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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31st, 2017

From The Pastors Desk...

Happy New Year! Lots of my spiritual reading over recently has focused on gratitude. Studies have even shown how being grateful has a positive effect on one's physical and emotional health. As we end the year 2017 it is easy for me to look back with gratitude for all of you here at Assumption. During this year of festivities celebrating 250 years of our parish's existence, I can be nothing but thankful. The four celebrations highlighting St. Patrick, Blessed Sacrament, Assumption, and Holy Name of Mary were beautiful celebrations of memory and of unity. And then on October 1, our Sestercentennial Mass and Gala luncheon were moments of special grace, acknowledging the past and looking towards our future. Then recently Fr. John Thomas Lane preached an Advent Mission, and we celebrated 25 years honouring Our Lady of Guadalupe. So many of you worked long hours to make each celebration a joyful moment of grace, and I am grateful.

This weekend the Church celebrates two special feasts: The Holy Family, and Mary, Mother of God. On Sunday we focus on the human family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We are reminded that they—as individuals and as a family—were obedient to God's law. That helps keep me on track those many times when I am tempted to think that I am above the law, that the rules and regulations don't apply to me. If even Jesus in his humanity was subject to the law, then who am I to think that I somehow am so special that I can decide what is best for me? And 2018 begins, as does every calendar year, with a focus on Mary as the Mother of God. This is a title conferred upon Our Lady at the Council of Ephesus in 431, which really speaks more about Jesus than it does about his mother. Jesus' humanity and divinity are so intertwined that they cannot be separated from one another. Mary did not give birth only to Jesus' human nature, but to Jesus in his entirety, God and human. Thus we have such deeply profound yet seemingly contradictory pronouncements that Mary gave birth to her Creator! For me, this feast is a reminder that God is inextricably a part of my own human experience. That makes me all the more grateful.

As we begin this new calendar year, I pray that the newborn Christ fill each of you with his blessings and grace.

J. Maurice

Reflection for the Week

The child grew in stature and strength and was filled with wisdom (Luke 2:40)

Reflect on your own story/faith journey in order to be in touch with the working of the Holy Spirit in others' stories.



**THE RECTORY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST
AND WILL REOPEN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2018.**

“Here am I, the servant of the Lord: let it be done to me according to your word.” Lk. 1:38

Mary's "Yes" to God's desire for her allowed the gift of Emmanuel to be given to all of us. Had Mary said "No", would we be celebrating Advent, or Christmas? What happens when we cooperate with the Spirit? What happens when we exercise our free will, and deny the Holy Spirit the freedom to act through us for God's purposes? Mary is our example of one who trusts the God who promises to do great things through her open response. Because of that "Yes", we have been redeemed by the Saviour. Like Mary, our "Yes" matters, and if we say "No", God's plans and desires for the world are altered. As we join with Mary in saying, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord: let it be done to me according to your word", let us offer the Lord our open minds and hearts to receive the prompting of his Spirit, to act upon our gifts, talents, and charisms in continuing to bring the good news of great joy to the world.

May God bless all of you with peace, love, and joy that longs to be shared during this Christmas season, and throughout your entire life.

***May the Holy Family bless you and yours
throughout the year ahead.***

**Happy New Year
The Staff of Assumption Parish**

A LOOK BACK IN 2017....



- St. Patrick's Parish - Mass & Potluck Dinner
- Blessed Sacrament Parish - Mass & Ice Cream Social
- Feast of the Assumption Parish - Outdoor Mass & BBQ
- Holy Name of Mary Parish - Mass & Potluck Dinner
- 250th Anniversary Mass and Gala Celebration

To all who celebrated some or all of our events, to the wonderful volunteers who spent countless hours setting up and serving at the events and/or masses, and last, but not least to all who have made Our Lady of Assumption Parish 250 years strong. May the next 250 years be even stronger!

**Our Lady of Assumption...
Pray for us!**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.
—Luke 2:30-31

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 1st-NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:00am New Year's Day Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
2:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:00pm Seven Sorrows (Rosary Chapel)
7:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Rosary Hall)

Wednesday, January 3rd

6:30pm Choir Practice with Sr. Lise (McEwan Campus-Church)

Thursday, January 4th

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Basement)
5:00pm Two Hearts Prayer Group (Rosary Chapel)
7:30pm Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)

Friday, January 5th

9:00am SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel)
6:30pm Confessions (Rosary Chapel)
7:00pm Apostolate of Fatima Mass & Rosary (Rosary Chapel)

Saturday, January 6th

9:00am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Basement)
3:45pm Confessions (McEwan Campus-Church)
5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:00pm New AA Meeting-All Are Welcome (Rosary Hall)

Sunday, January 7th

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:30pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 1st-NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:00am **NO MASS**

Tuesday, January 2nd

8:00am †Elezovic Mrija by the Family

Wednesday, January 3rd

8:00am †Domenica Nardone by Joe Spiteri
†Nicolò Vitarelli by the Vitarelli Family

Thursday, January 4th

8:00am †Benedetto Crolla by Fernando Torti

Friday, January 5th

8:00am †For the Souls in Purgatory by Eunice Dambatta
†Francesco Niro by his Wife & Family

Saturday, January 6th—McEwan Campus

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

Sunday, January 7th—McEwan Campus

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners
11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners
7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

Sanctuary Light Memorial

For the week of December 31st

Rosary Chapel

For the Intentions of Isaac Gusba by Laura Gusba

McEwan Campus-Church

†Barbara Stretavsky by the Family

ROSARY CHAPEL NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE



Closed Monday, January 1st
Chapel will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd
Mass at 8:00am
Adoration from 8:30am-8:00pm
Monday thru Friday

The 12:10pm & 5:00pm Masses
will resume on Tuesday January 9, 2018



The Li'l Saints program will have a two week reprieve and the program will resume on Sunday January 14th, 2018 during the 11:00am mass.

Guardians of the Gospel Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry classes will resume on
Monday, January 8th, 2018.



That you have the option of pre-authorizing your offerings?

- To set up your gift, fill out a Pre-Authorized Payment form located at the front entrance of the church. You can put it in the collection basket after you have completed it with a "void" cheque attached to the form.
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- Whether you choose to give with an envelope or pre-authorized payments, we **THANK YOU** for supporting our parish!

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR 2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

- **THE ENVELOPES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, LOOK FOR YOUR NAME NOT YOUR OLD ENVELOPE NUMBER.**
- **PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE THE ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME ON THEN BOX.**
- **PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FIRST FEW YOU USE IN 2018.**
- **DO NOT USE YOUR 2017 ENVELOPES - RECYCLE THEM!**
- **IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR ENVELOPES OR WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.**
- **FILL OUT A NEW PARISHIONER FORM LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.**

Sunday Collection

December 10, 2017

Regular	\$ 9,732.02
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,900.98
Memorial Book	\$ 5.00
Giving Tree	\$ 430.00
Total	\$14,068.00

Mass for the Deceased

Heavenly Rest Cemetery Resurrection Mausoleum
Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 4:30pm
All those grieving the loss of a loved one are
welcome.

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