

## Masses For The Week

### The Holy Family of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH, Cycle B: December 30 – 31, 2017

**Theme:** Holy Family: We celebrate the Holy Family of Nazareth, which is the model for all who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14	God fulfills his promise to Abraham, and Sarah gives birth to a son.
<b>Responsorial</b>	Psalm 128:1-5	A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness to his covenant.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Colossians 3:12-21	Paul examines Abraham's example of faith.
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 2:22-40	The child grew, filled with wisdom.

### Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> (Psalter: Week I)

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank

### Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am Mass in Garson

11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek † Edward Gordon Bukowski – off. Shirley B. & Family



“...As the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” Colossians 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone – maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a coworker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

### Threshold of New Year

### Solemnity: Mary, The Holy Mother of God – January 1, 2018

**Theme:** Mary, through whom the world would be blessed.  
We too bless God for Mary, who bore for us the Child she named Jesus, the Saviour.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Numbers 6:22-27	They shall put my name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.
<b>Responsorial</b>	Psalm 66	O God, be gracious and bless us.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Galatians 4:4-7	God sent his Son, born of a woman.
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 2:16-21	They found Mary and Joseph and the babe ... When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus.

### Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day: World Day of Prayer for Peace

9:00 am Mass in Garson for tri-Parishes – All are welcome!



“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Luke 2:19<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said, “yes” to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His Son. She also trusted in the God's providence on a daily basis.

As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

**TODAY BELIEVERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ASSEMBLE FOR AN HOUR OF PRAYER**

*(Not necessarily in church).*

Here are the themes to help us:

1. **Review** the past year spiritually (Repentance and Thanksgiving);
2. **Look forward in** faith to beginning a new year in the service of God, the Church and the world;
3. **Reflect on** God's people being a year nearer to eternity;
4. **Pray for** peace in the world (Today is The World Day of Prayer for Peace).

We're the “salt” of the earth ... What Salt illustrates:

Jesus uses salt to illustrate three qualities that should be found in His people:

1. We should remember God's faithfulness, just as salt, when used with a sacrifice recalled God's covenant with His people (Levites 2).
2. We should make a difference in the "flavour" of the world we live in, just as salt changes the meat's flavour (Matthew 5:13).
3. We should counteract the moral decay in society, just as salt preserves food decay.

When we lose this desire to "salt" the earth with love and message of God, we become useless to Him.

**Christians as salt** – Salt can lose its flavour when it gets wet and then dries, nothing is left but a tasteless residue. Many Christians blend into the world and avoid the cost of standing up for Christ. But Jesus says if Christians lose their distinctive saltiness, they become worthless. Just as salt flavours and preserves food, we are to preserve the good in the world and bring new flavour to life. This requires careful planning, willing sacrifice, and unswerving commitment to Christ's kingdom. But if a Christian fails to be "salty", he or she fails to represent Christ in the world. **How salty are you?**

### Happy New Year!

The beginning of a new calendar year brings us a special joy and hope. It is a reminder that time is a gift of God, given to us from His eternity, for us to use to prepare for eternity. The passing of each year and each day is meant to be an exchange with God: He gives us time, and we give our days and years back to Him in service and love, bringing as much good as possible into the world and into the lives of others. The New Year is an opportunity to resolve, above all, to serve God faithfully: **to believe more firmly, to hope more ardently, to love more generously.** That is what makes a new year "happy," and that is what leads us to the happiness that never ends.

**Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – No Mass Scheduled.**

**Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Mass in Garson

### The Week Ahead

**Solemnity: The Epiphany of the Lord: January 6 – 7, 2018**

**Theme:** The Revelation of Christ to the World ~  
We join all the people of the world in worshipping the infant King of the Jews.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Isaiah 60:1-6	Above you the glory of the Lord appears.
<b>Responsorial</b>	Psalms 71	Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6	It has now been revealed that the Gentiles share the same inheritance.
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 2:1-12	We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

**Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> (Psalter: Week II)**

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Mass in Garson

11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek † Charles Sitarz – off. Wife Florence, Children & Grandchildren



**"...They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..."** Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Feast: The Baptism of the Lord.**

9:00 am Mass in Garson (RM 187)

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – No Mass Scheduled.**

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Mass in Garson (RM 438)

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Mass in Garson (RM 439)

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – Memorial: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin.**

9:00 am Mass (in Garson), Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction (RM 785)

**The Week Ahead**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: January 13 – 21, 2018**

**Theme:** Answering God's Call: Christ calls each of us by name. In this celebration we listen to what he has to say to us, prepared to use in his service the body that he has given us for the glory of God. We say with him, 'This is my body which is given up for you.'

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Samuel 3:3-10, 19	Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.
<b>Responsorial</b>	Psalm 39:2. 4. 7-10	Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 6:13-15ff	Your bodies are members of Christ.
<b>Gospel</b>	John 1:35-42	The disciples of John saw where Jesus lived, and stayed with him.

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> (Psalter: Week II)**

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Mass in Garson

11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek † Lillian & Fred Banish – off. The Family

**PLEASE USE SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR MASS INTENTIONS**



*Say a Prayer* for members of our parish communities and non members who are experiencing or will be experiencing health issues and other concerns. No need to elaborate on the issue, but please forward their names to our bulletin email address. The one important request is that permission to print in the bulletin **must** be received from the person(s). This will be the responsibility of the person submitting the information. Fr. Joe had mentioned in one of his sermons that we should live our faith not just on Sundays but throughout the week. What better way to support our parish family than to Say a Prayer!

