

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral

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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, December 31/17 (New Year's Eve)
The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
 5:00 pm - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
 Fr. Geoffrey Presiding

MONDAY, January 1/ 18 (New Year's Day)
The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
 9:30 am- For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
 Fr. Marcelino Presiding

11:30 am- For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
 Archbishop Gagnon Presiding

 - Roman Cubacub
 - Rodolfo Mendoza Roque

TUESDAY, January 2/18 Memorial, St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors
 12:10 pm - † Joan Peters/ Charles Jones

 - Emelio Danting

WEDNESDAY, January 3/18 Ferial
 12:10 pm - † Leonila Encarnacion Maranan/ Family

 - Leonila E. Maranan

THURSDAY, January 4/18 Ferial
 12:10 pm - † Charlotte Campbell/ Charles Jones

 - John Wachko Sr.
 - Ernest Cutz

FRIDAY, January 5/18 Ferial
 12:10 pm - † Edilberto & Augusto de Castro

 - Kathleen Rathwell

SATURDAY, January 6/18 Epiphany of the Lord
 5:00 pm - † Purita Barcelona/ Pixie Gabriel
 - † Ada and Margaret Marshall/ Charles Jones
 Fr. Marcelino Presiding

 - Mary S. Frederick

SUNDAY, January 7/18 Epiphany of the Lord
 9:30 am - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
 Fr. Geoffrey Presiding
 11:30 am - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
 Fr. Geoffrey Presiding

God of heaven and earth, you came to us and took our earthly flesh through the gift of Mary's yes. She is our Mother in faith, as she is your earthly mother. We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior. Through her self-giving, we have been reconciled to you. Bless us as we begin this New Year and endow us with the desire and ability to create a world of peace. We ask all this, through the intercession of Mary to you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth."



Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion. Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home. How important this home was, where his parents raised him in their faith and helped him live in such a way that "the favor of God was upon him." May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.

Lector's Schedule: January 6th and 7th.
 Group 3

Readings for the Week of December 31, 2017

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 17.3b-5, 15-16; 21.1-7 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:4-5, 7-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Calendar of Events

- Jan 1st - Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am
- Jan 2nd - Office Closed
- Jan 6th - Catechism classes resume
- Jan 7th - Taking down of Christmas decorations
- Jan 16th - St. Francis Xavier 's Relics

2017 New Year's Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 31st

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve) - 5:00pm

Monday, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) - 9:30am & 11:30am

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St. Francis Xavier is Coming to Canada!

St. Francis Xavier's forearm, a very famous relic, rarely leaves Rome. The relic will arrive at the Rise Up conference in Ottawa, and then make a pilgrimage from sea to sea, visiting 14 cities through a partnership with Archbishop Prendergast of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, the Jesuits in Canada, and CCO.

Relic arrives at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tues., Jan. 16, 2018

Masses at 9:00 am and 12:10 pm.

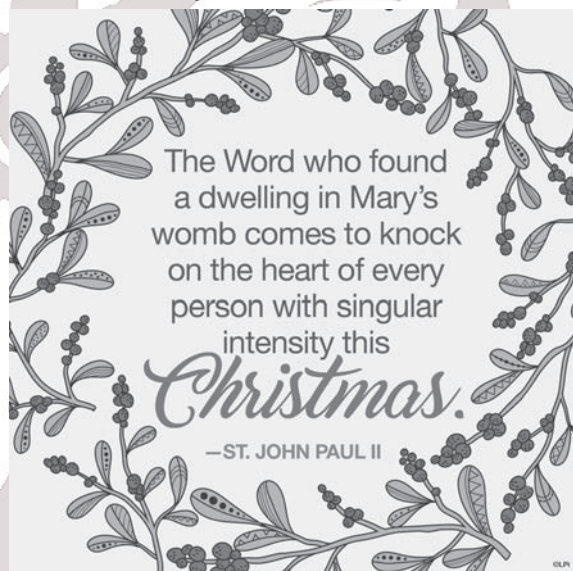
Other related events TBA.

For more details, go to: cco.ca/relic

On behalf of St. Mary's Cathedral, a special thank you to all the people and organizations who helped with preparing our parish community for the Advent and Christmas celebrations and activities (a list too long to name everyone without leaving someone out). For all the time, the many skills and talents that add vibrancy to our parish church, our community of faith, we are truly blessed!

*May the light of Christ at Christmas
which breaks into the darkness of our world,
be for us the reassurance of God's promise
of eternal life and love all our days.*

Merry Christmas!



Parish Offerings for the weekend of Dec. 17th**

Total offering for the week ended December 17, 2017:

Weekday Envelopes	\$ 30.00
Weekday and Weekend Loose	\$ 1,211.85
Weekend Envelopes	\$ 5,581.25
Votives	\$ 573.70
PAR/PAD Monthly Contributions	\$ —
Total	\$ 7,396.80

Capital Campaign for December 17, 2017:

Actual Offering	\$ 838.00
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$ —
2017 Goal per Week	\$ 1,000.00

Sharing God's Gifts December 17, 2017:

2017 Target	\$ 49,440.00
Donations Received to Date	\$ 65,014.00
*Excess—Over 2017 Target	\$ 15,574.00

**The excess will be carried forward and applied to our new 2018 SGG's target.
** Offerings for the weekend of Dec.24th will be reflected in next week's bulletin.*

Meaningful Christmas gifts though CHALICE

Chalice is the largest Canadian, Catholic sponsorship organization that primarily supports community initiatives in 15 countries through the sponsorship of children and elderly in need for over 21 years. Their Mission: *To bring Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ.* Every year they provide a Christmas Gift Catalogue (inserted in this week's bulletin). Consider making a real difference this year by giving gifts to our friends and family by giving to those in need.

Website: chalice.ca

SMC HOSPITALITY CENTRE

Find our hospitality centre by the Hargrave street entrance where you can find various religious goods and information related to our parish. Some items include:

Your 2018 offertory envelopes; "Keep Christ in Christmas" Buttons (\$1); Word Among Us (\$3); St. Mary's Angels in support of CKJS; St. Elisabeth Convent (Handmade religious goods), and much more!

"Fill the Crib" for Villa Rosa

This is CWL's annual project to assist Villa Rosa, a prenatal and post-natal residence with a mission to provide support to mothers, babies and their families before, during and after pregnancy. Donations for babies of the following articles would be much appreciated; diapers, baby wipes, baby clothes, bibs, receiving blankets; donations for moms include nursing bras and pads, maxi pads, body lotions, deodorant, shampoos, body wash, soap, and blank calendars for 2018.

A bassinette to receive your gift is on the window sill of the Holy Mother window in the left sanctuary.

Villa Rosa is at 784 Wolseley Ave. Wpg. R3G 1C6.

204-786-5741 www.villarosa.mb.ca

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