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## ***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God***

# Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday January 2 12:10 p.m.**

Intentions of Rachel Lau  
(Al Jacob)

**Monday January 2 7:00 p.m.**

Living and Deceased Members of  
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Tuesday January 3 12:10 p.m.**

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions  
of Rex, Margaret, Jefferson and  
Giovanna Tse

**Tuesday January 3 7:00 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday January 4 12:10 p.m.**

+Eric Tan Jin Chong  
(Tan Family)

**Wednesday January 4 7:00 p.m.**

+Wayne Gee-Jung Chow  
(Chow Family)

**Thursday January 5 12:10 p.m.**

+Deacon Vincent Cassidy  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Thursday January 5 7:00 p.m.**

+Teresa Chiu  
(Jefferson Tse)

**Friday January 6 12:10 p.m.**

Intentions of Peter Shih

**Friday January 6 7:00 p.m.**

Vocations to the Priesthood

**Saturday January 7 9:00 a.m.**

For the living and deceased members of the  
Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and for their  
living and deceased families.  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Saturday January 7 5:00 p.m.**

+Lee Voon and Bernadette Ah-Chong  
(Family)

**Sunday January 8 8:00 a.m.**

For the People of the Parish

**Sunday January 8 10:00 a.m.**

+John Mackenzie  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Sunday January 8 12:00 p.m.**

+Glenville Stuart  
(Pat Stuart)

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

SUNDAY JANUARY 1, 2023

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, Domenic D'Souza, Jerry Wang, Agnes Yuen, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Marien Pereira, Teresa Cheung, Jessica Kong, Gloria Pereira, Dorine Couture, John Yuen, Theresa Snider, Betty Chan, Sherwin Wong, Everest D'Souza, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Tony Romero, Al Jacob, Alice Lam, Bruce Crepe, William Yung, Loida Ganaden, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr., Priscilla Lumanlan, Paul Giallonardo, Liza Chan and William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan and Lucas Fernandes

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Henry and Helen Leung and for those who have no one to pray for them.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Through the intercession of our Mary, Mother of God, may the Lord bless all our families and loved ones and protect us this new year.

### A FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith, we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant the Holy family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS including the lectors, servers, ushers, the daughters of St. Mary of Leuca, for our flowers and altar decorations. Thank you to those who decorated the Christmas Trees, etc.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO PRIESTS AND STAFF AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS.

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 sister, ccontact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

The office will be closed Monday January 2nd

#### PARISH OFFERTORY

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)**

**We received, \$10,472.65 (December 18, 2022)**

**(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)**

#### ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED

and are asked to support the parish and the needs of the Church by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and making up for any absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office. Also, on the website you can arrange to use PAG

NEWS RE THE SANCTUARY WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Students at St. Benedict and St. Francis Xavier Schools have received their registration forms. If your child does not go to these Schools, please come to the parish office and pick up a registration form. Registration forms have to be handed in, along with a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$35.00 to cover the cost of the catechism book. Holy Communion will take place June 10 at 5:00 p.m. or June 11 at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – JANUARY 1, 2023

##### **Gospel Reading – Luke 2:16-21**

##### **The Shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem**

Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the Shepherds act upon the message they received from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith.

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#### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KOC continue to fundraise by collecting EMPTIES, such as the following: Beer cans or bottles, wine bottles, spirits such as (vodka, rum or whiskey, etc. **Drop off location for empties, downstairs by the washrooms.** All proceeds will go to St. Thomas the Apostle and the Charities of the KOC.

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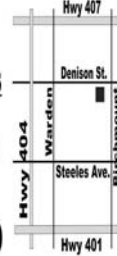
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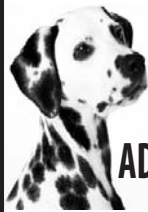


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