



MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD – 01 JANUARY 2006

**“Let us go now to Bethlehem
and see this thing that has taken place,
which the Lord has made known to us.”**

(Today’s Readings: Numbers: 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21)

Announced mass intentions...

Sat., Dec. 31 5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
 Sun., Jan. 01 9:30AM Mass – Pauline Forgues+
 11:15AM Mass – John O’Neill+
 Mon., Jan. 02 12:15PM **NO** Mass
 Tues., Jan. 03 12:15PM Mass – Ella Ross+
 Maurice Flynn+
 Wed., Jan. 04 12:15PM Mass
 Thurs., Jan. 05 12:15PM Mass
 Fri., Jan. 06 11:00AM Adoration until 12 noon
 12:15PM Mass – Raymond Daneau+
 Sat., Jan. 07 5:00PM Mass – Dennis Prendergast+
 Sun., Jan. 08 8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+
 9:30AM Mass – Bernice McNamara+
 Rita & Richard Lemieux+
 11:15AM Mass
 7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

-relatives- Andy Besserer (son of Colin & Eileen), Barbara Burke (mother of Margie Kennedy), Richard Calagoure (brother-in-law of Barbara Riggins), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarcevich), Anastasia Gorecki (sister of Theresa Sarcevich), Betty Holmes (sister of Edwina Laturus), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Nikhil Jose (nephew of Fr. James), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetskie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Louise MacAdam (daughter-in-law of Helen Castle), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Jonathan Seepersad (nephew of Robert Lee), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski), Paul Sowinski (brother of Theresa Sarcevich)

COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

Christmas – \$14,324.10 (env.) / \$4,983.90 (loose)

Events Calendar

Sat., Dec. 31 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
 4:30PM Rosary – Church
 Sun., Jan. 01 9:30AM **NO** Children’s Liturgy
 Mon., Jan. 02 **Office Closed**
 7:30PM K of C Executive meeting
 Tues., Jan. 03 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
 7:30PM MPD – Rm. B
 7:30PM Rosary – Church
 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
 Wed., Jan. 04 7:00PM Liturgy – Rm. A
 7:30PM Pastoral Care – Library
 7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Rm. A
 Thurs., Jan. 05 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
 Sat., Jan. 07 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
 4:30PM Rosary – Church
 Sun., Jan 08 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy

Pastor’s column...

MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

Appointment books. Planners. Calendars. We outline our present, plan our future, and review our past. We know exactly where we want to be and how we want to get there. And then it happens—the unexpected, the unplanned, the unforeseen. The death of a family member. A job change. A serious illness. Our neatly ordered lives are shattered and we are left holding the pieces.

How do we react when things happen that we can’t control? Do we rail against the heavens, demanding answers, or do we accept, trusting that everything will work out according to divine plan?

Mary certainly wasn’t expecting an angel to appear to her and ask if she was willing to become the mother of the Messiah. Naturally, she had a few questions—like, how can this happen when I am neither married nor involved in a sexual relationship? Yet once her questions were resolved, she answered “*Fiat*” (“Let it be done to me according to God’s will”). She was willing to trust, even when it entailed mystery and the unknown.

As we begin a new year, let us resolve to accept with joy the twists and turns life brings us. Let us open our hearts to the wonder of each new day and trust that our lives are unfolding the way they ought.

Do I have to be in control of everything? In what areas can I let others have their say?

Wishing you God’s abundant Blessings throughout the year 2006. Yours in the Heart of Mary.

Fr. James and Fr. Lukose

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Morris Anderson (husband of Joyce), Allan Brooks (husband of Gloria), Helen Charbonneau, Emile Chartrand, Clare Desjardins (husband of Alicia), Suzanne Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Margaret FitzGerald, Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob), Frank Laturus (husband of Edwina), Sr. Anne Leonard gsic, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Tom McSwiggan (husband of Fran), Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Mary O’Connor (wife of Al), Grace & Bill Reid, Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), John Whelley

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Here are some New Year resolutions from a lady named Erma Bombeck:

1. I am going to clean this dumb just as soon as the kids grow up.
2. I will go to no doctor whose plants have died.
3. I am going to follow my husband's suggestion to put a little excitement into my life by living within our budget.
4. I am going to apply for a hardship scholarship to Weight Watchers.
5. I will never lend my car to anyone I have given birth to.
6. And just like last year...I am going to remember that my children need love the most when they deserve it the least.

