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**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**JAN. 1, 2012**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**

( Unless otherwise mentioned, all weekday Masses are at 9 AM )

**Monday, Jan 2** LIVING AND DECEASED MORAN FAMILY

**Tuesday, Jan 3** NO MASS

**Wednesday, Jan 4** † JULIET C. MONTIAGUE by Irene Montgomery

**Thursday, Jan 5** † JULIET MONTIAGUE by St. George's C W L  
⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ **1:30 P M** E S C CWL MEETING

**Friday, Jan 6** HENRI & DENISE CHOREL by Irene Montgomery  
FIRST FRIDAY

**Saturday, Jan 7** † JULIET C. MONTIAGUE by Ken Schuweiler & Family

**7:30 PM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA**

**Sunday, Jan 8 9:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ WILLOW BUNCH**  
**11:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA**

**RECONCILIATION** : Before Masses or anytime by appointment

**MARRIAGES** : Contact priest at least 6 months prior

**BAPTISMS** : Contact priest 2 months prior

House Blessings By Appointment



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**New Year's Day: Jan. 1st**

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!



Please pray for the repose of the souls of XAVIER BOUVIER, who died Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral was in Willow Bunch on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>; also of FR. RAYMOND CARIGNAN, who died Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral will be Tues., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 P M , in Ponteix. Visitation is at 5:00 P M and Funeral Prayers at 7:00 P M Mon., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all at Notre Dame d'Auvergne Paroisse. May they rest in peace and their families experience God's peace and strength.

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**FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE: Annual Appeal is now ended for 2011**

⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ Our Parish Goal Is \$ 18, 706 ; we have now collected \$ 15,245  
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- ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ **2012 Church Envelopes are ready for pickup, Please & Thanks!**

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**SUNDAY MISSALS – Year B : Only Young Catholics Missals left - \$5.00**

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Let us welcome and pray for Jamie FICKO, an Adult Enquirer, who is following the RCIA Program, and his wife, Cynthia, who is his sponsor, and their son, Vosko, 3 months old.  
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**2012 Proclamation has been set for March 14<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Celebrating God's Word for Assiniboia's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In mid-January you will be asked to sign up for some readings. You have been so generous in the past. The venue will be at the Oasis Church on #2 Highway south of town.

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**CWL Notes**

Regular meeting Thursday, Jan.5, 2012

at East Side Court

Mass: 1.30 pm followed by meeting

Reader - Maureen Powrie

Lunch - Annabelle Hartman

- Irene Montgomery



# Good News!

January 1, 2012

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Nm 6:22–27 / Gal 4:4–7 / Lk 2:16–21

One of the more popular benefits of social networking is instant photo sharing. If the wedding is Saturday night, pictures can be up by Sunday morning. This is especially helpful at a child's birth. There are the expected photos—mom and dad and baby, baby on the scale, baby in the nursery. But often there are photos of other friends and relatives holding the sleeping newborn—Grandpa Bill, Nana Diane, Auntie Rachel, Cousin Ryan—all sorts of people who visited this newborn child.

But when was the last time you saw a picture of a stranger holding the baby? I have yet to see a caption that says, "This is some guy we'd never met who wanted to hold our baby" or "This woman just showed up in our room to greet our child."

But that's exactly what happened to Mary after Jesus was born. No grandmas or uncles or cousins came to visit—only unwashed, rugged, not-exactly-hospital-sterilized shepherds. I wonder if Mary felt hesitation and fear, not wanting to expose her precious son to these dirty and unexpected strangers.

Yet she again overcame any doubts or fears and allowed these shepherds to draw close to Jesus. She listened as they told her what God had revealed to them. Perhaps in that moment she realized more clearly that while Jesus would always be "her boy," he was also a boy for the world. He would bring hope and peace to people just like these shepherds—those who were outcast, poor, and in need.

What a holy moment, and what a holy woman. May we too learn such openness to God's unexpected work.

Janel Esker

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# dear Padre

January 1, 2012

## When did formal devotion to Mary begin?

*When did Christians begin to see Mary as a figure we can ask to intervene with Christ on our behalf?*

Joy

Dear Joy,

The earliest written prayer to Mary comes to us from an Egyptian manuscript from the third or fourth century. Marian apparitions were common in the church of Saint Gregory Nazianzen, a bishop of Constantinople who died in 390. He spoke in a sermon about the practice of prayer to Mary.

This tells us is that in the late fourth century, Christians in some locales in the East didn't consider prayerful interaction with Mary to be strange or in need of a great deal of justification.

By the Middle Ages, ordinary people came to feel close to Mary's moments of joy and suffering and to admire her love and courage. This shift from emphasis on her universal role in the drama of salvation to her human struggles also encouraged people to feel close to her in a personal way.

The following prayer from an Egyptian manuscript is the oldest prayer to Mary in existence. Pray it, and you will catch the feeling of what our running to Mary has been and is all about: "We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen."

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Adapted from *Mary 101: Tradition and Influence* by Sr. Mary Ann Zimmer. For more information, call 800-325-9521 or visit [liguori.org](http://liguori.org).

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**Saturday / Sunday Ministries**

**Saturday, Jan 7**

Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Rick & Bernie Chevrier
Rosary Leaders	Ron Scheltgen
Readers	Jean-Marc Rossignol Ron Scheltgen
Communion Ministers	Carla Leduc Marilyn Marcenko
Cross Bearer	PLEASE
Candle Bearers	VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers	PLEASE

**Sunday, Jan 8**

Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Anna & Sally Klein
Rosary Leaders	Irene Montgomery Irene Marcenko
Readers	Maureen Ellis Vicki Kachuik
Communion Ministers	Gerald Delorme Rose Delorme JoAnn Girardin
Cross Bearer	Dawson Twemlow
Candle Bearers	Christina Franks Cassidy Fink
Altar Servers	Carla Schuweiler Shayla Svenson

**Church Finances**

Saturday Collection Dec 24 - \$ 4629.32

Sunday Collection Dec 25 - \$ 3872.00

**Thank You Very Much !**

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# dear Padre

December 11, 2011

## Who is Our Lady of Guadalupe?

*I never used to hear about the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but now every year my parish celebrates it. Is this something new?*

*Edward*

Dear Edward,

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is not new at all. In 1531 the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in the form of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She asked him to build a church on the place where she appeared. Her image was left on his cloak as a sign to the Bishop of Mexico. This cloak is still venerated in Mexico.

Devotion to Mary under the title Our Lady of Guadalupe began almost immediately after she appeared to Juan Diego. Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) encouraged devotion to her, and Pope Leo XIII (1878–1905) made her celebration a memorial for the Universal Church.

In 1945, Pius XII proclaimed her the Queen of Mexico and the Empress of the Americas. In his 1999 apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in America*, Pope John Paul II proclaimed Our Lady of Guadalupe the Mother of Hope and the Mother and Evangelizer of America.

So devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe is not new. What is new, Edward, is the great number of Mexican immigrants in the United States Church, which is why Our Lady's feast is more popular. As John Paul II said, "Not only in Central and South America, but in North America as well, the Virgin of Guadalupe is venerated as Queen of all America." She will bring us closer to her son, Jesus.

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