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# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Dec. 31 – Jan. 7, 2017**

### ★ SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21*

#### Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve)

**7:00 PM** + Virginia & Jack Smith – *Glenn & Kathy Smith*

#### Monday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Day)

**10:00 am** + John Barnes – *Brian & Marie Lynch*

#### Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. BASIL THE GREAT & ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN)

**7:00 PM** – Int. of Hugh Flood – *the Flood family*

#### Wednesday (MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS)

**7:00 am** – Int. of Marcella Tomlinson – *the Flood family*

#### Thursday (FERIAL)

**7:00 am** + Austin McCoy – *Mark & Eleanor Lavelor*

#### First Friday (FERIAL)

★ **7:00 PM** + Francisco DeSousa – *Brigida*

#### Saturday (FERIAL)

**9:00 am** – Int. of Marilyn Dufresne

### SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12*

**Sat. 5:00 PM** – Int. of Geoffrey Chase – *Chase & Thompson families*

**Sun. 9:30 am** + John & Joe Coelho – *the DaCosta family*

**11:30 am** – Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

In 374, Basil was made bishop of Caesarea. The Church called on him to refute the Arian heresy, which claimed that Jesus was not God (Arianism). He continued to write for the Church and to clarify the doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation. When one town was falling away from the faith, Basil ordained Gregory bishop and sent him there. Gregory went unhappily because he disliked conflict. The two friends were later reconciled. For 30 years, Constantinople had been under the leadership of supporters of the Arian movement. The bishops of the surrounding areas begged Gregory to come and restore the faith, and again he went, dreading the task. Gregory made his house a church and preached on the Trinity. The people called him "the theologian." Basil died at age 49. Gregory resigned from Constantinople because of opposition and spent his last years reading, writing his autobiography, and enjoying his gardens.

**Holy Name of Jesus** – The Church reveals to us the wonders of the Incarnate Word by singing the glories of His name. The name of Jesus means Savior; it had been shown in a dream to Joseph together with its meaning and to Our Lady at the annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel.



#### PARISH OFFICE – HOLIDAY HOURS

Mon. Jan. 1: CLOSED for New Year's

Jan. 2, 3, 4, 5: Open until 12 noon

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*A Happy & Blessed*  
*New Year to All!*  
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## Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<b>Mon. Jan. 1</b>	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Tues. Jan. 2</b>	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
<b>Wed. Jan. 3</b>	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
<b>Thur. Jan. 4</b>	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Exec. Meeting
<b>Fri. Jan. 5</b>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

**Meeting Rooms:** **B** = Basement **CH** = Church **H** = Hall **\*** = Offsite  
**J** = St. John Room **L** = St. Luke Room **M** = St. Matthew Room

## Feast of the Holy Family

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family, which falls on the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative. Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimittis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.



All Liturgical Ministers are reminded to sign-up for New Year's Masses in the binder on the table in the narthex.

### Wanted: Adult Funeral Servers

St. Mark's would like to form a team of adult altar servers who are usually free during the day (*e.g. those who are retired or working only part-time*) who could be called upon with a day or two's notice to serve for funerals in the church. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office, 519-571-9200 or [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com)



**Religious Vocations** – Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director at the Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).  
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### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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### Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

*New Year's Day ~ January 1, 2018*

To call Mary the *Theotokos*, the "God-Bearer," is to celebrate the unique role that she has played—and continues to play—in God's plan of salvation. And as we honour the *Theotokos* in our celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on January 1, we also celebrate

the Octave Day of Christmas, recalling the circumcision and naming of Jesus on the eighth day after his birth (cf. Luke 2:21).

The iconic Christmas image of Mary holding her infant Son embodies the mystery of the Lord's birth, as it brings together the human and divine elements of the Incarnation. And yet, in honouring Mary as the Mother of God, we are also invited to consider another image: the Mother cradling the body of her murdered Son. The same arms which held the Prince of Peace in a stable in Bethlehem, received body of the crucified Saviour of the world on a hill outside of Jerusalem. The Son of this Mother is the true source of peace among nations, within families and communities, and in the deepest recesses of our hearts.

As we celebrate this great feast of the Mother of God, we are ultimately being asked to join Mary in contemplating the gift of her Son and allowing the grace of these holy days to change us, so that the Prince of Peace may reign in our hearts and in our world.

### C.W.L. News

#### "Keep Christ in Christmas" CAR MAGNETS

Available in the narthex after Mass – \$5 each.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year at the **C.W.L. Potluck on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us during our **weekly Chapel Hour** on Sundays from 4-5 p.m.



#### \* Submission Deadline for Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Bulletin

If you wish to include something in the January 7<sup>th</sup> bulletin, copy must be emailed to Pam no later than Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### 2017 Income Tax Receipts for Church Offerings

CORRECTION: Any offerings that you wish to have included on your 2017 tax receipt must be received by the parish no later than the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Any donations received after that time will be put toward your 2018 tax receipt.



### World Day of Peace

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked That 'every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come.'

As we continue to celebrate and ponder the mysteries of Christmas and enter a new year, may we all learn to live out these mysteries, and may the Lord accompany us in 2018 and learn recourse from our Blessed Mother Mary.

*"All the sins of your life seem to be rising up against you. Don't give up hope! On the contrary, call your holy mother Mary, with the faith and abandonment of a child. She will bring peace to your soul."* – St. Josemaria Escriva

*"After the love which we owe Jesus Christ, we must give the chief place in our heart to the love of His Mother Mary."* – St. Alphonsus Liguori

*"A man is no true Christian if he has no devotion to the Mother of Jesus Christ."* – St. John Eudes

*"Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary."* – St. Bonaventure

*"If anyone does not believe that Holy Mary is the Mother of God, such a one is a stranger to the Godhead."* St. Gregory Nazianzen

*"She is more Mother than Queen."* – St. Therese of Lisieux

*"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary."* – St. Thomas Aquinas



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