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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 2 8:30 am	Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen † Gene Kurlowicz
Tuesday, January 3 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Dr. Gregory Walsh † Robert Glen Strathdee
Wednesday, January 4 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Karel Liem † Donna Macleod
Thursday, January 5 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Aniceta Tolentino † Maria Da Silva
Friday, January 6 7:00 am 8:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	† Carmelo Pinizzaoto † Lillian Guiry † Beverley Bolster † Pires Mendonca HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
Saturday, January 7 5:30 pm	St. Andre Bessette † Rosalina Santos † Felix DaCosta



The Parish Office will re-open
on Tuesday January 3rd at 9 AM

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday January 2, St. Basil the Great. *A man of vast learning and constant activity, genuine eloquence and immense charity he first was a lawyer but later became a monk and found a monastery for which he wrote a famous monastic rule. He was given the title of "Great" during his life and Doctor of the Church after his death. Basil was one of the giants of the early Church.*

St Gregory of Nazianzen skillfully avoided a schism that threatened when his own father made compromises with Arianism. When protection for Arianism ended with the death of Valens, Gregory was called to rebuild the faith in the great see of Constantinople, which had been under Arian teachers for three decades. He is famous for his great sermons on the Trinity. In time, Gregory did rebuild the faith in the city, but at the cost of great suffering, slander, insults and even personal violence.

Saturday January 7th, St. Andre Bessette. *Born in Quebec; sickness and weakness dogged André from birth. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted entrance into the Congregation of the Holy Cross because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. He performed humble tasks for over forty years and entrusted all of the poor and sick who flocked to his cell to the care of St. Joseph. During his life he was able to have a chapel built to the spouse of the Virgin Mary. After his death, the shrine grew into the great basilica known as St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.*

Saturday January 7th, St. Raymond of Penafort; *the patron saint of Canonists was a Dominican priest who worked to aid Christian captives during the era of the Crusades and also helped organize the Church's legal code, He is. A contemporary of Saint Thomas Aquinas, he inspired the theologian to write the "Summa Contra Gentiles" for the conversion of non-Catholics. At least 10,000 Muslims reportedly converted as a result of St. Raymond's evangelistic labors.*

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*If Jesus is Life, Mary is the Mother of Life.
If Jesus is Hope, Mary is the Mother of Hope.
If Jesus is Peace, Mary is the Mother of Peace,
Mother of the Prince of Peace.*

"Hail, holy Mother! The Child to whom you gave birth is the King of heaven and earth for ever". With this ancient greeting, today, the 8th day of the Octave of Christmas and the first of the year the Church greets the Blessed Virgin Mary, invoking her as Mother of God. In her the eternal Son of the Father took our very flesh and through Her became "son of David and son of Abraham" (Mt 1,1). Thus Mary is his true Mother: the Theotokos, Mother of God! Entering the new year, let us ask this holy Mother to bless us. Let us ask Her to give us Jesus, our full Blessing, in whom the Father blessed all history once and for all, making it become the history of salvation.

Justice and forgiveness: these are the two "pillars" of peace. Between justice and forgiveness there is not opposition but complementarity, because both are essential for promoting peace. Indeed, far more than a temporary ceasefire, this is the deep healing of the wounds that weary souls. Only forgiveness can quench the thirst for revenge and open hearts to an authentic and lasting reconciliation among peoples. This appeal for justice and peace is first and foremost for those who believe in God, in particular for the great "Abrahamic religions": Judaism, Christianity and Islam, called to declare their firm and decisive rejection of violence. **No one, for any reason, can kill in the name of God, who is one and merciful. God is life and the source of life. To believe in Him means to witness to His mercy and forgiveness, rejecting the exploitation of his holy Name.**

An agonizing cry for peace is being raised from various parts of the world; it is rising particularly from the Land which God blessed with his Covenant and his Incarnation and for this reason is called "Holy". "The voice of your brother's blood" cries out to God from that land (cf. Gn 4,10); the blood of brothers poured out by brothers who hark back to the same Patriarch Abraham; sons, like every human being, of the same heavenly Father.

