

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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*May the Blessings of this  
Holy Season be with you Always.*

## THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
<b>Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – The Epiphany of the Lord</b>		
<b>5:00pm</b>	1. Dee Simons 2. Peter Stoop	Ian Moffat Mary Ellen Agnel Jeff Ladouceur
<b>8:00am</b>	1. Monica Mullane 2. Malachy Okafor	Angela Beimers Margaret Thomas
<b>10:30am</b>	1. Chris Pereira 2. Janet Snider Belot	John Schembri Mary Jean Thompson
<b>Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
<b>5:00pm</b>	1. Mary Ellen Agnel 2. John Dunphy	Mary Ellen Agnel Jeff Ladouceur
<b>8:00am</b>	1. Jessica Doyle 2. Sabrina Pedulla	Angela Beimers Evariste Theriault Mary Jean Thompson
<b>10:30am</b>	1. Judith Gray 2. Xavier Recoskie	Fatima Peiris Harrison Peiris

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled,  
Please ensure that you have found a replacement.*

### **World Day of Peace – January 1<sup>st</sup>**

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.” Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father. This year it is “There is light even in our darkness”.

### **Holy Father’s Prayer Intention – January**

**For Educators** – *We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.*

## **The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Jan. 1)**

Today’s Readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.

### **THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE**

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God’s loving kindness, the shining glory of God’s face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God’s own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God’s face is shown to us and God’s presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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## **Epiphany of the Lord (Jan. 8)**

Today’s Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps. 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

### **THE LIGHT OF FAITH**

The first reading today is charged with the glory of the Lord. Everyone who can come to the holy city does come—whole caravans of people of all ages on foot and on dromedaries and camels. This description of an irresistible light-filled city prepares us for the story of the magi. They are guided by their own lights—their study of astronomy and astrology—and by the light of a peculiar star. Their study tells them that an unusual event in the heavens is a sign of an extraordinary birth on earth. They mean to find out about this, and they set out with gifts worthy of a king. They are welcomed into an insignificant house in Bethlehem, offer gifts befitting a king, and receive the gift of faith. Paul reinforces the great gift of faith available to the Gentiles, whom the magi represent. What they have seen has changed them, just as it changed Paul and all who heeded his proclamation. Like the magi and like Paul, we are invited to receive this life that is filled with the light of faith.

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## SUNDAY SMILE

There was this little boy who was scared of the dark. One evening his mother asked him to go out onto the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy said, "Mama, please don't make me go out there. It's dark and you know I'm scared of the dark."

His mother smiled at him and said reassuringly, "There's no need to be afraid of the dark. Jesus is out there and he'll look after you and protect you." The little boy seemed unsure and said, "Are you sure Jesus is out there?" The mother said, "Yes, I'm sure. Jesus is everywhere and is always there and ready to help when you're in need."

The boy thought for a moment, then went to the back door and opened it a tiny amount. He looked out into the darkness and called out, "Jesus – if you're out there, please pass me the broom."

**Pro-Life Nursing Student Mentorship Program: Canadian Physicians for Life (CPL)**, is a not-for-profit Canadian pro-life medical organization whose goal with the nursing mentorship program is to help nursing students grow to be the absolute best version of themselves, both professionally and personally. Any nursing student in Canada who agrees with 'Our Values and Principles' is invited to apply and be matched with a nurse who can support them on their nursing path. Students seeking mentorship and nurses offering mentorship can apply with the CPL: Sophie McGuire ([sophie@physiciansforlife.ca](mailto:sophie@physiciansforlife.ca)). Info: [www.physiciansforlife.ca](http://www.physiciansforlife.ca).

**The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz):** In this podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 episodes, providing explanation, insight, and encouragement along the way. Episodes are 15-20 minutes in length. Available in your favorite podcast app by searching for: *The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)*.

## Mass Intentions

Sun. Jan. 1st – 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Jan. 1st – 10:30am

✠Eleanor Dineen by the family.

✠Alejandro Vinluan by Susan Vinluan

Fri. Jan. 6th - 9:00am

✠Estrella Legaspi by the family.

Sat. Jan. 7th - 9:00am

For the protection of all human life.

Sat. Jan. 7th – 5:00pm

✠Aelian Weerasooriya by Marie and Jodi Epps and family

✠Marthe Dubroy by Des Dubroy

Sun. Jan. 8th – 8:00am

✠John Alexander Burnett by Jamie Burnett

✠Bob Watt and Susan Swain by Paul and Lenora Chamaillard

Sun. Jan. 8th – 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sat. Jan. 14th - 5:00pm

✠Pat Drennan by Irene Bonner

✠ indicates deceased

Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.

**New envelope boxes for 2023** are ready for pick up in the Glass house. Every year, we have to reallocate numbers to take into account people who have left the parish or switched to PAD. These numbers get reassigned to new parishioners. **Please do not assume that last year's number is still assigned to you and do not use envelopes issued to you in previous years.** This could mean someone else will be getting credit for your donation. Please help us by filling in your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks of 2023. Thank you.

This bulletin is for two weeks. The next bulletin will be January 15, 2023. Deadline for submissions is **Tues. January 10<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

Happy New Year



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