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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The Mother of Jesus is the Mother of God

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. [Luke 2:19](#)

Today, January 1, we complete our octave celebration of Christmas Day. It's an often overlooked liturgical fact that we celebrate Christmas Day for eight straight days. We do this also with Easter Day, which concludes with the great celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

On this, the eighth day of the Octave of Christmas, we turn our focus to the unique and beautiful fact that God chose to enter our world through a human mother. Mary is called the "Mother of God" for the simple fact that her Son is God. She was not the mother of her Son's flesh alone, nor the mother only of His human nature. This is because the Person of Jesus, the Son of God, is one Person. And that one Person took on flesh within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Though becoming the Mother of God was a pure gift from Heaven and not something that Mother Mary merited on her own, there was one particular quality that she had that made her uniquely qualified to fulfill this role. That quality was her immaculate nature.

First, Mother Mary was preserved from all sin when she was conceived within the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. This special grace was a grace that was imparted to her from the future life, death and resurrection of her Son. It was the grace of salvation, but God chose to take that gift of grace and transcend time to impart it to her at the moment of her conception, thus making her the perfect and pure instrument necessary to bring forth God into the world.

Second, Mother Mary remained faithful to this gift of grace throughout her life, never choosing to sin, never wavering, never turning from God. She remained immaculate throughout her life. Interestingly, it is this choice of hers, to forever remain obedient to the will of God in every way, that makes her more fully the Mother of God than the simple act of bearing Him within her womb. Her act of perfect unity with the will of God throughout her life makes her, also, the perfect mother of divine grace and mercy and perpetually the spiritual Mother of God, continually and perfectly bringing Him into our world.

Reflect, today, upon these most solemn mysteries of our faith. This eighth day of the Octave of Christmas is a solemn celebration, a celebration worthy of our pondering. The Scripture above reveals not only how our blessed Mother approached this mystery but also how we are to approach it. She "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Ponder these mysteries, also, in your own heart and allow the grace of this holy celebration to fill you with joy and gratitude.

Dearest Mother Mary, you were graced with a grace beyond any other. You were preserved from all sin and remained perfectly obedient to the will of God throughout your life. As a result, you became the perfect instrument of the Savior of the World by becoming His mother, the Mother of God. Pray for me that I may ponder this great mystery of our faith this day and ever more deeply rejoice in the incomprehensible beauty of your motherly soul. Mother Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You. Source: MyCatholicLife

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God



*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God*

The Octave Day of Christmas, Jan 1, 2023

"Hail, holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules
heaven and earth for ever."

(Isaiah 9:1-5)

First Reading + Numbers 6:22-27

Second Reading + Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel + Luke 2:16-21

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, January 2

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 3

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS****

7:00pm+ Multiple Intention Mass (RIP)

Marjorie Legault, Rev. Ralph Paonesa, Cheryl Roach,

Kathy Davis, Diane Mason, Goretti Silva, Alex Gatej,

Dave Webber, Helen Scanlon, Frank Novogradecz,

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 4

8:00am+Deceased members of O'REILLY Family-T. O'Reilly

Thursday, January 5

8:00am+Edeline Tan, Per.Int. – S. Hands

10:30am+Helen WEBBER, RIP-J/R Vandervoort

Friday, January 6

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Paul & Claudette Morrison, Per.Int. – J/C Orr

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

Saturday, January 7

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Elizabeth & Lucas Cescon & family-Bozek family

5:00pm+Shelly GILKINSON, RIP –M/A Crowley

Sunday, January 8

9:00am+Mary DOYLE, RIP-M. Kennedy

10:30am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Weekly Collections for
December 18, 2022**

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 3488.70
Other-St.Paul's(Confirmation,SVDP etc)	\$ 1692.65
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 1140.65
Other- Imm Con (SVDP, ShareLife etc)	\$ 1445.00
Total-	\$7767.00

Mary, Mother of God – (January 1, 2023)

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Beginning January, Tuesday and Friday masses will be multiple intention masses only. If you wish to book a mass, please contact the office.

**Marriage Sunday 2023 - Celebration of
Marriage Mass with Bishop Vincent Nguyen**

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen – **February 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.** As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent 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 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 at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples. For questions, please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriagefaq or contact formation@archtoronto.org.



The Pastoral Staff at St. Paul Parish would like to thank you for all your greetings and gifts we received over Christmas. It indeed is heartening to know that you are appreciative of our ministry and are also praying for us.

Let us keep the Christmas spirit of loving, sharing and caring throughout the whole year. And let us always be thankful to God for the greatest gift He could give us –

The Gift of His Only Son, Jesus.



High School Teens - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 9pm		Grades 6 to 8 - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 8:00pm	
Jan 11	L/T Meeting	Jan 4	Edge Meeting- optional for crew
Jan 16	L/T- Status/Pursuit of Recognition	Jan 9	Edge-Code/ How to Get to Heaven
Jan 30	Seeing the Kingdom/Jesus Ministry	Jan 22	Edge-Snowtubing at Snow Valley- 1:30 pm

NEW to PARISH? Have you registered yet?
New Address? It is important to be registered to receive the sacraments & support your faith community. Please fill in the registration form below and place it in the collection basket or hand it into the office. Offertory Envelopes can be picked up in the church foyer.

Welcome to St. Paul's Parish!

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**First Name:**

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**Spouse's Name:**

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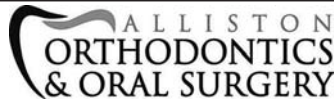
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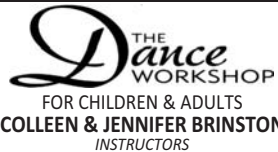
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