- ❖ Laurel Clement and family on the recent passing of her sister, Elaine
- ❖ Members of our parish communities who are experiencing difficulties

**SACRED HEART**

A fundraising meeting is scheduled for January 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory Basement to discuss plans for the cemetery fund raising dinner in March and planned Events for the year. All interested parishioners please attend.

The Finance meeting will be January 11th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to include the budget plan for 2018. Anyone who has ideas and suggestions please feel welcome to attend.

Nominations for another member(s) on the finance committee are open. Elections and A.G.M. Meeting will be on January 28th 2018.

There is no scheduled meeting for the Altar Society in January. The next meeting will February 7th 2018.

Our January Fellowship is planned for January 21st, 2018.

*Happy New Year to All!*

**St. JOHN PAUL II**

Thank you to everyone who joined us in our Christmas Potluck Dinner. The food was delicious, fellowship was great, and a wonderful time was had by all.

St. John Paul II has a membership number with the **Red River Co-op**. If anyone wants to donate their fuel purchases, our number is **500286**.

We extend a **warm welcome** to all visitors in our church community and invite you to register and join our parish. You can do this by completing the form on the back page of the bulletin and leaving it either with a greeter at the door or place it in the offertory basket. We are happy to have you be a part of our church community and to share our spiritual journey together.

**ST. MICHAEL'S**



Our prayers and condolences to Laurel and Ray Clement and family on the passing of Laurel's sister Elaine Torgerson.

**Altar Servers**

Jan 7: Riley and Grace Kotzer, Madeline Duval  
Jan 14: Daniel and Joe Zubricki, Charlie Tetrault  
Jan 21: Hannah and Noah Meadows, Myah Lessard  
Jan 28: Brodie and Fiona Kotzer, Madeline Duval  
Feb 4: Daniel and Joe Zubricki, Charlie Tetrault  
Feb 11: Riley and Fiona Kotzer, Myah Lessard  
Feb 18: Hannah and Noah Meadows, Madeline Duval  
Feb 25: Brodie and Grace Kotzer, Charlie Tetrault  
Mar 4: Daniel and Joe Zubricki, Myah Lessard  
Mar 11: Hannah and Noah Meadows, Madeline Duval  
Mar 18: Riley and Fiona Kotzer, Myah Lessard  
Mar 25: Daniel and Joe Zubricki, Charlie Tetrault

**Fellowship Sunday**

Our next Fellowship Sunday is Oplatek Sunday on January 21, 2018.

**Mark your Calendars! St. Michael's 8th Annual Valentine's Spaghetti Supper** will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Supper at 6:00 PM. Adults: \$10.00 Children ages 4 to 8: \$5 Children 3 and under free. Tickets will be on sale on January 14th. Questions - please see Dorene.

**Looking for Candidates!** We are looking for candidates who would be interested in serving on the St Michael's Administration Board. If you are interested this opportunity, please contact Guy Delaurier for more information ([204-755-2049](tel:204-755-2049) - or [guy@delmak.ca](mailto:guy@delmak.ca)).

**COOKS CREEK HERITAGE MUSEUM**      [www.cchm.ca](http://www.cchm.ca)

**"Polski Czat"**

Our informal Polish language group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> **Monday** of each month from 7 to 9 PM in the St. Michael's Church Hall.

Classes resume in the New Year on **January 15th**

Szcześnie Nowego Roku

For more info call Liz @ [204-444-3247](tel:204-444-3247)

**St. Michael's CWL**

**CWL Membership Dues** this year will cost \$27.00 Please pay dues to Marleen Bell by December 31, 2017 .

Anyone going to **Canadian Blood Services** to donate blood can give a number that goes towards the **CWL Partners for Life Membership** . Our number is CATH 011269. Anyone can use the number, not just CWL members but their spouse, family and friends as well.

**Social Action - Development & Peace**

In this season of gifts and giving, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada offers a "**Share Year Round**" program that allow you to make monthly donations to their organization. When you "**Share Year Round**" you become a link in the chain of solidarity made up of women and men committed to promoting **social justice and human dignity!**

Information pamphlets are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your consideration.  
Happy New Year!

**Upcoming Events**

Fundraising Meeting - Sacred Heart - January 3rd at 7 PM  
Polski Czat every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM - St. Michael's. next date is January 15, 2018  
Finance Meeting - Sacred Heart - January 11th at 6:30 PM  
Fellowship Sunday - St. Michaels - January 21st after mass.  
Fellowship Sunday - Sacred Heart - January 21st after mass  
Ladies Altar Society Meeting - Sacred Heart - February 7th



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*Please contact  
Shauna Zinnick ([szinnick@mymts.net](mailto:szinnick@mymts.net))  
for further information.*

We extend a warm welcome to new members of our community! If you would like to join our parish family, please complete the registration form below and place in the collection basket during offertory. Thank-you!

**REGISTRATION or CHANGE FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registering with:**

- St. Michael's Parish Cooks Creek  or  
Sacred Heart Parish Garson  or  
St. John Paul II Catholic Community

In need of Sunday Envelopes? (please circle) YES NO This is a (please circle) NEW or CHANGE of address