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**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

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### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

First day of the Civil New Year. World Day of Prayer for Peace. Three aspects that the Church integrates in today's celebration, which also coincides with Sunday.

From the liturgical point of view, the celebration of this day, of Mary: Mother of God. It is the oldest feast dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the West. As a dogma, it was established at the Council of Ephesus in 431.

In Paul's letter to the Galatians (today's second reading) we find surely the oldest text in the New Testament referring to the mother of Jesus: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman". And, in Luke's Gospel we find Mary who "treasures all these words and pondered them in her heart".

Like Mary, we are invited to meditate on the events of our lives in the light that comes from God, through meditation.

Luke's Gospel also shows us the shepherds going with haste to Bethlehem and found "Mary, Joseph and the child lying in a manger". It teaches us that when we approach God, we will always meet his witnesses at the same time. And as we approach to contemplate this mystery of God made man, we become his witnesses, as the Gospel says: "all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them".

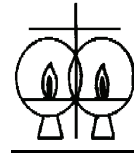
The New Year is opened by Mary as a sign of what her life was and what ours can be: openness, trust, surrender. Mary is God's special cooperator in his plan of salvation. Like her, we are invited to collaborate with God's plan in our personal, family and social reality.

St. Paul concludes his letter today with a wonderful praise for God's work in collaboration with the Virgin Mary: "Because you are sons and daughters, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave, but son, and if son then also heir, through God. To be children of God means to have overcome the envy and antagonism of our first parents, who pretended to be like God, that is, independent of God, autonomous and completely in charge of their own decisions. The young Mary of Nazareth assumed an opposite attitude, declaring herself the handmaid of the Lord; ready to do God's will.

Finally, we also celebrate the World Day of Peace, instituted by St. Paul VI 56 years ago. Let us invoke the Virgin Mary as Queen of Families and Queen of Peace, so that our days may be pacified by the love of God, and by keeping this love in our hearts, that each one of us may be transformed into an instrument of peace, collaboration and help, without pretending to be indifferent to the needs of our neighbor.

Let us invoke upon each one of us and also upon our loved ones the blessing that the first reading leaves us: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace".

On behalf of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, we wish you a year full of blessings. Happy New Year for all!



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, Dec. 31 St. Sylvester I

8:00am + John, Ruby & Calibin D'Souza  
6:00pm + Nicolangelo Cacciacarro  
7:30pm Spanish ADORATION + Mass

### Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30am Living & deceased of Gaudette & Gauthier Families  
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm + Edmund Flower  
4:00pm + Anne & John Liptay, John Hvasta  
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

### Monday, Jan. 2 Sts. Basil & Gregory

8:00am Thanksgiving from Joseph & Matthew Schembri  
7:00pm Fr. Walter's well-being in his new parish

### Tuesday, Jan. 3 Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am + Fiorella, Graziella & Maria Pia  
6:30pm Novena in honour to St. Anthony  
7:00pm + Anton Mahendrarajah

### Wednesday, Jan. 4

8:00am + Mr. & Mrs. John Roque Barretto  
6:00pm Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help  
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

### Thursday, Jan. 5

8:00am Thanksgiving for Shobha Zachariah  
7:00pm + Joaquim Silva  
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

### Friday, Jan. 6

8:00am + Maria Han  
7:00pm In honour to St. Anthony for Good Health

### Saturday, Jan. 7 St. André Bessette

8:00am + Elena Pasqual  
6:00pm + Giuseppe La-Cute

### Sunday, Jan. 8 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am Thanksgiving for Clare Nasato  
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm + Jose Tavares  
4:00pm + Felice Marano  
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

JANUARY 1, 2023

## AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El Jueves 5 de Enero y Viernes 6 de Enero, 2023 (8:30 am a 6:30 pm) estará expuesto el Santísimo Sacramento en la Iglesia. Dedicuemos un tiempo para la Adoración Eucarística personal.

El Jueves 5 de Enero, 2023 (8:00 pm, Iglesia) participaremos en la Santa Misa en Español.

El Viernes 6 de Enero, 2023 es el primer Viernes del mes. Por lo tanto, participaremos en la Santa Misa (7:00 pm) y Adoración Eucarística (7:30 pm) en Inglés.

Hoy, participaremos en el Santo Rosario (5:30 pm) y la Santa Misa en Español (6:00 pm).

Los siguientes son los enlaces del Internet para aquellos hermanos y hermanas que deseen participar virtualmente en el Santo Rosario y la Santa Misa en Español:

<https://www.facebook.com/parroquiasantacatalina.de.sienna.9>

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### PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND & JORDAN

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April 11 - 22, 2023 (12 days) \$4,490.00.

**Please register as soon as possible since spaces are limited.**

For further information contact International Heritage Tours at 416-444-6666 or call the parish office at 905-272-1454 ext 0.

**PERPETUAL MASS CARDS** As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Perpetual Mass Cards will increase to \$25.00.

**ENVELOPES FOR 2023 CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE**

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Felice Anno Nuovo*

*Próspero Año Nuevo*

*Bonne Année*

*Manigong Bagong Taon*

From the Priests, the Deacon and Staff

**THANK YOU** to those who contributed to the Christmas celebrations. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and gifts.

**FIRST FRIDAY** on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day. After the 7:00pm Mass there will be a holy hour of Adoration.

**DONATIONS** We thank parishioners who are using the envelope system for their donations. We will prepare receipts in the next few weeks. There are still quite a few envelopes remaining at the main entrance. Please take only the ones with your name on them. If you wish to use the envelope system, contact the office.

### We invite everyone to register in the Parish

**MAIN DOORS** from Monday to Saturday will be open from 7:00am to 9:00am and from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

**From 9:00am to 6:00pm, the doors will be closed.**  
**The side entrance will be open 6:30am to 8:00pm.**

### THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day **ONLY** on **Thursdays** and **First Fridays**.

**ADULT CATECHISM and RCIA** will resume January 9, 2023.

**BIBLE STUDY** will resume mid January 2023. The 24 lessons will be on the Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom.

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY** A special archdiocesan Mass on February 11/12, 2023 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 2:30pm with His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Nguyen. All married couple, in particular those who will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2023 are welcome to attend the Mass to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. All those not able to attend in person are encouraged to join the celebration via livestream. For this event, register as soon as possible at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)



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