

New Year Resolution

Happy New Year! And with a new year come plans for changes and improvements in our lives. We usually think of ways that we can and should improve our physical health and well-being. But this year, try also to make changes and improvements to your spiritual health and well-being.

As with any new routine, start out slow and steady. Try starting your prayer life with just a few prayers at a time. Then you can build up more prayer time with more and different types of prayers. Maybe start out with just one decade of the rosary. Work your way up to a full rosary with all 5 decades.

As with any New Year resolution, if you need help and encouragement along the way, you can find lots of resources and materials to help you stay on the right path. Praying the Rosary Prayer is something that can benefit you individually and also as a family or community.

If you would like, please take a brochure at the back 'Praying the Rosary' or you can go to website: <http://www.prayingthecatholicrosary.com/>

New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time

HELP

We invite to help yourself with new CDs pamphlets and materials at the back. Some of them are behind the benches, others on the back wall on a display.

Thank you!

A warm thank you to all who participated and contributed in various ways to our celebrations of Christmas. May Mary, Mother of God, have you always in her loving care and guide you through each and every day of this new year, bringing you closer to her Son, Jesus.



UPCOMING EVENTS

What	When	Where
* Dust Angels	- January 2 nd , Monday 8:00 am	- Church

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK! ... "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice."

Wishing You a Blessed New Year!



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Mary,
The Holy Mother Of God

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 2012



Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English
 Sun. 9:00 am English
 11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm
 Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am
 10:30 - 10:50 am
 or upon appointment

Baptism:

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass. Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



We each have a part to play in making peace a greater reality in the world.

Today's Solemnity reminds us that Mary is the Mother of God, as she gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God and Prince of Peace. Mindful of this, let us renew our commitment to fostering peace in our homes, local communities and places of work. If we truly want a more peaceful world, we must each do our part.



In the 4th and 5th centuries debates about the nature of Christ raged in the Church. The debate was about the relationship of Christ's divine and human natures. At the center of this debate was a title of Mary. Since at least the 3rd century, Christians had referred to Mary as *theotokos*, meaning "God-bearer." The first documented usage of the term is in the writings of Origen of Alexandria in AD 230. Related to *theotokos*, Mary was called the mother of God. Referring to Mary this way was popular in Christian piety, but the patriarch of Constantinople from 428-431, Nestorius, objected. He suggested that Mary was only the mother of Jesus' human nature, but not his divine nature. Nestorius' ideas (or at least how others perceived his arguments) were condemned at the Council of Ephesus in AD 431, and again at the Council of Chalcedon in AD 451. The Church decided that Christ was fully God and fully human, and these natures were united in one divine person, Jesus Christ. Thus Mary could be called "mother of God" since she gave birth to Jesus who was fully divine as well as human. Since this time, Mary has been frequently honored as the "mother of God" by Catholics, Orthodox, and many Protestants.

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE - January 1st

The Holy See released the Holy Father's Message for the celebration of the World Day of Peace. The theme chosen by Pope Benedict XVI is: **Educating Young People in Justice and Peace.**

We encourage everyone to read the message by visiting Vatican website:

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/peace/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20111208_xlv-world-day-peace_en.html

or you can pick up a copy at the back of the church.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Raymonde Riopel, Janina Warias, Shirley Sobochan, Vivian Wulff,

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Dec 31 - Sat - sam <i>New Year's Eve</i>	5:00 pm	Deceased Meunier Family – George & Rachel	Mary
Jan 1 - Sun- dim <i>New Year's Day</i>	9:00 am	For Parishioners	the Holy
	11:00 am	RIP Jim Dryden – Rose & Family	Mother of God
Jan 3 Tues-mar	10:30 am	Funeral Mass for Harmel Sylvestre	
Jan 4 Wed -mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) Living & Deceased members of the Kieser Family – Laura Kieser	
Jan 5 Thurs- jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Derek Huot – Calvin Coulombe	
Jan 6 Fri - ven	8:30 am	Living & Deceased members of the Kelly Family - McKale's	
Jan 7 - Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Alex Hryniw – Patricia Touchette	Epiphany
Jan 8 - Sun- dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	of the
	11:00 am	Special intention for Edward Lichorobiec	Lord



Next Youth Night will be on January 13th, at 7:00 pm.



CWL The CWL 2012 memberships are currently due the membership fee is \$25.00 please put them in the collection basket and **mark the envelope CWL** or you can drop the envelope off at the Parish office. If you have any questions about the CWL or you would like to become a new member please call Sandee Blackburn at 780-939-5199.

Please Pray for...



✚ Harmel Sylvestre, who passed away on December 23rd at the age of 84. His funeral will be on held in our church on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at 10:30.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let Perpetual light shine upon him.



Envelopes for 2012



The envelopes for this year are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. Please do so if you haven't taken your yet. If you would like to receive a box of envelopes, please fill out the Parish Registration Form that is at the back of the church or just talk to fr. Ignacy after mass.



Parish Office

The parish office will be closed till January 9th. The office will re-open January 10th. If you need any immediate concern please call fr. Ignacy.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

Christmas / December 25th - \$ 14,005.25
Restoration & Maintenance - \$ 800.00

THANK YOU! MERCI!