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Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:00 pm Charles & Anna Veerasawmny R.I.P.
- Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 am Br. Martin Ngo
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

11:00 am The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 *New Year's Eve*

5:00 pm Ellen & Vincent Proctor R.I.P.
- Kevin & Martin Proctor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 *New Year's Day*

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am In Thanksgiving - Adeline Marcos

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 am Domenico & Maria Suppa R.I.P.
- The Children

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:00 pm Creglia & Molinari Families
- Clara Creglia

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 am Intentions of Julia Creglia - Clara Creglia
11:00 am The People of the Parish

Please note: There will be no weekday Mass on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Sick: That our family members who are ill may enjoy the consolation of the Lord and the presence of their loved ones, especially James Burch and Guiliana Della Rovere.



Deceased: For the family of God seeking eternal rest: that they may find light, happiness and peace, especially Giovanna Tersigni.

Pope's December Prayer Intention: *For pilgrims of hope* - Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31
Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1
Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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.

**Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year -
Eucharistic Celebration at
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
This Sunday, December 29th at 5:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to join in this special Mass to formally launch the Jubilee year in the Archdiocese of Toronto. To read full Invitation from Archbishop Leo to Celebrate the Ordinary Year of Jubilee, please see the bulletin board or visit:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/invitation-from-archbishop-leo-to-launch-the-ordinary-year-of-jubilee--december-29-2024/>

Resources for personal or family use, along with helpful links and other information related to the Jubilee Year can be found by visiting:
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/>



The parish office will be closed from Tuesday, December 31 to Thursday, January 2.

Thank You

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

Offering

Due to early printing of the bulletins, because of the publisher's holiday schedule, offerings for December 22, Christmas, and December 29 will be printed in our January 5 bulletin.

There will be a second collection for the Building Fund on the weekend of January 4/5. Please read the announcement on the top right hand side of this page regarding **Upcoming Building Fund Changes**.

Upcoming Building Fund Changes

For those parishioner who have been looking at our weekly offertory and expenses published most weeks, you will see that often times, we have far more expenses than revenue. Our revenue has actually dropped 16% over the last 10 years. As you know, the price of almost everything has gone up over those 10 years. We have also tried to cut expenses as much as we could. Most years, we have been at a deficit by the end of the year. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, our Building Fund has done well. Up to this point, the Building Fund has been strictly used for repairs and upgrades on the Church, rectory and property.

In consultation with our Finance Council, and with the approval of the Chancery, starting in January 2025, we will also use any new Building Fund monies collected to pay for utilities for the Church, and grounds keeping such as snow removal and lawn care. It is also important to keep the existing building fund money designated for the repair of the church since, in the future, there will be large expenses for major roof repairs and replacement of our 4 church/hall furnaces.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish and your prayers.

Fr. Maderak

World Day of Peace January 1

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father - "Forgive Us Our Debts: Grant Us Your Peace". To read the full *Message of the Holy Father Francis* for the 58th World Day of Peace please visit:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/12/12/241212a.html>

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