# St. Mary's Church

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Feast of the Holy Family

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 30 Tuesday, December 31 Wednesday, January 1 Thursday, January 2 Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

12:10 p.m. **SEE BELOW SEE BELOW** 

12:10 p.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

† Anna Stimac

**VIGIL FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** 

† John Truen

† Argentina and Carlo Vatri **Intentions of Irma Hernandez** 

† Laura McCallum † Rita Raizenne

Intentions of Jim Baker



# Mary, Mother of God



Vigil Mass Tuesday, December 31 5:00 p.m. (No Mass at 12:10 p.m.)

Wednesday, January 1  $10:\overline{00 \ a.m. \ and \ 12:00 \ p.m.}$ 



Please remember to pray for those who are sick in our community and for those who have died and all who are mourning their loss.

#### **CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS UNTIL JANUARY 12, 2020**



The Christmas season continues until the feast of the **Baptism of** the Lord, celebrated this year on Sunday, January 12, 2020. Throughout the liturgical season of Christmas, our Church celebrates the many ways that God is made present in our midst and world. We are invited to celebrate the full

season of Christmas.

From Christmas Day until the Baptism of the Lord, the following prayer can be prayed when your family gathers for a meal.



Father in heaven, you so loved us that You sent Your Son, among us as Savior and Lord. Fill us with Your blessing, that we may grow in love and continue to live our Christian faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Today we rejoice in the gift of family and thank God for the many ways we are able to reflect God's love to the world.



#### **Prayer for Families**

O God, whose desire is that all the peoples of the world should be one human family, living together in harmony, grant that our home,

by its worship and its witness, may help to hasten the day when your will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

### **JANUARY 1** FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD AND WORD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE



Our Church calls us to come and RAU worship God on January 1st. This holy day of obligation celebrates Mary as the Mother of God and we are called to pray for peace in our world.

#### SINCERE THANKS

Our Parish Christmas Concert held on Friday. December 13<sup>th</sup> raised \$1,280.00 for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This is a tremendous effort by all to help those less fortunate in our community.

#### ARE THERE OTHER THINGS I CAN DO AT MASS?

There certainly is! We are always ready to welcome lectors, ministers of communion, and ushers. Let a member of the parish team know of your interest.

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Marriage preparation will be offered in the coming year. Our next preparation program will begin March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and run through to April 28th. It is held every Tuesday evening from 7 – 9:00 p.m. Please call Susan in the parish office.

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL**



During the 2019 Christmas Season, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel hours will be: Thursday, Jan. 2, First Friday, Jan. 3 – OPEN for usual hours.

New Year's Day, Jan. 1 CLOSED

On **New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31 – OPEN** <u>after</u> the 5:00 p.m. Mass until 12:00 a.m. (Only if there are enough people interested). To commit to the extended time please see the sign-up sheet posted outside of the chapel or contact Mary Bond at 705-726-6641. Come and thank the Lord for the blessings of 2019 and ask for continued blessings in 2020.

The Ministry with Maturing Adults seeks to support the lifelong faith development of women and men throughout all phases of the preretirement and retirement years. The various programs are open to all members of St. Mary's who are in the second half of life.

**VON SMART** (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) **Exercise Program** will not meet on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. **The program will resume January 6, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.** 

**Neighbourhood Circle:** The parish-based group of maturing adults will meet on **Thursday**, **January 2**<sup>nd</sup> **at 2:00 p.m**. in the multipurpose room (main floor) of St. Mary's Residence for refreshments and conversation. All are welcome.

Hold the Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020! We shall gather at the Mandarin Restaurant for lunch. Details regarding cost and reservations will be available in early January.

For further information on the **Ministry with Maturing Adults** please contact Catherine the coordinator at 705-728-2985 ext. 115 or by email: caecker@archtoronto.org.

#### ALTAR SERVERS APPRECIATION



All Altar Servers are invited for a morning of snowtubing at Snow Valley on Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Permission forms are available in the

sacristy. To attend, please complete a permission form and submit it to a priest before Sunday, January 5, 2020. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council 1626.

<u>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</u> CLOSED - Wednesday, January 1

OPEN 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 31 and Friday, January 3

## ENROLMENT FOR FIRST SHARING IN HOLY COMMUNION



All families who have registered their child to share in Holy Communion in Easter 2020 are reminded of Enrolment which will be celebrated at all liturgies on January 11/12 and January 18/19.

You are reminded to bring the "completed lamb" to the day of enrolment.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) gathers once a month on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. where we explore our faith in a dynamic way through activities,



games, crafts and music. Our next M.E.R.C.Y. night is on **January 7**<sup>th</sup> for "What is the Epiphany? What are my Gifts?".



**EDGE** is a youth ministry program for youth grades 5-8 to

come together once a month on a Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. EDGE is a safe, fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Our next EDGE night is **January 10**<sup>th</sup> for "Museum – The Proof is in the Puddin'!"



**LIFETEEN** is a youth ministry program for high school teens that leads these youth into a deeper relationship

with Jesus and the church. We explore the richness of the faith through talks, guest speakers, prayer and friendship. Lifeteen meets once a month on a Sunday night from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our next LIFETEEN night is **Sunday**, **January 12**<sup>th</sup> for "Super Denario Brothers."

#### **PARISH LIBRARY**

Are you looking for a good book to read that may provide you with an opportunity to reflect on our faith in a new and particular way? Don't forget to visit our parish library which offers a wide selection of excellent books, CD's and DVD's.

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