As we enter into a New Year of 2006 with hope, let us have some criteria for our resolutions. Let it be realistic. Let it be helpful for me as well as for others. Let me be aware of my limitations. Finally, I remember that I need God's help to put them into practise.

Parish and Community Life...

PASTORAL CARE

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM wishes to thank you, our parishioners for the trust you have shown in allowing us to serve you and we hope to continue to **BE THERE** for you throughout 2006.

IF WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE to you, please contact Theresa Fitzgerald at 523-7674 or the Parish Office during office hours at 731-7834.

YOUTH:

HOLY CROSS' YOUTH have a newsletter and they invite everyone to pick up a copy which can be found at the back of the Church on the bookrack. Learn about the various activities happening in our Parish with our youth.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place on Wednesday, January 18 from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Are you between the age of 18 and 30? NET ministries will lead us in a retreat called "Discover God's Plan for You!" This is a basic introduction to the art of discerning God's will in our lives. The evening begins with a pot-luck. A donation of \$10 per participant would be appreciated and bring some food to share. What a great way to start the New Year! For more information or to register call Linda at 738-5025 ext. 213.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Among the Christmas and New Years greetings we received from those we assist, came this message from Sister Ana Maria in our parish's sister community in barrio El Recreo, Managua, Nicaragua. "Last week we received a cheque for \$US 600 through our Sisters (Sisters of Sion, Mississauga). Please thank each and every donor. The money will be used judiciously for those most in need."

MPD meet this Tuesday, January 03 at 7:30 p.m. in room B.

Other items of interest...

Please see **FRIDAY FAX** posted in the narthex for further information.

MASS OF HEALING: Fr. Fernando Suarez of the Companions of the Cross will be presiding on Friday, January

13 at 7 p.m. at Annunciation of the Lord Parish, 2414 Ogilvie Rd. For more information call Jim Meuse at 744-3026.

HOMELANDS MASS: Archbishop Marcel Gervais is pleased to invite everyone to the annual Homelands Mass, on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. The Homelands Mass celebrates our cultural diversity both here in Canada and in the Church and it recognizes the many contributions of all those among us who have come here from foreign lands. Please plan to attend!

COME AND SEE: Have you ever thought of becoming a priest? Our "Come and See" group meets each month for fellowship, prayer and discussion. The next meeting is on Friday, January 20. For more information please call Msgr. Len Lunney at 738-5025.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM— INFORMATION DAY: Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place, Saturday, January 28, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Interested parishioners are asked to attend. For more information please call Deacon Rick McLellan at 738-5025 ext. 228.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*"With God, every moment is the moment of beginning again."
"The new year is yours to shape, in Christ or outside of Him.
I know that you will do it in Christ, so it will be a good year."
(Moments of Grace from the writings of Catherine Doherty)*

DID YOU KNOW?

MOTHER OF GOD (Greek: Theotokos, God-bearer) Mary's oldest title, celebrated on the January 1 solemnity, was established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus which, in defending Mary's divine maternity, was clarifying Christ's true nature. Nestorius, the bishop of Constantinople, maintained that there were two distinct Persons in the incarnate Christ, one human and the other divine. True faith, on the other hand, believed in a "hypostatic" union of the two natures in the one Person of Jesus and thus could say, as believers still do, that the Son of God was born of Mary, that he was crucified, that he died. Even after the bishops of the whole Church clarified the truth and condemned the heresy, Nestorius and his followers continued to teach and preach in error, causing a confusion among the faithful. "Nestorianism" remained, developed a whole theology, spread through Asia Minor, and migrated to Persia. To this day, a Nestorian Church survives, namely, Assyrian Christmas.

(The Catholic Source Book)

"Nor was Mary less than was befitting the Mother of Christ. When the apostles fled, she stood before the Cross and with reverent gaze beheld her son's wounds, for she waited not for her child's death, but the world's salvation." (St. Ambrose)

