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# SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2017

## "He was called Jesus"



What's the significance of a name? For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given it represented what that person should be in the future. An unknown name meant that someone could not be completely known. To not acknowledge someone's name meant both denial of the person, destruction of their personality, and change in their destiny. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish male child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. This rite was instituted by God as an outward sign to single out those who belonged to the chosen people (Genesis 17:10-12). It was a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his posterity.

*Jesus - the eternal Son of God who was born of a woman to become our Savior*

In fulfilment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name Jesus on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name Jesus because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb (Luke 1:31, Matthew 1:21). This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means the Lord saves. Since God alone can forgive sins and free us from death, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son became a man to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice to save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). The son that Mary bore is both God and man - the "Word who was God" (John 1:1) and who "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). That is why Mary is not only called the mother of the Christ (the Greek word for Messiah in Hebrew) but also the mother of God or Theotokos in Greek which literally means "God bearer."

*Jesus - the name above every other name*

In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Savior who would bring us grace (the gift of God's favor), mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name Jesus signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name (Philippians 2:9-11).

The name Jesus is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one word on their lips, the name of Jesus. Do you exalt the name of Jesus and pray with confidence in his name?

*"Lord Jesus Christ, I exalt your name above every other name. For in you I have pardon, mercy, grace and victory over sin and death. You humbled yourself for my sake and for the sake of all sinners by sharing in our humanity and by dying on the cross. Help me to always praise your holy name and to live for your greater glory."*



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## THANK YOU.....

As we look back with gratitude for all the blessings of 2016, I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Fr. Ed, Fr. Roger, Fr. Lester, Fr. Martin, Fr. Milton, Deacon Don and Deacon Richard. I could not have served the people of this Parish without their support. I am also grateful to the Decorating Committee for their wonderful work of beautifying and decorating the Church for Christmas. Lastly, I would like to extend a warm "Thank You" to all our parishioners and volunteers who give of their time, talents and treasure to serve God and neighbour at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. May the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit descend upon all of us and keep us in His love.

**Fr. Bernard**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 – 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Martina Hatch

+ Flavia Castello

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Hatch Family

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 – VIGIL MASS**

5:00 P.M. S.I. Parish Community

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 – THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

8:00 A.M. + Natalie Lagoda

9:30 A.M. + Christopher Staton

+ Giuseppe Mastantuono

+ Douglas Steele

11:00 A.M. + Hanaa Yousif

12:30 P.M. *Intention Available*

### HOLY HOUR - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve followed by a holy hour from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to thank the Lord for all the blessings and graces received in the past year and to ask Him to guide us in the year ahead.



### OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES 2017

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2016 and advise you that income tax receipts will be issued in February 2017. In order to receive an income tax receipt for contributions to the Church, we strongly suggest you take a box of Offertory Envelopes each year. Offertory Envelopes for 2017 are located at the back of the Church. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available at the back of the Church.

### DON'T FORGET

If you have a change of address or telephone number, please call the Office at 905-822-8132



### Becoming Experts in Humanity

**January 7, 2017 - 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto**

Dr. Josephine Lombardi will explore some of the facts that frustrate freedom and our ability to do God's Will. Register online [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca)  
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### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION UPDATE.....

Baptized Catholics in Grade Seven and up are invited to consider receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament completes one's Christian initiation, empowers him/her to witness to Jesus Christ, and presumes a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, kindly attend **ONE** of the following meetings with your parent(s):

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 at 10 a.m. OR**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 at 10 a.m.**

In order to register for Confirmation, please bring the following with you to the meeting:

#### 1. PHOTOCOPY OF THE CANDIDATE'S CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** Please provide the full name and complete address of the Church where you were baptized, especially if you were baptized overseas. If there is a fax number, please include it. This information can be **PRINTED** on the reverse side of the Baptism Certificate

2. \$20 for the Confirmation resource fee
3. The name of your Confirmation Sponsor. A Confirmation Sponsor must fulfill the following conditions:

- a. Confirmed Catholic
- b. 16 years of age or older
- c. Practising Catholic
- d. Not be the parent of the Candidate

Each meeting will be held in St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall (Basement).

**These are the only 2 registration sessions being held for Confirmation in January 2017. If you miss these sessions, you are most welcome to register for Confirmation in 2018**



### Helping Our Neighbours In Need

**The Knights of Columbus** will be accepting non-perishable food items after Masses on January 14/15 and January 21/22. Our collected food will be delivered, sorted and stocked by the Knights at Eden Food for Change, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.



### Registration Dates for Kindergarten

January 24 - 27, 2017 - 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

January 24, 2017\* - 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

\*Snow Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**If your child was born in 2012 or 2013, he or she can start Kindergarten in September 2017.**





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