

# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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## Feast of the Holy Family



## Masses For The Week

## DON'T FORGET!

Please pick up your box set of weekly Sunday Offering envelopes for 2020. If you

used envelopes this year there will be a box set for you with the same number. 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.

If you do not use Sunday Offering 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. 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.c](http://www.cra-arc.gc.c).

Do not use 2020 Sunday Offering envelopes until the new year begins. 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.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:00 pm Samy Vandaiyar R.I.P.  
- Mildred Vandaiyar & Family

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 am The People of the Parish  
11:00 am Vincent Proctor R.I.P. - Stekar Family

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 am Concetta, Vincenzo &  
Caterina Bertucci R.I.P.  
- Antoinetta Luceno

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 *New Year's Eve*

5:00 pm Peace & Faith Within the Family & The  
World - Vo-Nguyen Family

*(No 7:00 p.m. Mass)*

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 *New Year's Day*

9:00 am The People of the Parish  
11:00 am Vincent Proctor R.I.P. - Roy Swanek

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00 pm *Available*

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 am Edi Berlot R.I.P. - Kristina Stekar

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 am Unannounced  
5:00 pm Vincent & Ellen Proctor R.I.P.  
- Vo-Nguyen Family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5


9:00 am Domenico & Maria Suppa R.I.P.  
- Their Children  
11:00 am The People of the Parish

### Pope's December Evangelization Pray

**Intention:** *The Future of the Very Young*  
- That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Due to holiday scheduling, this bulletin was printed a week in advance and, therefore, unable to report our weekly offerings and expenses. They will be reported in the January 5<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

## Confirmation & First Communion Candidates

All Confirmation and First Holy Communion candidates, along with their family, are invited to take an active role during Mass by carrying up the offertory gifts at Sunday Mass. If you are interest, there is a sign-up sheet at the counter in the Church foyer for candidates and their family to sign up for which Mass time and date they would like to participate. 

*Thank You!*

I would like to extend a very special thank you to all 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

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- ShareLife

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**The parish office will be closed until  
Friday, January 10, 2020 for an audit.**

## ***New Year's Mass Schedule***

### ***Feast of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation***

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

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

***Please note:*** The Feast of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation, and Catholics are expected to attend Mass.

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## **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1<sup>st</sup>**

This feast recognized Mary as the physical parent of Christ, the God-Man defined at the Council of Ephesus in the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> century to the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

- Rev. Jovian P. Lang, OFM (1989) *Dictionary of the Liturgy*  
Catholic Book Publishing Co., N.Y., P. 592

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