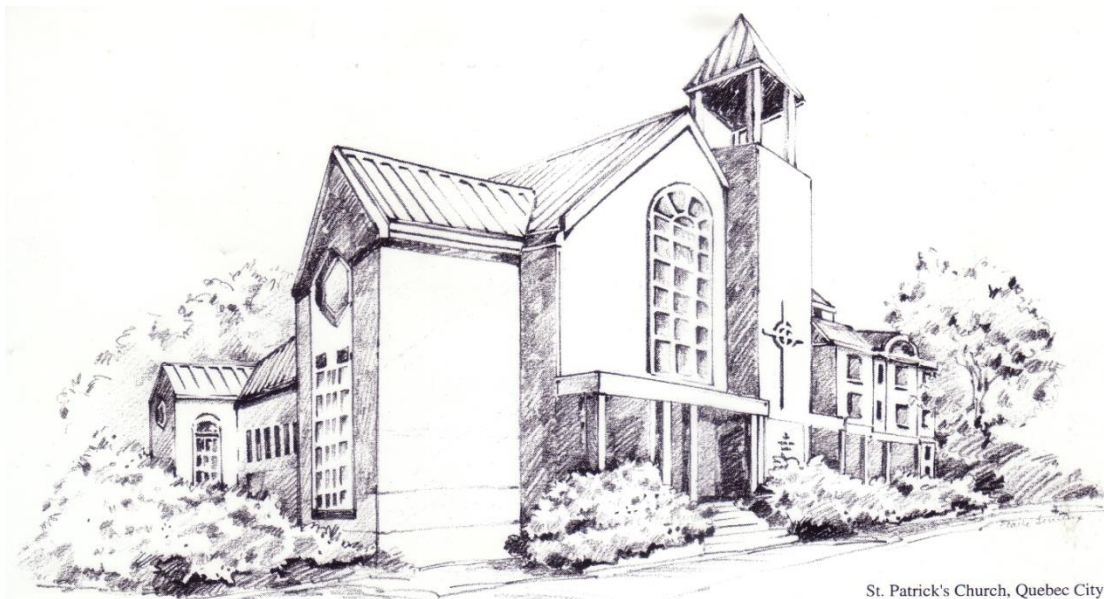


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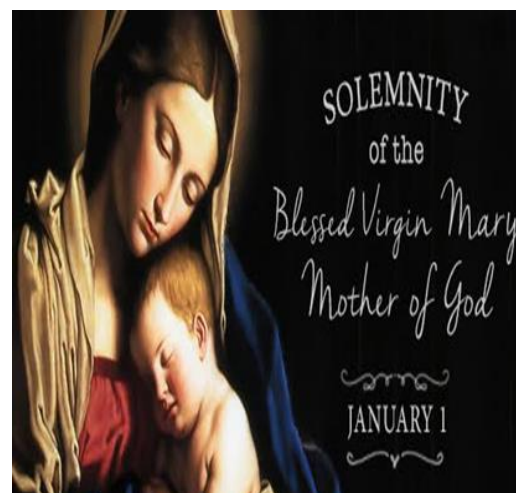
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Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1st, 2023

Today's readings help us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. They tell us three things about Mary as a 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. 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.



After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the Angel before he was conceived in the womb.

(Luke 2.16-21)

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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	December 31 st 4:00 pm	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Helen Pichard
Sunday	January 1 st 10:00 am	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Bill Donnelly	Lucy Nolland
Monday	January 2 nd		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	January 3 rd 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Pro Populo	
Wednesday	January 4 th 11:30 am		David Cannon	Daniel Witham
Thursday	January 5 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	January 6 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	January 7 th 4:00 pm	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Bill Donnelly Marguerita Delaney	Françoise & Claude Gravel Lise & Pat Mckenna
Sunday	January 8 th 10:00 am	Mary, the Holy Mother of God		

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News from the Catholic Women's League of St. Patrick's Parish

Happy New Year! Deep Gratitude to all who supported our Christmas Tea and raffles. Please mark your calendar for our AGM, coming up Saturday, January 21st from 2:00-3:30 PM. Membership dues of \$25 are being collected and are due by February 15th, 2023.

“The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.”

Today, the Church gratefully reflects on the Virgin's maternity as a model of her own motherhood to all of us. Today, the Church gratefully reflects on the Virgin's maternity as a model of her own motherhood to all of us. Luke offers the “meeting” of the shepherds and the Boy, who is with Mary —His mother— and with Joseph. Joseph's discreet presence reflects his important mission as guardian of the great mystery of the Son of God. Altogether, shepherds, Mary and Joseph, “the infant lying in the manger” (Lk 2:16) form a beautiful image of the Church in adoration.

“The manger”: Jesus is placed there as a veiled reference to the Eucharist. It was Mary who put Him there! Luke speaks of an “encounter,” of a meeting between the shepherds and Jesus. Faith does not materialize without the personal experience of an encounter with the Lord. Only that meeting, which has brought with it “seeing,” and in a way “touching,” allows the shepherds to become witnesses of the Good News, true evangelists who “made known the message that had been told them about this child” (Lk 2:17).

A first fruit of the “encounter” is pointed out for us here: “All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds” (Lk 2:18). We need to ask for the grace of being able to arouse that fascination, that admiration in those with whom we talk about the Gospel.

There is still a second fruit of this encounter: “Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen” (Lk 2:20). The adoration of the Child fills their hearts with enthusiasm for communicating what they have seen and felt, and the communication of what they have seen leads them to prayer and thanksgiving, to the glorification of the Lord.

Mary is an example of contemplation, for she “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart” (Lk 2:19). She gave us Jesus, whose name means “God Saves.” His name is our Peace too. Let's accept his holy and sweet Name in our hearts and have it on our lips often!



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