

# Mary, Mother of God - Sunday, January 1, 2017

<b>Wed, Jan 4</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Alberindo Palladino by Frank & Marisa Pincivero Intentions of Janet Bourgeau by Pat Porter
<b>Thu, Jan 5</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Intentions of Cecile Mantha by Rita Kraus Intentions of Rev. Boguslaw Jaroszek by Lorena & Denis Armellini
<b>Fri, Jan 6</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Stefano Schiavone by Marie P. Boell Anita Chatelaine by Solange Nelson
<b>Sat, Jan 7</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Ron Fournier by Family Intentions of Jeanne Gravelle by Nancy & Frank Tremblay Louis Taillefer by Theresa & Family
<b>Sun, Jan 8</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Tony
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Leon & Kelly Levasseur by Eileen Levasseur Paul Bourdon & deceased relatives by Helen Bourdon & Family Leona Chamberlain by Doris Martin



Please note: The Parish Office will be closed until 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Father Tony's homily is available online at [www.stpetertheapostle.ca](http://www.stpetertheapostle.ca) →About→Meet Our Pastor→Our Pastor's Homilies

**PRAYER LINE:** *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:**



## OFFERING

The weekly offerings will be in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jan 2-8	
Monday	1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28
Tuesday	1 John 2.29;3.1-6; John 1.29-34
Wednesday	1 John 3.7-10; John 1.35-42
Thursday	1 John 3.11-21; John 1.43-51
Friday	1 John 5.5-13; Mark 1.4-5,7-11
Saturday	1 John 5.14-21; John 2.1-12
Sunday	Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3,5-6; Matthew 2.1-12

**WISDOM QUOTE:**  
 "This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we know what to do with it." Ralph Aldo Emerson

Please save your used stamps for **Development & Peace**. Used stamps may be deposited in the box in the Church entrance. Thank you!

**Christian Marriage Preparation Program 2017**

- Winter Series: February 24-25
- Spring Series: April 21-22
- Fall Series: October 27-28

Call Regional Catholic Services at 705-472-5821 to reserve your place on the weekend of your choice. Registration information will be given to each couple when reserving their place for a given weekend. Material cost is \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Couples are encouraged to register early!

**CWL NEWS**

The annual membership fees for the Catholic Women's League of St. Peter the Apostle are now due. All fees for 2017 should be paid by December 31, 2016. Thank you, Ann Cousineau





**Confirmation Information Night 2017**  
**Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm**

in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Candidates and parents are asked to attend this meeting. Sponsors are also welcome. Please include a copy your Baptism Certificate with registration form, available from the Parish Office or on the church website [www.stpetertheapostle.ca](http://www.stpetertheapostle.ca) Candidates requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are presumed to be in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and to have previously received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the Parish Office at 705-472-1817.

**Key Dates for Confirmation 2017:**

**Confirmation Information Meeting**

April 26, 2017

6:30 pm at St. Peter's Parish

**Confirmation Overnight Retreat**

May 6-7, 2017

at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall

**Preparation Sessions**

**Session 1**

May 10 ~ 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall

**Session 2**

May 17 ~ 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall

**Session 3**

May 24 ~ 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall

**Session 4**

May 31 ~ 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall

\*online component found at [www.spiritinyou.ca](http://www.spiritinyou.ca)

**Confirmation Practice**

June 7, 2017

6:30-8:00 pm for Candidates, Parents and Sponsors at Pro-Cathedral Parish



**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF  
CONFIRMATION**

**Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 10:00 am**

Parish celebration with newly confirmed St.

Peter's confirmandi ~ June 11, 2017 at 11:00 am



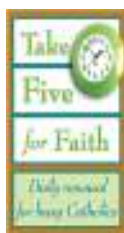
- Wed 9:30 am** Cenacle – Rosary (Church)  
**6:00 pm** Columbus Club (Upper Room)  
**6:30 pm** Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting (Upper Room)  
**7:00 pm** Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Parish Hall)
- Thu 1:00 pm** Parish Hall Occupied  
**6:30 pm** Choir Practice – All Members  
*New Members Always Welcome!*



**To All Prayer Partners:** Now is the time for renewal in the Prayer Partner Program. Your opportunity to choose your Prayer Partner for 2017 will take place after all Masses on January 28 & 29, 2017 in the Parish Hall. New parishioners are invited to join the program now in its 39<sup>th</sup> year. You can draw a name and pray anonymously for a fellow parishioner for this calendar year. You are welcome to send cards on occasions throughout the year. For more information call Donna at 705-472-0513 or Theresa at 705-497-5909.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

This year, we rejoice in the opportunity to pray with the Christians of Germany. They have chosen as their theme **“Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us,”** inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. They invite Christians around the world to celebrate God's reconciling grace, call us to recognize the pain of the deep divisions which afflict the Church, and urge us to become ambassadors of Christ's message of reconciliation. Our Regional Ecumenical Service will take place on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 2PM at St. Peter the Apostle Church. Everyone is invited to attend.



**A woman of peace**

On a day devoted to both Mary and praying for peace, it is striking to think of how much violence Mary was close to. As a betrothed but unwed mother, she faced the possibility of death by stoning. Then she found out that the king wanted her child, along with many others, dead and conducted genocide to accomplish his goal. Finally, she had to witness the violent death of her son on a cross. Violence and death, though, are not the whole story, then or now. Peace can grow in the ashes of violence, and new life can come out of death. At least that's what happens in God's way of doing things. Pray for peace today, both for yourself and the world. But don't only pray; do something to help bring peace to conflict.

*“Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.”*

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