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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Sunday, Jan 1st
**Octave Day of The Nativity
of the Lord**

9:30AM – Mass
11:30AM – Mass

Monday, Jan 2nd
**St. Basil the Great & St.
Gregory Nazianzen**
NO MASS

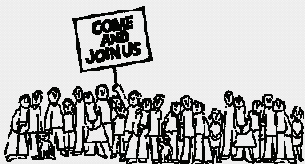
Tuesday, Jan 3rd
Ferial
7:00PM – Juliana Dias ☩

Wednesday, Jan 4th
Ferial
9:15AM – Fatima & David
Amaral (Special Intention)

Thursday, Jan 5th
Ferial
7:00PM – Teresa O'Reilly ☩

Friday, Jan 6th
Ferial
8:00AM – Theresa Kostoff ☩
6:00PM – Holy Hour
7:00PM – Mass

Saturday, Jan 7th
St. Andre Bessette
9:15AM – Jason Medeiros ☩
5:00PM – Patrick McMahon ☩



- **SATB Choir Practice**
7:00PM every Monday
- **Folk Choir Practice**
7:30PM every Wednesday

Solemnity of Mary

REFLECTIONS

Readings:
Numbers 6.22-27
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.16-21

Today is a day of blessing. In this New Year, God has blessed us with another opportunity to grow in love, to come closer to Him, and to experience Him in the person of Jesus. Today is a day of blessing. We honour Mary – she who was blessed among women – as the mother of God. “When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman...” (Gal 4:4).

It is God who blesses his creation. God blesses human beings. Mary is blessed among all women because God chose her to be the mother of His Son. A singular grace granted to a human being. So the blessing of God represents the grace that He showers on us out of His provident love. Today, as we stand at the threshold of this New Year, we stand in need of His blessing. We do not know what this year holds for us: a new world order, life and death, our own personal plans and projects... To all this we are able to say, “Yes”, because of the blessings of God.

Blessing' is the **human response of praise and thanksgiving at the awesome presence of God.** ‘blessing’ is to praise and thank God. When we become aware of the fact that we are mere creatures, that it is God who sustains us, and that He is the one who provides for us, we bless Him. We praise and thank Him. As we begin the New Year, we have reasons to bless the Lord. We thank God for the past year, with its opportunities and challenges, with its achievements and regrets, with the wisdom that we have gained. We praise God for the New Year that is before us: 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds... of opportunity to grow, opportunity to love, and opportunity to experience God in the person of Jesus.

Blessing' is, **one human being calling on the grace and peace of God on another person.** On this New Year day, let us seek the blessings of God on our dear ones. May the blessing of God come down on our families, on our workplaces, on our gatherings. May God bless our New Year resolutions!

WISHING YOU ALL " A HAPPY & BLESSED NEW YEAR "

“May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you his face and bring you peace” (Num 6:24-26).

Fr. Terry

VOLUNTEER SCREENING PROGRAM

The Volunteer Program has received many returned responses. We appreciate everyone who has submitted their High and General Risk Contact forms by email or by hand to the office. Knowing this is a busy time for many, we are extending the deadline to **Jan. 20, 2023**, for the submissions for Online Police Checks and Contact Forms. Those of you who are New Volunteers for High Risk Ministries please send in by email to the Volunteer Team, two times you would be available for an interview. We would like to get all the interviews completed by the end of January so that everyone can begin to participate more fully in the life of our parish. We thank you all for your volunteer work. We wish you all God's blessings for a New Year illuminated by the light of Christ.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes



When using your offertory envelope for first time in 2023, please ensure you write your full name and address so we can verify and update the information in our system.

If you would like to be on Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, please let us know at the office or you could pick up a Pre-Authorized Giving form from the Ministers of Welcome on the weekend.

January 1st – January 7th, 2023
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2023



Our Confirmation Program is a six-week on-line program designed for candidates and parents to attend together. Please register on-line through our Parish Website <https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org/> under **Sacraments at St. Dominic**.

Parents and Candidates must attend an Information Meeting upstairs in the church on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

The cost of the program is \$65 and there is a Paypal link on the registration form. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the Information Meeting or to send a scan to confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com For more information, please contact Beverly O'Grady, Pastoral Associate at 905-278-7762 ext. 4.

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NATIVITY SET

We would like to thank Rita Noletti and her family for the beautiful Nativity set that they have donated to St. Dominic's. We hold them in our prayers.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-24 school year begins January 9
Parents/Guardians can register students online at dpcdsb.org

Kindergarten registration for the 2023-24 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools will take place Monday, January 9 to Friday, January 13, 2023

Parents/guardians can register online at dpcdsb.org.

Registration is open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least four (4) years of age by December 31, 2023.

The following documents are required to complete the registration process:

- Proof of age of the child
- Original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or original baptismal certificate from a church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome or an Eastern Catholic Church.
- Immunization Reference #'s from the local Public Health Unit
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- Proof of home address
- Proof of English Separate School Support

Please refer to the [Register for School webpage](#) for accepted forms of documentation.

Inquiries about home school locations/boundary areas should be directed to the DPCDSB Planning Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24440.

Seniors' Group

Our Seniors' Group has started. If you are a Senior 60+

- Love to play Euchre, and
 - Engage in lively conversations,
- This is the group for you.

Come and join us on every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the Church Hall

Refreshments are provided.



All are welcome!

RCIA

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or wish to complete your Sacrament, please contact St. Dominic's church office, and leave your name and telephone number. Our Catechist will be in touch and let you know about the program.



ALTAR SERVERS: WELCOME

New altar servers are always welcome. Open to all children that have completed their First Holy Communion. No experience required. Contact the parish office if you are interested and the coordinators will get in touch.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2023

St. Joseph's Sunday Missals for 2023 are available at the parish office for \$5.

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.

For the Deceased:

Maria Polonio†
Paul Bochar†



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