jan. 03		
8:30 am		Ida Reda	Rina Reda & family
Wednesday	Jan. 04		
8:30 am		Jack Scimone	Mary Scimone
Thursday	Jan. 05		
8:30 am		Maria Pulice	Rina Reda & family
Friday	Jan. 06		
8:30 am		Maria & Raffaele Pulice	Rina Reda & family
Saturday	Jan. 07		
4:30 pm		Terry Hayes	Denyse Fournier
Sunday	Jan. 08		
9:00 am		Our Parishioners	
11:00 am		Dominic Mancini	Dawn & Gerry Richardson

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of:

Jan. 01: Christina Donald (L) requested by Anna Donald & family

Jan. 08: In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - there will be NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY weekends of Jan 07/08 - We will resume Jan 14/15 We need 2 more adult volunteers to keep the Saturday 4:30 session going - please call Sophia 514-694-4758 after 6 pm on weekdays to sign up.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Offerings amounts for Dec. 17 & 18, Christmas and New Year, will be published in the Bulletin of January 08.

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Mario Patulli, Elizabeth Alice Boyce, Francesco Cusano.*

NB: The parish office will be closed January 02.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Thank you to all who covered the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants! Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made: *Frank & Frances Corrace, Gabriel & Maddelena Scartozzi, Giuseppina & Domenico De Cicco, Mary Hyjek, Ken Doran, Mary & Mike Saukas, Gerry Emsley, the Nudo and Pasqua families, Maria & Domenic Verdone, Gerald Thompson, Antonio Cabral, Sean Richardson, Maximo & Graciana Carandang, Alfonso Mio, Domenico Mancini, Gerry MacDonald, Agnes O'Donnell, Peter & Jane Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson, Ernesto Spadafora, Tadeusz Rzeszutek, Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Mary & Larry Leblanc, Concetta, Salvatore & Sam Ilaqua, Stella & Stanley Szuszkowski, Anneliese Kunz Del Fabbro, Kathleen Steer, Dorothy Lyall, Joey Bastone & Assunta Reda, Louis A. Pereira, Di Francesco family, Louis & Lorraine Merlo, Art & Terry Tobin, John & Helen Gareau.* Flower donations received after Dec. 14 will be published in the bulletin of January 08.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: January 06 is the First Friday of the month. After Mass, you are invited to join us for an hour between 10:00 a.m. and midnight for exposition and adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Please sign up in the book at the back of the church.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: January 1



In the encyclical *Marialis Cultus* (1974) Pope Paul VI states: "This celebration 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 renewed adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. For this reason . . . we have instituted

[on the same day, January 1], the World Day of Peace".

Like the Churches of the East, Rome wished to honour the Virgin Mother of God during the days after Christmas. As a result the ("Anniversary of St. Mary") made its appearance on January 01 in the 7th century; In the West, January 01 is an inaugural day marking the beginning of the civil year. The faithful are also involved in the celebrations for the beginning of the New Year and exchange "new year" greetings. However, they should try to lend a Christian understanding to this custom making of these greetings an expression of popular piety. The faithful, naturally, realize that the "new year" is placed under the patronage of the Lord, and in exchanging New Year greetings they implicitly and explicitly place the New Year under the Lord's dominion, since to him belongs all time.



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF THE
FIFTIETH WORLD DAY OF PEACE, 01 JANUARY 2017**

At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to the world's peoples and nations, to heads of state and government, and to religious, civic and community leaders. I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our "deepest dignity", and make active nonviolence our way of life.

This is the fiftieth Message for the World Day of Peace. In the first, Blessed Pope Paul VI addressed all peoples, not simply Catholics, with utter clarity. "Peace is the only true direction of human progress – and not the tensions caused by ambitious nationalisms, nor conquests by violence, nor repressions which serve as mainstay for a false civil order". He warned of "the danger of believing that international controversies cannot be resolved by the ways of reason, that is, by negotiations founded on law, justice, and equity, but only by means of deterrent and murderous forces." Instead, citing the encyclical *Pacem in Terris* of his predecessor Saint John XXIII, he extolled "the sense and love of peace founded upon truth, justice, freedom and love". In the intervening fifty years, these words have lost none of their significance or urgency.

On this occasion, I would like to reflect on *nonviolence* as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms. . . .

. . . . "All of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering, yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peacemakers".^[24] In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to building nonviolent communities that care for our common home. "Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace".

(For the full text, visit www.vatican.va)

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS, JANUARY 3

The name 'Jesus' was given to the Holy Child at God's command (Luke 1:31). The holy name is all-powerful because of the person who bears it. We honour it because of the command of Christ that we should pray in His name and because it reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our holy Redeemer. Hence St. Paul was able to write to the Philippians: "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). By means of this devotion we also make amends for improper use of the holy name.



Blessed be the holy name of Jesus ... now and forever!

The monogram ("IHS") above is made up of the first three letters of "Jesus" in Greek, and was used to refer to the Lord from the earliest centuries. "...Et vocatum est Nomen eius Iesis" means "And His Name was called Jesus" (Luke 2:21)