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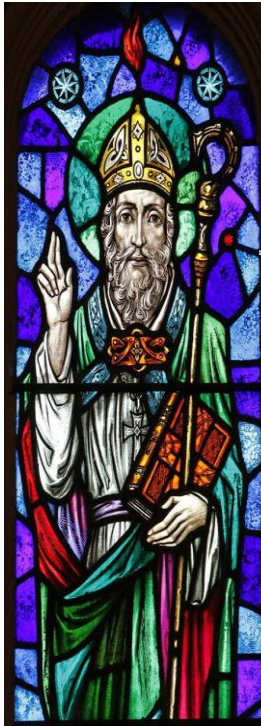


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LOCKDOWN UPDATE

Ontario will go into a strict province-wide lockdown on Dec. 26, forcing nearly all non-essential businesses to close. The lockdown will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Dec. 26 and will last until Jan. 23 for all regions in southern Ontario.

Unfortunately, this includes all the churches in Ontario. St. Patrick's Church and Shrine Merlin will be following the guidelines outlined by the Diocese of London and Premier Doug Ford.

Public Masses and services in our church are suspended. We are asked to continue to pray at home and watch Mass online if possible. Fr. Antony and Fr. Sebastin will continue to celebrate Mass privately.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



Mass Intentions

Please note that Mass intentions will still be offered at private masses being held daily by Fr. Antony and Fr. Sebastin.

Mass Intentions can be mailed to the office (5773 Tenth Line, Merlin NOP 1W0).



Let us pray for all those who have been infected by Covid-19,
for all who fear infection,
for those who cannot move freely,
for the doctors and nurses who concern themselves so generously with those who are sick,
for the researchers who are looking for protective and curative medicine,
that in this crisis of our world God will give us His blessing.

(Silent prayer)

Almighty God, you are our refuge and strength!
Many generations before us have known You as powerful in all their needs.
Help all who are affected by this crisis,
and strengthen in us the belief that You will take care of each and every one of us.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH AND SHRINE NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

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December 27, 2020 – January 2, 2021

Monday, December 28

- ✚ All Souls In Purgatory, Especially The Deceased Members Of FOSS by Lorna Thompson
- ✚ Special Intention The Phan Family by Nga Phan
- ✚ Riley Schweitzer – Shelly Barnard
- ✚ F.O.S.S.

Tuesday, December 29

- ✚ Dominic & Maria Nguyen Dinh by Nga Phan
- ✚ Anne Jacques by Shelly Barnard
- ✚ All Souls in Purgatory by Craig & Colleen Kohler

Wednesday, December 30

- ✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory
- ✚ Clarence & Mary Lemire by Sandra & John VanRaay
- ✚ Deceased Members of the Sternik Family by Joanne Bondy

Thursday, December 31

- ✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory Especially Priests & Religious
- ✚ Laura Donais by Debbie Laforet
- ✚ Special Intention Jennie Johnson by Patti Johnson

Friday, January 1, 2021

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Saturday, January 2, 2021

- ✚ F.O.S.S.
- ✚ Paul Evans by Hannah



Readings for the week

December 27, 2020 – January 2, 2021

Sunday, December 27

- 1st Reading – Genesis 15:1-16; 17:3b-5, 15-16; 21:1-7
- Response – The Lord is our God, mindful of his covenant forever.
- 2nd Reading Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
- Gospel – Luke 2:22-40

Monday, December 28

- 1st Reading – 1 John 1:5 – 2:2
- Response – Our soul has escaped like a bird from the hunter's net.
- Gospel – Matthew 2:13-18

Tuesday, December 29

- 1st Reading – 1 John 2:3-11
- Response – Let heaven and earth exult in joy!
- Gospel – Luke 2:22-35

Wednesday, December 30

- 1st Reading – 1 John 2:12-17
- Response – Let heaven and earth exult in joy!
- Gospel – Luke 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31

- 1st Reading 1 John 2:18-21 –
- Response – Let heaven and earth exult in joy!
- Gospel – John 1:1-18

Friday, January 1, 2021

World Day of Peace

- 1st Reading – Numbers 6:22-27
- Response May God be gracious to us and bless us.
- 2nd Reading – Galatians 4:4-7
- Gospel – Luke 2:16-21

Saturday, January 2, 2021

- 1st Reading – 1 John 2:22-28
- Response – All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of our God.
- Gospel – John 1:19-28



Financial Report December 20, 2020

Regular	\$1,670.00
Shrine	50.00
Christmas	70.00
TOTAL OFFERATORY	\$1,790.00

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Please call or email the office if you would like to see anniversaries, birthdays, baptisms, first communion, confirmations, etc. on the calendar.

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6		8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Saint John	28 The Holy Innocents	29 Saint Thomas Becket	30	31 Saint Sylvester I	January 1, 2021 World Day of Peace Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God	January 2, 2021 Saints Basil The Great and Gregory Nazianzen



December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Remembrance of the massacre of young children in Bethlehem by King Herod in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus.



January 1

World Day of Peace

Feast Day

The World Day of Peace is a feast day of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to universal peace, held on 1 January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Pope Paul VI established it in 1967, being inspired by the encyclical *Pacem in Terris* of Pope John XXIII and with reference to his own encyclical *Populorum Progressio*. The day was first observed on 1 January 1968.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God commemorates the divine motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ, her son who is both God and human. It is celebrated on January 1st, one week after Christmas

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