

SOLEMNITY – MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Year "A" Numbers 6. 22-27; Galatians 4.4-7;

Luke 2.16-21

Entrance Antiphon

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 2nd

Memorial – St. Basil The Great & St. Gregory

9:00 a.m. 60th Anniversary Intentions
Mike & Mary Bridgeman

Tuesday, January 3rd

8:30 a.m. Intentions Jim Naughton

Wednesday, January 4th

7:30 p.m. † Vincent Fernandez

Thursday, January 5th

8:30 a.m. Unannounced Intentions

Friday, January 6th

First Friday

8:30 a.m. † Unannounced

7:00 p.m. † Unannounced

Saturday, January 7th

5:00 p.m. † Margaret Strangway & Family

Sunday, January 8th

9:00 a.m. † Rita Brett

11:00 a.m. Mass Pro Populo

5:00 p.m. † Unannounced

World Day of Peace 2017

Pope Francis has chosen Nonviolence: A style of politics for peace. 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the Catholic Church's World Day of Peace. Inspired by both St. Pope John XXIII's encyclical *Pacem in terris* and his own encyclical *Populorum progressio*, Pope Paul VI introduced the commemoration of the World Day of Peace in 1967; it is now celebrated every year on the 1st of January



C.W.G. Annual Brunch

All ladies of our parish are invited to the Catholic Women's Guild annual Sunday brunch in the parish hall on Sunday, February 12th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Brunch will be prepared for the ladies by the Knights of Columbus.

Tickets are \$16.00 each, be sure to get yours as they sell out quickly.

Please call Maggie for tickets or more information at 905-839-3289.

This Gift of the Year 2017

"And the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." John 1:14

The greatest gift God gave us was that of his Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ; now He has given us a gift of this New Year.

For many, the past year may have been a combination of joy and sadness, triumphs and failures. Let us reflect on the joys and pain by turning to God for comfort, strength, thanksgiving and guidance. As we are blessed with this New Year, may the words that are two and a half thousand years old, invoke a special blessing:

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace".

(Numbers 6:22-27)

To begin the New Year blessed by the presence of God is to have hope, courage and trust even when we might be inclined to fear or be anxious about the future.

Our new year's resolutions to change or do better are born out of the conviction that a fresh start is always possible and that conversion is achievable and good for us.

Thanks be to God, our parish has continued to flourish with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit dwelling among us touching many lives.

I would like to thank everyone for your contribution in making Holy Redeemer Parish a welcoming and beautiful parish and look forward to another rewarding year.

I pray that you and your families are blessed by the love and presence of God each day.

Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Colman

Father Fénelon School

Seed Library

Calling all seed collectors and plant lovers! Father Fénelon will be starting a SEED LIBRARY this spring – and we need your help. It would be greatly appreciated if you could donate annual, perennial, and/or vegetable seeds. We hope to have a wide variety of seeds for our students. Please label each seed envelope/baggie with plant names and drop them off in the school's front office. Thank you for supporting the students at Father Fénelon CS, and helping to beautify our community!!



To All Our Parishioners

We would like to thank all our parishioners for all your hard work and support to our parish. It has been a good year of knowing each other, working together, and improving things in our parish community.

Once more, we would like to ask for your cooperation in checking or updating your parish registration information. We believe that some may have moved to a new address, or have their status changed etc. Updating this information is vital for future Sacramental preparations, faith formation programs, ministries in our community and as well give a general picture of how we are growing as a community.

We wholeheartedly welcome those parishioners who have been members of our parish for a while and have not yet registered themselves, those who are new to our parish and those who have wanted to be part of our parish community. In principle, by residing within the geographical boundaries of the parish and participating in the life of the church, one is 'ipso facto' a member of the parish. Those who reside outside the parish boundaries but feel more comfortable at this particular parish or like the ambiance of our community are very much an integral part of our faith community here.

Registering is a very good thing to do. Apart from the reasons mentioned above, it helps the church to adequately cater for the needs of the members of our church. Issues such as reference letters which are a requirement for job applications in some areas, or even college applications can be easily expedited with the knowledge of the applicant in question

Upon registration, parishioners, who request envelopes, are issued numbered and named boxes to assure correct assignment of their respective donations, and correct issuance of receipts for income tax purposes at the end of the year. Please check that your name and address are correct.

The PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) program is also an option, and is very helpful in submitting your offerings. The forms are on the pamphlet holders located at the back of the church on both sides.

Please know that your generosity is always appreciated whether it is the Sunday collection, the special collections during the year, the relief efforts, the building fund etc. We thank you for your support, and we would like to wish you and your families a blessed coming year **2017**.

Archdiocese of Toronto Celebrates 175th Anniversary

December 17, 2016 marked the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, kicking off a year-long celebration of this historic milestone. Originally part of the Diocese of Kingston, on December 17, 1841, Pope Gregory XVI formally created the Diocese of Toronto and named Michael Power its first bishop. The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175th anniversary, including a large-scale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on **May 30, 2017**. In acknowledging this significant anniversary, Cardinal Thomas Collins remarked:

"It is a tremendous blessing to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto. It is always a joy to express my gratitude to those, past and present, who have made incredible contributions to our city, province and country, inspired by their faith. Over the next year, we will honour the past, energize our present faith community and look forward to an exciting future."

More information on the Archdiocese of Toronto 175th celebrations can be accessed by visiting: www.archtoronto.org

Toronto Serra Clubs

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. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org



Knights Korner - Council 11729

Happy New Year to Everyone.

As a new year begins, our Council is enjoying a wonderful period of grace and prosperity. This past year was a positive one as we gained several new members and, through countless hours of volunteerism and the generosity of our parishioners, we increased our financial resources. Looking ahead to 2017, we will continue our volunteer efforts and also make an extra effort to build our membership. We need all men, young and old alike, to step forward and join our group. Contact me at 905-839-7253 or theheeneys@hotmail.com to get started.

Walter Heeney - Grand Knight