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Feast of the Holy Family

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"It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord."



A New Year's Greeting

May God's light shine upon you, your family and loved ones throughout the coming year!

The Pastoral Team of Annunciation Parish:
Fr. Jude Coyle, Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan,
Fr. Jinto Pallathukuzhiyil and the entire parish staff wishes you a Happy New Year filled with God's love, peace, joy and blessings!



Feast of the Holy Family December 31

The Feast of the Holy Family is a religious holiday that mainly celebrates the sanctity of the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph), but also celebrates the family unit. It's normally observed on the Sunday after Christmas.

The Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated in several ways—both in the Catholic Church and among individual parishioners. There are usually services and prayers held on this day, and many Christians write notes to Jesus, Mary and Joseph to appeal to them for a blessing from their family to their family. Some Christians also through various charitable organizations to help family in need.

This is a day for people to reflect on their own family life as well. It's a day on which people can think about how they can strengthen communication between all family members and how to heal past wounds. It's also a day in which people can reflect on the virtue of their family in comparison with the Holy Family.

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Monday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Tuesday, January 2nd is the Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors.

Wednesday, January 3rd is the Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

Thursday, January 4th is the Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious.

Friday, January 5th is the Feast of St. John Neumann, bishop.

Saturday, January 6th is the Feast of St. André Besette, religious.

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints and all saints in Heaven at the Daily Masses this week.



World Day of Peace January 1st

The World Day of Prayer for Peace is celebrated on January 1st. We pray for peace in the world, for love and goodwill among all nations, and for light and guidance for civil leaders. On this day, families are encouraged to pause and discuss their responsibility to work and pray for peace.

*Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust;
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace;
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.*

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God January 1st

The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called Holy, The Son of God." - Luke 1:35

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a liturgical celebration observed on January 1 which falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is honoured as the Mother of God because she conceived and gave birth to Christ, who is the incarnation of God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. It is fitting to honour Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, we are not only honouring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honouring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) has decreed that the Holy Days of obligation to be observed in Canada are: all Sundays of the year, Christmas Day and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God (January 1st).

This year, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Monday.

The Sunday obligation can be fulfilled by attending Mass on Saturday evening or any time on Sunday.

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God obligation can be fulfilled at Mass on Sunday evening or any time on Monday.

However, the same Mass cannot meet both obligations.

New Year's Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 31st

Weekend Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
& 12:00 Noon

New Year's Eve on Sunday, December 31st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

New Year's Day on Monday, January 1st, 2024

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

*The Parish Office will remain closed until
Monday, January 1st, 2024.*

*Regular Office Hours will resume on
Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.*

Happy New Year's!

Thank You

It is with joy and a spirit of thanksgiving to Almighty God that I return to pastoral ministry after a period of four months medical leave. As I do so, I thank you for your prayers, support, messages and visits during my period in the hospital and recovery. I do believe that it was your prayers that sustained me in the first weeks of my illness. Please continue to pray for me.

May God bestow His choicest blessings upon you and your family as we begin this New Year of 2024.

- Fr. Jude Coyle

As of January 1st, the Feast of Mary, the Mother God, Fr. Jude Coyle returns as Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.



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