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May the
Spirit of God
Lead You Through
the New Year



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The New Year in the Company of Jesus and Mary

It's the New Year! God gives us a new opportunity to experience His presence in our time. We believe that whenever He is in our midst peace and grace accompany us. Today is the World Day of Peace; let us welcome the Lord's blessings for 2017, just as He instructed Moses to ask Aaron, the priest, to bless the people of Israel, "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

It's a time for resolutions! On the first day of the year everyone is invited to make plans for the present and future. We celebrate our accomplishments and take lessons from our mistakes. Let us leave behind what did not go well last year and renew our hope and strength to become better people. But please don't forget, projects will come true only if Jesus takes part in them. He is Lord and our companion in the journey. His Holy Spirit, gift to all believers, will guide our hearts and minds. May the will of God be understood and embraced by all.

It's the Feast of Mary, Mother of God! She is the generous young woman who, with the help of Joseph, brought us our Redeemer. Mary teaches us to see God's action in the events of our lives and to treasure His mysteries in our hearts. Her Son, the little baby lying in the manger, is God-made-man. Following the shepherds, we come to adore Him and to announce what we have heard and seen.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 3, 2016 to January 7, 2017

Saturday <i>New Year's Eve</i>	7:30 p.m.	+Juan C. Miel, requested by G. Marquez
Sunday <i>New Year's Day</i>	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sharon McPherson
	10:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Ronick, Esperanza & Larissa Tiru
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	No Mass
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Rowena Torres, requested by M. Fernando & family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Fr. John Hild, requested by the Ciuffreda family
	7:00 p.m.	+Ann Judge & Veronica Sousa, requested by M. E. Hisson
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Mary Scallen, requested by the Altar Society
	7:00 p.m.	+Bertrand Lee, requested by the Gonsalves family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Michelle Mendoza
	7:00 p.m.	+Mariendra Aloysius Bastianpillai, requested by the family
		Intentions of Viraj Fernando
		Intentions of Michael Mendoza
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Souls in purgatory, requested by the Spraggs family
	7:00 p.m.	+Robert Francis, requested by the family
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the sick
	9:00 a.m.	+Rowena Torres, requested by D. Torres



Mass (and Office) Schedule

Date	Mass time
Mon., Jan. 2 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass (only)
from Tues., Jan. 3 and on	Regular Mass schedule and office hours

First Friday

Friday, January 6, 2017

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fri., Jan. 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please come and spend some time in adoration.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass



The Children's Liturgy of the Word program takes place at the 10:00 a.m. Mass for children 4 to 10 years of age. Children and

catechists go to the parish hall to hear and discuss the Sunday readings at their level of understanding after the Opening Prayer at Mass and then return to the Mass at the Offertory. No registration is required. Please encourage your child to attend.

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Rita Croft, Henry Sharp, Denise Wilde, Tom Shaw, Yvonne Rampersaud and Phyllis Cogliano. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

Did you know?

Now that euthanasia/assisted suicide is legal in Canada, doctors in Ontario are being forced to help arrange for the killing of their patients. If your family doctor or surgeon objects to providing a referral for assisted suicide/euthanasia, they could be fined, disciplined or even removed from their practice. Many may be forced to retire or move outside of the province if the provincial government does not recognize their freedom of conscience. Please visit www.canadiansforconscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament.

Baptisms



We welcome into God's family the following children who have been baptized during the months of September, October, November and

December in our parish: Mariana Cortes Sanchez, Adrian M. Loshe, Zaniah M. T. Britton, Cybele H. B. Labuguen, Sabastian A. M. Nascimento, Nathaniel J. A. Nuga, Earl J. T. Quilates, Harper O. Hou, Mila J. Phillip, Sienna A. F. Alleyne, Lincoln T. Avancena-Vizcarra, Kahlan M. R. McCauley, Elisa R. Biordi, Martyn J. Joson, Matthew Vargas Suescun, Ariana I. Castillo Fernandez, Cameron J. Alvis, Esmee G. Keough, Avery M. N. Tolentino, Emilia M. Villatoro, Krystle R. Andrada, Sophie D. Hercules, Marjorie A. G. Masangya, Jolene L. Obien, Julian R. Echevers, Isaiah B. K. Sharp and Katheryn S. Watters. May God bless them all the days of their lives!

Walk-In Counselling Clinics

Every Tuesday and Thursday



Counselling services are open to the public every Tuesday (at 1155 Yonge St., Ste. 101 at 416-921-1163) from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and every Thursday (at 5799 Yonge St., Ste. 300 at 416-222-0048) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This single consultation helps clients to set goals and build on their strengths and resources. No appointment is necessary as it on a first come first serve basis with fees geared to income levels.

Is God Calling You?



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 Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

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