

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY



† - For the repose of the soul / in memory of the person(s) indicated

Sunday, January 1

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. -----

10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 a.m. -----

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, January 5

9:00 a.m.

Friday, January 6

9 a.m. -----

Saturday, 7

Feast of St. André Bessette 4:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. † Howard McVean by his daughter.

† Frieda Faour by her daughter Geraldine.

Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. -----

10:30 a.m. † Edith Burdet's health and wellbeing by
Ginette and Geraldine.

Prayer for Vocations: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God – **Jan. 1, 2023**. That Mary, the Mother of God will nurture, guide and protect all those called to the priesthood, diaconate, and the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Joan Marie (Ryan) Potvin, Michelle Boyer, Ann Taillon, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Eugene Vargas, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Raechael McIntyre, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki.

As we welcome the New Year, may God bless us and our families abundantly and may Mary, the Mother of God, protect us all.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

For educators ~ We pray that the educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY (Year A)

First Reading: Numbers 6.22-27

They shall put my name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

Second Reading: Galatians 4.4-7

God has sent his Son, born of a woman.

Gospel: Luke 2.16-21

They found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. After eight days he was named Jesus.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE January 1

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 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. This year, Pope Francis asks that in the coming New Year "we journey together, valuing the lessons that history has to teach us."

"To all men and women of goodwill, I express my prayerful trust that, as artisans of peace, they may work, day by day, to make this a good year!"

ORDO; www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-12/pope-francis-message

My dear People of God:

As the old year fades away into oblivion, our memories are still fresh regarding the way we faced the challenges of life especially the pandemic, among other evils. God Our Loving Father has been good to us because of our deep faith in Him and we have tried our best to render worship to Him. Some of our relatives have passed on to Him and are now resting in the Peace of Christ.

As we journey together into the New Year that has just dawned, we are counting His Blessings and remembering to thank Him whole heartedly. May God grant us good health and prosperity in this Year. Let us keep alive our faith in Him, otherwise, we may not be able to count His Blessings.

On this day the first day of the Year, the whole Catholic World dedicates itself to St. Mary Mother of God for her protection and motherly care. Just as we ask God to keep us from all evil, we also ask St. Mary Our Mother to keep us under her maternal mantle.

So, I wish you A Happy - Healthy New Year throughout...!

*Blessings,
Fr. Vincent.*

OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY/SPIRITUALITY

Winter Semester 2023: Moved to online format for winter 2023. Two 5-week sessions will run Jan.9 - Feb. 6, and Feb. 13 – Mar. 20. Special offer: register a friend for free (restrictions apply). Please check the website for course descriptions: www.osts.ca.

The parish office will be **closed on Monday, January 2.**

2023 PARISH ENVELOPES

2023 Parish will not be available at the back of the church next weekend, however, they can be pick-up at the office, during office hours.

Your regular contributions allow us to continue the important pastoral and temporal projects throughout the year that keep our parish strong and thriving. In addition to *church envelopes*, the parish encourages everyone to use **Pre-authorized Debit and Credit, Canada Helps.org and Interact e-Transfer**: donations sent to the church's e-mail address (sttheresa@rogers.com) without sharing any personal financial information. For more information on Pre-authorized Donations and CanadaHelps.org visit our website home page <https://www.sttheresaottawa.com/> or contact the office (613-235-5119).

We sincerely thank you for your donations.

MASKING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

We are experiencing an increase of respiratory illness in our communities (COVID-19, Influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)). Although there is no obligation to wear a mask, everyone is encouraged to wear one in the church and other public areas.

HOMELANDS MASS – Cancellation

Please note that the Homelands Mass scheduled for January 15, 2023 has been cancelled indefinitely. Thank you all who have participated in this special Mass in the past years.

*Do not let the past disturb you.
Just leave everything in
the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and begin again with joy.*

St. Teresa of Calcutta.