



New Year's Day – Mary, Mother of God



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

God sent His Son, born of a woman. This mysterious encounter, where a vulnerable girl finds the strength to say yes, brings about our adoption into the family of God. That fragile young woman becomes our holy mother, to whom we turn in our moments of fragility. And God becomes our "Abba," to whom we cry out like a small child calling for their daddy. From that *born of a woman* miracle, we are welcomed into an economy of grace of grace that turns the power structures of this world on their heads. You want to see tough? Meet this unmarried girl face to face with a terrifying angel. You want to see a powerful king? Here is Christ crucified. The encounter with the living God turns this broken world, full of oppression and abuses of power, onto its head. Mary embraced the encounter, and through that embrace Christ enters our world to "bring good news to the poor." The world-transformation we long for isn't subtle. Jesus promises captives released, the oppressed going free: no half measures.

The encounter with the face of God is an encounter with a terrifying, purifying light. That light transforms with burning heat and renders the darkness unrecognizable. From vulnerability, strength! From darkness, light! May the Lord make his face to shine upon us.

New Year's Day – January 01,

Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Chris at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org or call Fr. Victor on 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@rogers.com for more information.



DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2017



Parishioners are reminded to pick up their box of donation envelopes for 2016 from the back of the church. These are sorted in trays – in alphabetical order – according to the family's last name. We thank those who have already collected their box.

Boxes still uncollected by mid-February will be recycled and registration restricted or cancelled. Families who have recently moved to our area are encouraged to register with us by calling the parish office at 416-757-2806.

Interested in a P.A.G. [Pre-Authorized Giving] Plan?

Get more information about what is the 'pre-authorized giving' plan and how parishioners can participate. Is your personal data as registered in our records updated? Please inform the office (416-757-2806) about any changes to your information ... new address or new phone number or added members to your household! Without full and complete information the system is unable to issue a valid tax receipt.



Update your data before we issue tax receipts for 2016

		January 02 - 08 2017
Mon 02	9:00 am	Andres Alfonso [I] - 69th Birthday
Tues 03	8:00 am	Flor Vendiola [D]
Wed 04	7:00 pm	Philips Family [I] - Thanksgiving
<i>Feast of the Infant Jesus</i>		
Thur 05	8:00 am	Assunta Nardi [D]
Fri 06	12:30 pm	Louise Middleton [D]
	7:00 pm	Melchor Galeon [I] - Birthday
Sat 07	9:00 am	Cecilia & John Krug [D]
	4:30 pm	Lule' Family [I] - Thanksgiving
Sun 08	9:00 am	Bourke Family - Deceased members
	10:30 am	People of the Parish
	12:15 pm	In honor of St. Jude - Thanksgiving mass



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ... result of draw

The draw for the artistic Nativity Set took place last Sunday December 18, at the end of the 6:00 pm *Christmas Novena Mass*. The holder of the winning number has been notified. This is the winning ticket :
Colour -- **yellow**
Ticket # -- **535243**



Thank you all for your support.

Knights of Columbus

Announcement in church
Saturday/Sunday, January 14/15

Free Throw

At Our Lady of Fatima School
Friday, January 20 from 6 – 9 pm



Feast of the INFANT JESUS – January 04

A Holy Hour of prayer, meditation and adoration starts at **6.00 pm**. The Rosary and benediction concludes the prayer hour. Mass starts at **7.00 pm**.



All are welcome especially the Secular Carmelites and their family & friends

Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools for Sept. 2017

Kindergarten Registration begins on **Wednesday, January 18, 2017** – for children born in the years **2013** – at **10 am**. Registrations will be accepted online at <http://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. Information at: www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration or phone: 416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or 5314.

For more details contact the Schools office



OFFICE HOURS during the festive Christmas Season:

Sun. January 01, 2017 ----- closed all day
Mon. January 02, 2017 ----- closed all day
Mon. January 03, 2017 ----- **back to regular hours**



Mary, Mother of God – Sunday, Jan 01
 The regular Sunday schedule of Masses is followed, i.e. 9am 10:30 am & 12:15pm and there is **NO Children's Liturgy meeting or the Lord's Flock prayer meeting** this Sunday. Meetings resume on **Sun. Jan 15** at the usual times.

Statutory Holiday – Monday, Jan 02
 Our daily morning Mass is at 9:00 am and both the Office and the church will be **closed for the rest of the day**. The Office Regular Hours will resume tomorrow, Tuesday.

Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague – Wednesday, Jan 04
 Adoration, prayers and Benediction start at 6:00 pm. The regular **Fatima devotions** follow at 6:30 pm and then sung holy Mass in honour of the Infant Jesus. This is followed by a time of fellowship in the church hall.

First Friday devotions – Friday, Jan 06
 Devotions start at 12:15pm with the *Angelus* prayers, the *Divine Mercy* chaplet, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration throughout the afternoon and evening. At 6:30pm we pray again the *DM* chaplet, Benediction and Holy Mass.

Weekend Activities – Saturday, Jan 07
RCIA meetings resume today at 10:00am in the church hall. The Sunday anticipated Mass is at 4:30 pm.

The Epiphany of the Lord – Sunday, Jan 08
 The feast of the **Epiphany of the Lord** is the last of the major Christmas celebrations. Tomorrow's feast of the **Baptism of the Lord** concludes the season. The regular schedule for Sunday Masses is followed today and there is **no Children's Liturgy** and **no Lord's Flock** prayer group meetings this weekend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On Sunday, **January 29, 2017 at 3:00 pm** at **St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto**, our Archdiocese will host a special Mass in celebration of **World Day for Consecrated Life** (February 2).



The purpose of this day is: *to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels... (this) serves as a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.*

Bishop Kirkpatrick will preside the Eucharist

LUCIA DOS SANTOS SECULAR CARMELITES COMMUNITY



The community's monthly meeting is on Tuesday, **January 17, 2017** in the church hall. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

New and prospective members are very welcome to attend [as observers] and join us in prayer.

Queen and Beauty of Carmel, pray for us

The 2016 O.P.F. Christmas Concert

Oh Come, Let us adore Him!

What a performance by our church choirs!

Well done Mr. David Lamb and all choir members ...

CHILDREN'S LITURGY for 2017

The Children's Liturgy meetings resume next Sunday Jan 15, 2017 during the 10:30 am Mass. It is our duty to see more children participating in this liturgy. Parents are duty-bound to participate in the Christian education of their little ones by joining them in going to church every week and encourage them to participate in the Children's Liturgy meetings.

First Holy Communion meetings ...



Registered applicants ONLY will start attending the Sunday **10:30 am Mass** as well as meetings for the **Children's Liturgy** from Sunday, **January 15**. Candidates in public schools will have a formal class at 9:30 am in the church hall also from that day. Initial meeting for parents and applicants in our hall is on **Friday, January 13 at 6:30 pm**. Please check program/schedule given with applications when you handed in application.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Confirmation classes ...

Registered applicants ONLY are reminded that classes start on Saturday, **January 28th**, in the church hall at 2:30 pm. The **ENROLMENT** ceremony will take place at the 4:30 pm Mass, in the church, on the same day. There is a commitment/information meeting for parents and candidates on Friday, January 20 at 7:00 pm in our church hall. All candidates should be present for the **Enrolment Mass** and their families are encouraged to attend and participate in. Attendance is **mandatory** to all the sessions listed in the schedule given. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, at our parish or in another church, is also mandatory.



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THE MOST DANGEROUS LIARS ARE THOSE WHO THINK THEY ARE TELLING THE TRUTH