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Fourth Sunday of Advent

From the desk of Fr. Phil

The 7 attributes of God prayed by Mary in the Magnificat

Mary's acknowledgement of God's greatness as she magnifies the Lord. (Psalm 103:1) tells us, "Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name," and elsewhere we are told that out of the abundance of our heart, our mouths will speak. Mary was filled with God and his grace; thus, she sang about God and his attributes.

God Is Mighty...The first attribute Mary speaks of is the might and power of God. He is the mighty God, *Ho Dunatos*, and in Luke 1:49 she sings, "For the Mighty One has done great things for me." Mary's God was the Almighty God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. There is no god mightier than her God. He alone is able to do all things and with him alone nothing is impossible.

God Is Holy...The second attribute Mary speaks about is God's holiness. In verse 49 Mary declares, "Holy is his name." Throughout the Scriptures God tells us, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. He is the One separate from us – that what it means sacred, holy! – the One without sin.

God Is a Judge...The third attribute of God that Mary speaks about in her hymn is that God is a judge. In the latter part of Luke 1:51 she says, "He [God] has scattered those who are proud in their innermost thoughts." Additionally, in verse 52 we find, "He has brought down the mighty rulers from their thrones," and in verse 53, "He has sent the rich away empty."

God Is Merciful...The fourth attribute Mary speaks of is that God is merciful. The word "mercy" appears five times in Luke 1—in verses 50, 54, 58, 72 and 78. Mary reveled in the knowledge of this great attribute of God.

God Is a Covenant God...The fifth attribute of God that Mary speaks of is that God is a covenant God. We must realize that God does not have to enter into a covenant with a sinful man. There is nothing in his being necessitating that he stoop down and promise salvation to anybody. But the truth is, God did just that. He entered into a covenant with Abraham, promising to show mercy to him and his descendants by granting them salvation.

God Is Faithful to His Covenant...If God promises through a covenant, he will fulfill it, because he is the God of the covenant. The sixth attribute of God Mary speaks of in this passage is the faithfulness of God to his covenant. Mary realized that what was happening in her womb was the fulfillment of the age-old promise to Abraham, that God was finally sending the divine Messiah, Jesus the Savior, the eternal God incarnate. So she sang, "He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers."

God Is the Savior...The final attribute of God that Mary describes here is that God is her Savior. "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." ...and so we pray together:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.

A reminder about the Masses at Christmas

Dec. 24th – 5pm, 7pm, 9:30pm and 12 midnight

Dec. 25th – 9:30am and 11:30am

Looking forward to our Christmas celebrations!

Fr. Phil



Office Hours for the Christmas Season

Sunday, December, 24 (Christmas Eve)	-	9:00am – 12:45am
Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)	-	9:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday, December 26 (Boxing Day)	-	Office Closed
Wednesday, December 27	-	Office Closed
Thursday, December 28	-	Office Closed
Friday, December 29	-	Office Closed
Saturday, December 30	-	10:00am – 6:30pm
Sunday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)	-	9:00am – 6:30pm
Monday, January 1, 2018 (New Year's Day)	-	10:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday January 2, 2018	-	Office Closed
Wednesday, January 3, 2018	-	Office returns to regular hours



Monday, Dec 25th
Ferial

9:30AM – Mass
11:30AM – Mass

Tuesday, Dec 26th
Ferial

10:00PM – Mass

Wednesday, Dec 27th
Ferial

9:15AM – Mass
– Tommaso Rocco✠
– Maria Di Carlo✠

Thursday, Dec 28th
Ferial

7:00PM – Mass
– Cathal Boyd✠
– Patrick Comac✠

Friday, Dec 29th
Ferial

8:00AM – Mass
– Jackie Swatuk✠

Saturday, Dec 30th
Ferial

9:15AM – Mass

New Missal

Missal for the new Liturgical Year is available at the office. The cost is \$ 5.



