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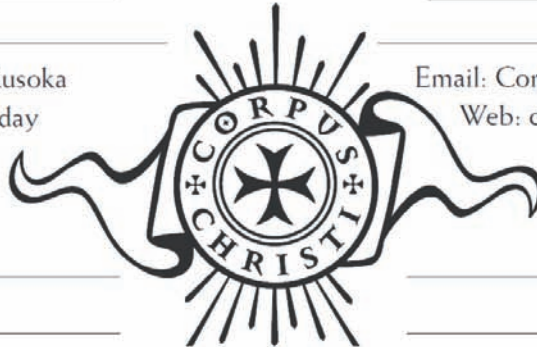
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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00 & 11:30 pm	December 31	Refer to the Schedule
Sun. 9:00 am	January 1	Refer to the Schedule
Sun. 11:00 am	January 1	Refer to the Schedule
Tues. 9:00 am	January 3	+ Anna Bandera requested by the Bandera family
Wed. 9:00 am	January 4	+ Ross Menzies requested by Sheila Menzies
Thurs. 9:00 am	January 5	+ Grant Menzies requested by Sheila Menzies
Fri. 9:00 am	January 6	+ Fran Bissonnette requested by Ginny, Jim Hughes & Family
Sat. 5:00 pm	January 7	Refer to the Schedule
Sun. 9:00 am	January 8	Refer to the Schedule
Sun. 11:00 am	January 8	Refer to the Schedule

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Each year, as we approach the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on December 31st and January 1st, we acknowledge our need for gratitude and peace. As we look back at 2022 and recall the challenges we all went through together due to the Covid-19 crisis, despite everything, we have reasons to be thankful. We are alive, yet many of us lost our jobs, future projects and even our dear ones. Nonetheless, for the gift that they have been for us, we are thankful to God. At the beginning of 2022 we were all at a strange turn in which even going to church came almost to be considered a “non-essential” while ironically LCBO seemed free of the Covid-19 virus. Contradictions and confusing information is still in the air.

In the middle of all the challenges, we celebrate the Emmanuel. The Lord never abandons his people. Some of us slowly and thankfully moved on to a sort of “normal life”, but many still struggle through the blows and the wows of the cursed pestilence. Many have returned to church, but many others have drifted away with fear and perhaps search for safety. And among all uncertainties around our Community and in the world, we feel the Emmanuel – God with us (Mt. 1. 23). And as we approach the end of 2022, we sing with the Psalmist, “The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge” (Psalm 46.11).

Our parish Community, though holding back a series of celebrations and events, still managed to gather as one family for which we are all deeply thankful. We are THANKFUL for celebrating the sacraments with our St. Dennis school teachers and children. We are thankful for our catechism teachers always courageous to help the children and parents in their uplifting mission of evangelizing and assure a healthy and safe environment. We are thankful to the Parish Staff, the Parish Council and Finance Council always ready to provide support to our parish priest in guiding the Community. We are thankful for our restless Choir members who are always ready and available to make sure that we all have a praiseworthy worship to the Lord. We will remember the Cosmopolitan Company and its engineers who helped rebuild our beautiful and priceless organ. We are thankful to our Coffee Hospitality, and the social Committee in trying their best to welcome parishioners and visiting friends into our parish Community. We are as well thankful to our charitable groups of St. Vincent de Paul, You Are Loved and Interfaith-luncheon in their outstanding service to reach out to those in need. We pay much appreciation to our tireless Bible study and Sunday Bible Reflection groups; the Ministers of the Altar (lectors, altar servers and Eucharistic ministers); the Decoration Committees, the Ushers as well as all the Volunteers that throughout this past 2022 did not spare energies for the life of the Community.

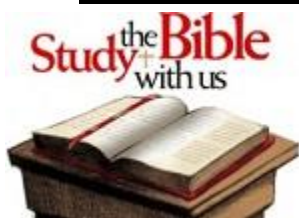
As we start the New Year, I pray to God for each one of you and for all your dear ones that this 2023 be filled with peace; that our Blessed Mother holds each one of you in her arms and protect you all. As Pope Francis prayed, “May more and more men and women strive daily, with quiet humility and courage, to be artisans of peace. And may they be ever inspired and accompanied by the blessings of the God of peace!” I wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR and abundant blessings.

Fr. Faustino Kusoka

The Collection on December 17 & 18 was \$2,219.10
The Sunday Offertory Collection and PAG are our only viable source of income.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Wednesday and Sunday Bible Study



The Bible Study sessions on **Wednesdays**, have been paused for the season and will resume again on *Wednesday, January 11th*

from 7 – 8:30 pm.

The **Sunday** Bible study will not have their session on *January 1st* only.

SENIOR LUNCHEON



We invite all Seniors in our parish to lunch on Friday, January 6th, 2023 between 11:30 and 1:30 pm at the parish

hall.

Sacramental Preparation – Important Information

All parents of Confirmation candidates are cordially invited to attend a mandatory Parents' Catechism Meeting to learn more about the Confirmation Program. We are happy to share our plans and answer any questions you may have.

The **Parents' Catechism Meeting** will take place on **Saturday, January 7, 2023** from 6 pm to 8 pm in the parish hall basement.

The Confirmation Program will begin on **Saturday, January 14, 2023**, starting with a Rite of Enrolment at the 5 pm Mass.

The First Communion Program will begin on **Sunday, January 15, 2023**, starting with a Rite of Enrolment at the 9 am Mass.



New year Mass Schedule

December 31, Saturday

**5:00 pm – Vigil of Mary Mother of God, New Year's Eve
Day of Obligation in Canada (Mass for all the Faithful
Departed for 2022 & their families)**

January 1, Sunday

**9:00 am – New Year's Day
11:00 am – New Year's Day
Day of Obligation in Canada**

The Parish office will be closed on December 30th (Noon)



Marriage Sunday 2023

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via [livestream](https://youtu.be/EBvFgH4a1n4) Mass here: <https://youtu.be/EBvFgH4a1n4>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. **Registration is open.**

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service

WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2023



Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 p.m.** This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

You Are Loved Toronto

Feed the Hungry, Clothe the Naked...

Can you help?



You Are Loved Toronto (YAL) is a group in our parish whose mission is to help restore the dignity of those living on the streets of downtown Toronto. Meals and other items are prepared and delivered every Sunday afternoon to about 100 marginalized people who live in shelters or on the streets.

YAL relies solely on donations to operate its mission.

As the weather gets colder the need for warm clothing is great. We are asking for donations of **Men's WARM socks, hats, scarves, gloves or mittens.** We also accept **Used clean MEN'S warm coats, boots, hoodies or track pants.** Check your closets! (Please no children's clothes). Bring the items to Mass and place in the boxes at the front. Thank you for your generosity!

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