



Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00 pm Anna & Pedro Aseervatham R.I.P. & Anton MacFarlane R.I.P.
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Regular Mass

9:00 am James Hornett R.I.P. - Pat Thornton
11:00 am The People of the Parish

New Year's Eve Mass

5:00 pm Peace Within The Family
- Vo-Nguyen Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 New Year's Day

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am In Thanksgiving - Sheila Mills

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00 pm Peace & Faith in the Family
- Ngo Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 am Jackie Lizotte R.I.P. - Pat Thornton

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 pm Jose Resendes R.I.P. - Joanne DiCarlo

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 am Robert & Sean Simmons R.I.P.
- Mrs. Del Medico

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 am Unannounced
5:00 pm Philip Isidoromah & Family R.I.P.
- Mary Antonette & Michael

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 am Joseph Tran Tai & Maria Do Linh R.I.P.
- Ngo Family
11:00 am The People of the Parish

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1st**



This feast recognized Mary as the physical parent of Christ, the God-Man defined at the Council of Ephesus in the 5th century. The third Mass of Christmas reflects the role of Mary in the Redemption, so her role has always been connected with the Christmas Mystery. Later from the 5th century to the 7th century, the feast was transferred to the Octave Day of Christmas, January 1.

Prior to the time that this feast occurred on January 1, New Year's Day was observed as a day of prayer to offset pagan practices, since there were many riotous pagan celebrations. In the 5th century until the Middle Ages it honoured Mary and her Divine Maternity. Then it was observed as the Octave of Christmas, which developed into the Feast of the Circumcision. From 1961 to 1969 the title changed back to the Octave of the Nativity. Finally in 1969 the ancient Marian character was restored, so that we have its present title. It is a Holy day of Obligation.

This Solemnity celebrates the part played by Mary in the Mystery of Salvation, exalts the singular dignity that this Mystery brings to the holy Mother, renews adoration to the newborn Prince of Peace, and implores from God, through Mary's intercession, the supreme gift of peace.

-from **Dictionary of the Liturgy**
by Rev. Jovian P. Lang, OFM., 1989. p. 592

Sick: That all who are ill may enjoy the consolation of the Lord and the presence of their loved ones, especially Michelina Ciociola & Ingrid Koesnadi.



Deceased: That our family members who have died may be welcomed into eternal life.

Pope's December Universal Intention: *For the Elderly* - That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

New Year's Mass Schedule

Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31
5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Archdiocese has asked us to remind the faithful that we are obliged to attend separate Masses for:

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Dec 30/31)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Dec 31/Jan 1)

As New Year Masses fall on a Monday, attending one of the regular Sunday Masses on December 30/January 1 does not fulfill your obligation to attend New Year Mass.

Thank You!

I would like to extend a very special thank you to all those who helped in any way with the Christmas celebration, especially the Musicians, Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers and Altar Servers.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped decorate the Church.

Thank you very much for your kind greetings, cards and various gifts over the holidays.

On behalf of our parish staff and myself, I would like to extend our best wishes for a Blessed New Year.

Fr. Maderak



The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 1. If there is an emergency, please call the office and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.



Offertory envelopes for 2018 are available in the church foyer. If you used envelopes this year there will be a box set for you with the same number. If **your current envelope number is 541 or higher you have been assigned a new envelope number for 2018.** If you need assistance finding your box set of envelopes please see staff at the counter. Please make sure you pick up only the box with your name on it.

Please destroy any envelopes you may have from previous years. Since donations are posted by envelope number this will ensure that you receive the proper credit from your current envelope number for your income tax receipt.

Using envelopes allows us to know that you are a practicing member of St. John the Evangelist Parish. It is important that we have a way of knowing you when you request baptism, marriage or letters of reference.

As long as you paid income tax, using envelopes can be beneficial. Depending on the amount of income tax you paid and the amount you have contributed to charities, you may be eligible for up to 40% combined Federal and Provincial tax credit of the amount you gave to charities. Further information can be found at Canada Revenue Agency, www.cra-arc.gc.ca

If you do not use envelopes and would like to begin using envelopes, please see staff at the counter in the church foyer. Please write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use.



Weekly Offering (Dec. 17).....\$4,177.85
Expenses (Dec. 11 - Dec. 17).....\$7,684.45

Building Fund Expenses.....\$37.30

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