School News

Kindergarten Registration begins January 8, 2018

Parents/Guardians can now register students online

This year, parents/guardians have the option to register online or in-person at their designated Catholic school. [Online registration](http://www.dpcdsb.org) will begin on January 8, 2018 at www.dpcdsb.org. The Online Registration Form should be completed prior to in-person school meetings where documentation will be received on January 15* from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and January 17-19 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. *A snow date has been designated on January 16 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. If parents/guardians wish to register in-person, they may do so during these specified dates and times.

The following documents are required for registration:

- Registration Form (completed online - copies also available at the school)
- proof of age of the child (birth certificate or passport)
- Original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or original baptismal certificate from an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome. If the child has not been baptized, and the parent/guardian is a baptized Roman Catholic or has been baptized in an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, the parent/guardian must bring their own original baptismal certificate.
- updated immunization records (Immunization Card, Peel Health Form or Letter of Exemption)
- proof of Canadian citizenship (Birth Certificate/Passport) or permanent resident status
- proof of home address (two of the following: property tax bill, current utility bill, real estate document or Government of Canada issued forms)
- emergency rural address numbers for property identification, if applicable (residents of Caledon and Dufferin County)
- proof of English Separate School Support (may be done at the time of registration by completing an Application For the Direction of School Support and/or a Separate School Lease Agreement available at the school)

Dancing for the Compass

Dancing for The Compass returns for an 11th year to the Port Credit Legion (upstairs), 35 Front St. N. on **Saturday January 20, 2018**. Doors upstairs open at 7:00 pm and dancing from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am. The ticket price for this fundraiser is \$25/person and \$30 at the door. Please contact the church office or phone Peter Toller at 905-274-6131 to order your tickets. It will be a fun night of 50s and 60s music with the local 8-piece band, **Little Peter and the Elegants**. A light buffet will be served. Fabulous raffle prizes, too!

Major Relic of St. Francis Xavier to visit the Archdiocese of Toronto

A first-degree relic of missionary Saint Francis Xavier is coming to the Archdiocese of Toronto, **January 12-14, 2018**. The forearm of the saint, permanently displayed at the Church of the Gesù in Rome, will be in Canada from December 29 – February 2, as part of a 14-city Canadian visit. In our archdiocese, the relic will be hosted by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (Jan. 12), St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga (Jan. 13) and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto (January 14). More information about the visit and a full schedule of events can be found at: www.cco.ca/relic

Organizers believe this is the first time the relic has been on Canadian soil. The body of St. Francis Xavier, which is buried in Goa, India, as well as the relic of his arm, are incorrupt—they have not experienced natural decay since his death in 1552. Organizers expect close to 100,000 people will visit the various events across the country—the same number of people it is believed Francis baptized with his right arm and hand.

Prayers for the Sick



We remember our parishioners for their recovery to health especially: Barbara Ptashinski, Denise Lamontagne, Peter Banken, Sean Seepaul, Ronie Scholfield, Stefania Pieke, Maureen Timms, Tony Fares, Reginaldo Emmerich, Louise Paquette, Anita Cottreau, Renford James, Casimiro Piscione, baby Aaron James, Eric Holgan, Marilza Alvarez, Gary Baldassi, Flavia Silva, Renee Beauregard, Colleen & Walter Popovic, Anne-Marie Cameron, Angelica Cagetano, Asia Tkacz, Michael Plante, Devon Hill, Larry Elmer, Antonio Tolentino, Andrew Calder, Arlene Ceccetto, Edith Ardito, Mary Melnik, Eva Lil, Paul Von Zuben, Rusty Von Zuben, Phyllis Horbatiuk, Jim Clough, Michelle Moldenhauer, Joey Fares.

Vocation Seeds



From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

St. Dominic's Seniors

Fun for Seniors

Our Seniors Group has started its 14th Season.



- If you are a Senior 60+
- Love to play Euchre
- Engage in lively conversations,

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Come & join us on Tuesdays from 1 – 3pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome!

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.

For the Deceased:

We pray for all the deceased in our community.



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