Today we turn our gaze to the Child whom Mary holds in her arms. In Him we recognize the One in whom mercy and truth meet, justice and peace embrace (Ps 84,11). In Him we adore the true Messiah, in whom, for our salvation, God joined together truth and mercy, justice and forgiveness. The Child born in Bethlehem is the eternal Word of the Father who became flesh for our salvation, he is "God-with-us", who brings with him the secret of true peace. He is the Prince of Peace.

~ From HOMILY OF ST. JOHN PAUL II Tuesday, 1 January 2002

COFFEE HOUR



Will be **Tuesday, January 10th**, following the 8:30am Mass. Come join us for treats, refreshments and fellowship!

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO CELEBRATES 175 YEARS

December 17th marks the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, kicking off a year-long celebration of this historic milestone. Originally part of the Diocese of Kingston, on December 17, 1841, Pope Gregory XVI formally created the Diocese of Toronto and named Michael Power its first bishop. The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175th anniversary, including a large-scale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on May 30, 2017. In acknowledging this significant anniversary, Cardinal Thomas Collins remarked:

"It is a tremendous blessing to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto. It is always a joy to express my gratitude to those, past and present, who have made incredible contributions to our city, province and country, inspired by their faith. Over the next year, we will honour the past, energize our present faith community and look forward to an exciting future."

More information on the Archdiocese of Toronto 175th celebrations can be accessed by visiting: www.archtoronto.org

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IN JANUARY 2017

Kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on January 24-27 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and January 24th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **(A snow date has been designated on January 25 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)*.

Children With Differing Abilities

There will be an information session for parent of children with differing abilities including vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays who are transitioning to Kindergarten in September 2016. The meeting will be at: **Catholic Education Centre**, Room 301 on Wednesday, January 11 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

**Snow date will be January 25 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.*

Parents are also reminded to register their child at their local school.

FINANCIAL VOLUNTEER WANTED FOR DPCDSB

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is seeking one volunteer community member with financial expertise and business knowledge to serve on the Audit Committee for a three year term. This is a great opportunity for community involvement. For information and eligibility requirements, please visit the school board website at www3.dpcdsb.org/news/news-archives/audit-committee-recruitment.

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA DAY



Are you concerned about the injustice and harm caused by human trafficking; angry that human slavery is still practiced and increasing in the 21st century? Our Catholic Women's League is organizing an informational gathering on Saturday February 11th from 9 am to noon. We are looking for volunteers to help organize this event. If you would like to volunteer please email cwlstjoseph.parish@gmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Our weekly Prayer Meetings are finished for 2016 but will resume Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Church.
Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ben St. Croix.

YOUTH SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR



Registration for **First Holy Communion** and the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.



Is Now Closed No late registrations will be accepted
Sponsor forms can be submitted to the parish anytime between now and January 20th, 2017.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Sundays in our upstairs meeting room.
Next meeting will be January 22nd 2017

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BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE



Join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montreal

Christian Lépine on **February 18th** for Serviam Ministries'

2nd annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/>, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Office of Formation for Discipleship will be offering the **Lay Pastoral Visitors Training** beginning on January 14, 2017 for three weeks. *This training is designed to prepare lay persons to provide pastoral visits and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of our parish communities.*

Participants are required to attend all three Saturdays. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. Please bring your own lunch. There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. Training will be: Saturdays; January 14, 21 & 28 - 10:00 am to 3:30p.m. at **Saviour of the World Chinese Church**, Mississauga. For further information, visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops> or call (416) 934-3400 ext. 523

BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY



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Monday mornings from **9:30 - 11:30 am in the upstairs meeting room**

OR Monday evenings from **7 pm to 9 pm in the Church hall**

The study features group discussions and video presentations by Jeff Cavins. For more info or to register drop by the office or email michele@stjosephsstreetsville.com

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