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THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Lk 2:16-21)



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. The Church has chosen for this feast the Gospel passage where it is written, “**Mary, treasured all these words, and pondered them in her heart.**” We are invited and capable to do the same. How one concretely becomes a mother of Christ is explained by Jesus Himself: “**whoever does the will of my father ... is my brother and sister and mother.**”

St. Francis of Assisi describes vividly the way that each of us can imitate Mary. “*We are mothers of Christ,*” he writes, “*when we carry him in our hearts and our bodies through divine love and pure and sincere conscience; we give birth to him through holy works, which should shine as an example before others!*”

Fr. Jamroz

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are glad you're here! For details on our parish life, please check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca



Tuesday, January 3, 2023

7:00 pm + Special Intentions of Bishop Crosby for his 25th Anniversary of Ordination as a Bishop

7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Arlene Kenrick

+ Gary & Chris Ellis – The Tucker Family

Thursday, January 5, 2023

12:15 pm + Ahmed and Qadria Latif

– Stefan & Maria Liko

Friday, January 6, 2023

8:00 am + Helen Benninger – The Family

8:30am-9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 7, 2023

5:00 pm + Mary Chrysler – The Family

+ Karen Coules – Don & Mary-Lou Lang

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open for in person, Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are in need of a priest, you can contact Fr. Jamroz by telephone at 519-884-9311 ext. 27 or by email at pastor@stmichaelw.ca.

Sunday Homilies Online

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio version through our parish website – just click on the button ‘LISTEN TO HOMILY’.

The Church is Open for Prayer

The Church is open for quiet prayer Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Prayer Intentions

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar that are remembered privately at Mass during the prayers of the faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. If you wish to have a prayer intention added, please go to our website www.stmichaelw.ca and click on the link on the bottom of the page or contact the parish office by phone or email.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Sunday, January 1

The title “Mother of God” goes back to the third or fourth century, but the Greek term *Theotokos* (“The God-bearer”) was officially consecrated as Catholic doctrine at the Council of Ephesus in 431, thus becoming the first Marian dogma. At the end of the Council of Ephesus, crowds of people marched through the streets shouting: “*Praised be the Theotokos!*” (Excerpt from: catholicnewsagency.com)

The Catechism says of Mary:

“The One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly ‘Mother of God’” (CCC, 495).

Children’s Liturgy

Children’s liturgy will resume January 8 for children JK to Grade 4 at both the 9 am and 11 am Sunday Masses. If you haven’t already done so, please register on the parish website under Children and Youth Ministry.

Youth Ministry

We are looking forward to starting up again on **Thursday, January 12th, 2023**. (Note: Thursday not Friday). We are looking for additional volunteers and will be holding a training session the end of January. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in being part of this dynamic team.

The Ones

The Ones are a group of parishioners who normally eat alone. We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus for fish and chips. For more information or to reserve a seat please contact Eleanor Horrigan at 519-885-3674 or horriganeleanor@gmail.com

Sunday Missals

and Children’s Sunday Missals are still available. They are \$5 for the Sunday Missal and \$10 for the Children’s

Sunday Missal and are at the main doors of the Church. Please have exact change. Missals can also be purchased at the parish office Monday-Friday from 9 am – 4:30 pm.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023 for current envelope users are available at the main doors of the Church. If you are not currently using envelopes but are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes please contact the parish office. All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish - forms are available online



DIocese of Hamilton

Mastering Your Money: A Financial Wellness Presentation for the Diocese of Hamilton

Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles. ... Join us for this special zoom session on Tuesday, **January 24, 2023** from 7-8:30 p.m., presented by Mr. Fred Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc., and the author of the critically-acclaimed new book 'Lessons on Mastering Money'. ... This is a free virtual event, but you must register at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming events, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, to receive the Zoom link.

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THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com.



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