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Mary, the Holy Mother of God—January 1st, 2017

From The Pastors Desk...

Happy New Year! On this first day of the calendar year the staff and I wish each and every one of you a year filled with blessings and joy, a year of recognizing the God who chose to become one of us. And... all year, in different ways, we're celebrating anniversaries. Windsor celebrates 125 years in 2017; Ontario and Canada celebrate 150. And Assumption parish goes well beyond them as we celebrate our sestercentennial, 250 years of service to the people of Southwest Ontario. Yes, that's the word: sestercentennial—the most common word for a 250th anniversary, and we are proud to be able to use it.

As last week's bulletin insert pointed out, no matter where our recent parish affiliation was, the Church in this part of the world had its beginnings as Our Lady of the Assumption. We are a daughter parish, having begun as a mission of *Sainte Anne de Détroit*, our "mother" just across the river, which was founded in 1701, just two days after Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac founded the city of the fort on the straits, now known as Detroit.

And it is appropriate that we begin this calendar year celebrating Our Lady. Today's feast is Mary, Mother of God, which is actually more a statement about Jesus than it is about his Mother. In the early Church, there was debate about whether or not you could separate Jesus' humanity from his divinity. And so, some people said that Mary only gave birth to Jesus in his humanity. The Council of Ephesus declared that no, Mary gave birth to Jesus in both his humanity and his divinity; in other words, Jesus cannot be divided. The implications of that are immense: God so loved this world that he became completely, fully, intimately *one of us*. The fact that Jesus is the Son of God does not make him any less human. He is also fully, completely, a human being—and is both from the very beginning.

Jesus himself, according to St. Matthew, said that he was to be found in the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, those in prison, and naked. Or, to use the terminology of Pope Francis, he is to be found on the *periphery*. As we celebrate once again his birth among us, I invite you to also look for him in the places where he is to be found today: not only in churches, in tabernacles, but also in the poor and in *each one of us*. Through Jesus, as the First Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation states, God is now bound so closely to us that the bond can never be broken. Let us rejoice!

J. Maurice

Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2017

Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.
— Luke 2:19

Epiphany Service

This **Thursday, January 5**, there will be a Taizé© service to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.
It will begin at 7:30pm in Rosary Chapel.

Taizé© worship is a contemplative prayer service consisting of meditative singing, short readings and periods of silence in order to reach a contemplative state. Practicing the silence with icons, candles and sometimes incense, this form of worship is attracting and uniting young people from around the world.

Liturgy Corner by Kevin Mannara

On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**. It is the highest title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, given to her at the Council of Ephesus in the year 431. The council taught that the humanity and divinity of Jesus could not be separated and that they exist in one person, with the momentous implication that we can rightly give Mary the title of "Mother of God." This feast is the celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus and is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church.

In 1968 Blessed Pope Paul VI established January 1 as **The World Day of Peace**, asking that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and 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."

Quotable Pope Francis

God has no memory of sin, but only of us, of each of us, we who are his beloved children. And he believes that it is always possible to start anew, to raise ourselves up.

Reflection for the Week

Mary walked by faith and not by sight.
How can we emulate Mary in our unknown future?

PLEASE BEGIN TO USE YOUR 2017 ENVELOPES



THERE ARE STILL ENVELOPES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PICKED UP YET...THEY ARE LOCATED AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE.

ALL PARISHIONERS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE ENVELOPES WILL BE REASSIGNED A NEW ENVELOPE NUMBER.

- 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 2017.
- DO NOT USE YOUR 2016 ENVELOPES - RECYCLE THEM!
- IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR ENVELOPES OR WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.



Bereavement Support Group Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

7:00pm to 8:30pm in Rosary Hall

Facilitator: Marilyn Morrison
Bereavement Ministry 519-253-2761

TIME—Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.—Benjamin Franklin

PASSIONS—We should employ our passions in the service of life, not spend life in the service of our passions.—Richard Steele

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 2nd

Tuesday, January 3rd

9:00am Office Reopens
7:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:00pm Seven Sorrows (Rosary Chapel)
7:00pm Bereavement Group (Rosary Hall)

Wednesday, January 4th

6:30pm Choir Practice (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:00pm RCIA (McEwan Campus-Basement)

Thursday, January 5th

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Basement)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (McEwan Campus-Basement)
7:30pm Epiphany Service (Rosary Chapel)
7:30pm Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)

Friday, January 6th

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)
8:00pm Alliance of the Two Hearts Vigil (Rosary Chapel)

Saturday, January 7th

9:00am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Basement)
5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Sunday, January 8th

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
12:00pm Coffee Social (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:30pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL REMAIN CLOSED
AND WILL REOPEN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2017
AT 9:00AM**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2017

Church Humour

The parish custodian was wiped out at the end of one horrendous winter day.

Hoping to reduce some of his stress, he emailed the weather anchor at one of the local TV stations. "Just for the record," he wrote, "I have just finished shoveling six inches of your *'partly cloudy.'*"

She emailed him back, "Wait until you see my *'light flurries'* tonight."

HA HA HA !

HOUR OF POWER

Will start back up on

Thursday, January 12th, 2017

7:30pm to 8:30pm in Rosary Chapel

Every other Thursday Evening.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Sunday Collection

**PLEASE NOTE: SUNDAY COLLECTION AMOUNTS
WILL BE RECORDED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.**

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 2nd

8:00am †Suzanne Silva by Geraldina Medeiros
†Mrija Elezovic by the Family
For the Intentions of Berny Lesperance by Peter & Tracy Lesperance

Tuesday, January 3rd

8:00am †Antonio Ilonardi by Donato Vitarelli
†Lina Fiorino by Tony Mucciaccio
12:10pm For the Intentions of Celine Borges by Charlotte & Bob Carr

Wednesday, January 4th

8:00am †Suzanne Silva by Viriato Carreira

5:00pm

Thursday, January 5th

8:00am †Maria & Antonio Perrotta by Lucy Incitti
†Lina Fiorino by Joe Mancina

12:10pm †Rose Mary Minard by the Good Shepherd Associates
†Lucy DiLuca by her Parents

Friday, January 6th

8:00am †Remo Incitti by his wife Lucy
†Suzanne Silva by Joe A Pereira
†Vincent & Janet (Netta) Lazarus by daughter Patricia

Saturday, January 7th—McEwan Campus

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

Sunday, January 8th—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 January 1st

Rosary Chapel

For the Living & Deceased Members of the Franco & Salas Families

Assumption Parish-McEwan Campus

Mass for the Deceased in Resurrection Mausoleum
Heavenly Rest Cemetery

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

4:30pm

All those grieving the loss of a loved one are welcome.

Presider: Fr. Gary Goyeau

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase – During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples who have all experienced challenges in their own marriages along with a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to begin examining many areas of your relationship and the challenges you are facing.

For confidential information about or to register for the February program call 1-800-705-6356 or email:

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