

Cluster Parishes of

St. John de Brebeuf

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Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him.*



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

January 7th-10th, 2014

Tuesday 7:00pm St. Anthony	Deceased of the Marcuzzi family Antonio Rocha Pereira (3rd Ann.) Joseph & Yvonne Senay (13th Ann.)
Wednesday 7:00pm St. John's	Barbara Blythe Joan Popelas **ADORATION** Mary Trupiano
Thursday 10:00am Royal Oak	Robert Lauzon Cliff Renaud **SENIORS LUNCH** Patricia Chirkoski
Friday 9:30am St. John	Car Lappan (4th Ann.) Paul Renaud (1st Ann.) Laura Hodgins
** Weekday Mass times subject to change due to Funerals and Meetings**	



REFLECTIONS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Hindus of Calcutta have always seemed quite wary of visitors, especially Christians. They don't seem particularly hospitable to outsiders either. But mention Mother Teresa's name, or ask them where you could find one of her sisters' houses, and you can see the expression on their faces change. They smile at you and are at once friendly. That's because Mother Teresa embodied for them: kindness, generosity, and love for the poor and needy. She was to them, the bearer of the message of Christianity. In her care for them, she made God's presence felt in their lives. She was to them, a "God-bearer".

We are celebrating today, the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It's a rather curious title. In 431, a group of Christians began denying that Jesus was God, saying he was no more than a man. The leaders of the Christian community responded by affirming that Jesus was both God and man, and to emphasize their point further, began addressing his mother as "*Theotokos*", the "God-bearer".

It was a title given to Mary, but a title that really said more about Christ than about his mother. Mary bore Christ in her womb, Christ who was God.

This is one of those curious things about theological statements or doctrines about Mary. On the surface, they look like doctrines about her. But look more closely and you'll see that they're really doctrines that say more about Jesus than about anyone else.

Christ is the real point of every statement about Mary, because every statement about her is really a statement pointing or witnessing to Christ.

It is really fitting then, that we celebrate the feast of Mary, the "*Theotokos*", the "God-bearer" on this the first day of the New Year.

On this day, we make resolutions, some a few, others many. Perhaps we might want to consider including in our resolutions, to become, like Mary, like Mother Teresa, and like countless other good Christians out there, "God-bearers", bringing the message of Christ to those whose lives we shall touch this year.

A preacher once said, "*There are five gospels of Jesus Christ—Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and you, the Christian. Many people will never read the first four.*"

For many people, the life that we as followers of Christ live, will be the greatest and perhaps the sole proclamation of Jesus' message that they shall ever encounter.

Let us pray therefore that as we begin a New Year, we may be bearers of God, witnesses of Christ's love and compassion to a world of men and women that two thousand years after Jesus was born, still await the coming of Christ into their lives.

For everything there is a season.....

A time to die....Tom Adams

May he rest in peace



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Friday, January 10th-Contemplative Day of Prayer-New Beginnings, 9:30am-3:30pm. This day of prayer is designed to give you maximum time for rest, relaxation, reading, reflection and prayer. The day will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist. Suggested offering: \$25 includes lunch

Thursday, January 16th-Richard Rohr's:"MEN ON THE JOURNEY"-9:30am-4:00pm. The day consists of video presentations, reflection, prayer, a movie and discussion. Suggested offering: \$25 includes lunch.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY

1. Sisters of Service
2. Deacon Rudy Pflanzner
3. Rev. Canon M. Kaminski
4. Rev. Frank Leslie
5. Deacon Gaston Mabaya
6. Miss Leonore Aurelio, Pastoral Min.
7. Rev. Lawrence Pare
8. Rev. Michael O'Brien
9. Mr. Matthew Sutton
10. Rev. Jozef Denys
11. Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil





GOSPEL REFLECTION

Matthew 2:1-12

As you listened to the Gospel, did you hear any echoes of the Old Testament reading from Isaiah? Perhaps you noticed that in both readings people are being led by a bright light on a long journey. They want to see the Lord's glory and honour Him with gifts (gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Matthew tells us the story of the astrologers, or magi. They followed a star to find "the newborn King of the Jews."

Today's feast is called Epiphany, a word meaning "manifestation" or "shining forth" like a light. We celebrate that day when Jesus, our Light, was first revealed to the nations beyond Israel. Just as light shines forth so that we may see in our darkness, our faith in Jesus shines forth in us.

Discussion Questions: *Sometimes on long journeys, we are tempted to turn back. What keeps you on the road to Jesus? It's been said that the star is a symbol of faith. How can your faith be a "star" for others this week? How can it light the way?*

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"You have turned my mourning into dancing"
(Psalm 30)

**Mass for the Deceased in Resurrection
 Mausoleum at Heavenly Rest Cemetery
 Tuesday, January 7, 2014 @ 4:30pm.**

Celebrant: Fr. Chris Peitraszko.

For info: contact Mary Heath, Pastoral Minister
 519-969-4836. *All are welcome.*

SAVE A FAMILY PLAN

Save a Family Plan is a Canadian-based international non-governmental organization founded in 1965 by Monsignor Kandathil. 100% of your donation reaches the poor. *Pamphlets available in the church office.*



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

St. Anthony of Padua

Monday, January 6th-CWL Mtg at 1:00, new members welcome.

St. John de Brebeuf

Wednesday, January 9th-CWL Mtg at 1:00, new members welcome.

The Feast of the Epiphany

This Sunday we celebrate the wonderful feast of the Epiphany (transferred from Friday). An 'epiphany' is a showing, a revealing, an enlightening. Sunday's feast shows us two vital aspects of our faith: the presence of the Son of God is revealed; and the God's desire to save all peoples is made clear. The 'wise men' are Gentiles, the first non-Jews to encounter the infant Jesus. They represent all the peoples of the world and the fact that the child is shown to them means that God wants everyone of whatever race or colour to access the salvation the child will bring. The child is hailed with 'sacred gifts of mystic meaning' – this child is king, sacrifice and God. On the cross all those things will come to their climax.

For most people the celebration of Christmas is now well and truly a thing of the past. Perhaps they have some happy memories of it, and for some the credit card bill will be a more unhappy reminder of the season. For Christians however the feast of Christmas draws to its close on Sunday with the feast of the Epiphany, and the conclusion is anything but a damp squib. Try to do something to mark the end of the feast this weekend, celebrate it in Church and at home.

BEREAVEMENT & PERSONAL COUNSELING

There are times in everyone's life when loss or personal struggles seem insurmountable. Sister Pat Hogan CSJ, has wide experience both in personal and grief counseling. If you would like a companion to journey with contact *Sister Pat @519-945-6450.*

WINDSOR MOSQUE PRESENTATION

On Sunday, December 15th, about half a dozen of our parishioners went to the Windsor Mosque to join the Muslim community at an inter-faith presentation of the Virgin Mary.

The imam read verses from the Qur'an about Mary's parents, her birth, the visit of the angel Gabriel, and the birth of Jesus. An Anglican priest talked about Mary as presented in the Gospel of Luke. Both speakers held her up as the perfect example of humble submission to God's will and a model for all of us to follow.

The Muslim community welcomed us warmly and we took part in some of their customs and enjoyed some traditional foods. It was a very interesting and worthwhile experience.

John & Joanne Chiarcos

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