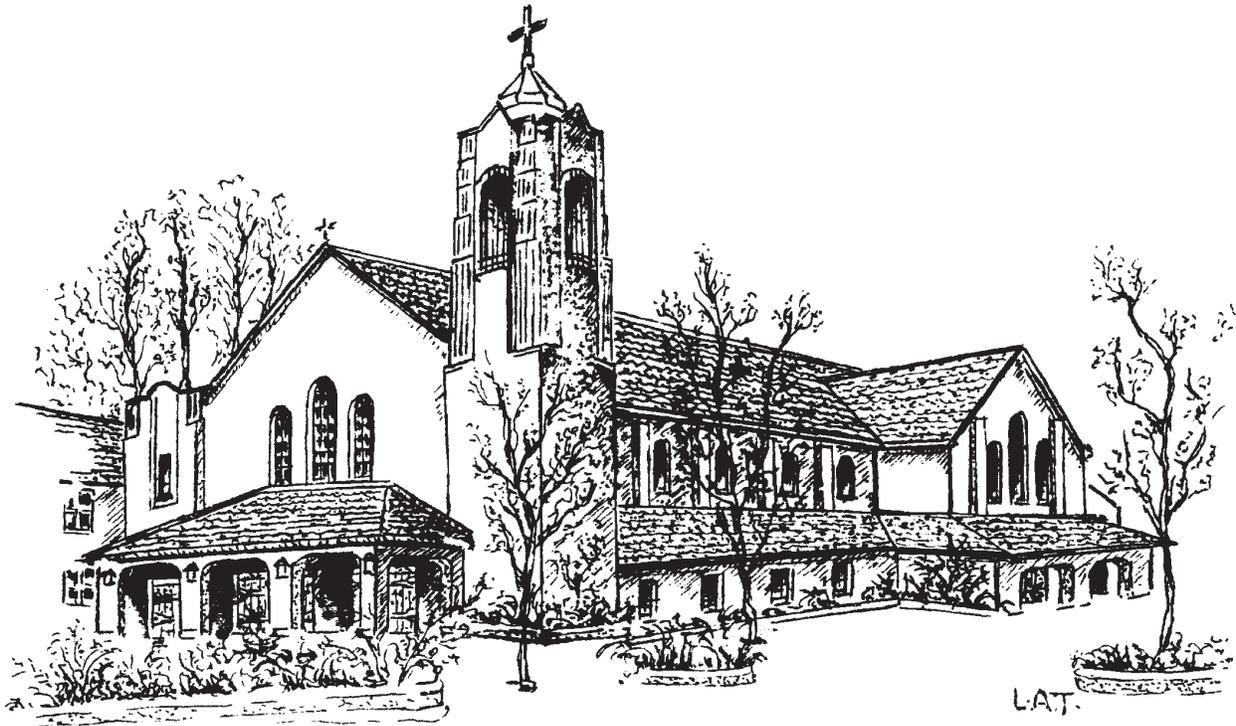


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Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Saturday 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Friday After Morning Mass until 9:15 a.m.

Marriage

You are asked to call the parish office to make wedding arrangements at least six months in advance.

Baptism

Please call the parish office. Six weeks notice is usually required.

Catholic Funeral Rites

When a death occurs in your family, please call the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, please fill out a registration form. These can be found at the main entrances. We ask you to inform our office if you are moving out of the parish.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Monday, December 28 *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*
8:00a.m. † Jane Patricia Donaldson

Tuesday, December 29 *St. Thomas Becket*
7:00p.m. † Linda Mincoff † Leanne Thompson
† Deceased members of Hurley Family
Intentions of Richard Mincoff

Wednesday, December 30
8:00a.m. † Jana & Jindrich Drapalik

Thursday, December 31 *St. Sylvester I*
8:00a.m. Intentions of Lucille Gagnier
5:00p.m. Missa Pro Populo

Friday, January 1 *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*
9:00a.m. Missa Pro Populo
11:00a.m. Missa Pro Populo

Saturday, January 2 *Anniversary of Ordination of
Bishop Douglas Crosby*
9:00a.m. † Quinto & Irma Cengarle
5:00p.m. † Alberto Marcello
† Carmine, Rachele & Nina Battista
† Carina & Quintino Cirone

Diocesan Prayer Calendar Week of the December 27, 2020 *This week we especially pray for:*

Monday	Rev. Joseph Michel
Tuesday	Rev. Kiwook Kim
Wednesday	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne
Thursday	Rev. Arpee Urquico
Friday	Rev. Pawel Jamroz
Saturday	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve You through the life which is your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen



Envelopes for 2021 are now available in the Parish Office. Please note that some numbers have changed due to decreasing the number of boxes being issued. *Please do not use envelopes from previous years. Call office to pickup - 905-648-6874.*

The Parish Office will be closed during the week of Christmas. We will close from Thursday, December 24th at noon and re-open again on Monday, January 4th, 2021 at 8am.



NO ONE KNEW JESUS LIKE MARY SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD-JANUARY 1, 2021

No one falls in love with a nature. We fall in love with a person. A woman loves a man, not mankind. And a mother pinches the pudgy little cheeks of a newborn baby, not the cheeks of a newborn nature. Saint Mary gave birth to a little person, a baby, unlike any other. In that little person, a human nature united with a divine nature at the moment of conception. So Mary was the mother of the person Jesus, and the person Jesus had two natures, one fully human and the other fully divine. Saint Mary was, then, the mother of Jesus' human nature and of His divine nature. She was both the mother of a man and the mother of God. Two false extremes must be identified and rejected here. Jesus was not really and truly only a God who just faked being a man. Nor was He really a man who just pretended to be a God. Jesus the man did not wear His divinity like a cloak that He could remove from His shoulders when He walked in the door. And the Son of God did not wear a fleshy human mask to conceal the radiance of His real divine face. Jesus was fully God and fully man in a mystery of faith we call the hypostatic union. And because a woman is a mother to a person, not a nature, Mary is the mother of God. This has been the constant doctrine of the Catholic Church since the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D.

Saint Mary has many titles under which we honor her. Today's Solemnity commemorates the utterly unique, and unrepeatable, bond she shared with Jesus, a bond no other saint can claim. Jesus and Mary probably even looked very much alike, as hers was the only human DNA in His body. What a beautiful thing that our God did not float down from heaven on a golden pillow. How good that He was not

forged from a fiery anvil. How just that He did not ride to earth on a thunderbolt. Jesus could not redeem what He did not assume. So it was fitting that He was born like all of us—from a mom. We honor Mary today for her vocation as mother. If she had disappeared from the pages of the Gospels after giving birth to Jesus she still would have fulfilled her role in salvation history. She was obedient. She was generous. She allowed God to use her, body and soul, to write the first chapter of man's true story, the story of the Church. Like all true stories, the person comes first. A life is lived. The book comes later.

God's Mother gives us our mother, Holy Mother Church, who washes our souls in the saving waters of baptism and thus adopts us into God's family. The Motherhood of Mary gives the world Jesus. Jesus gives us the Church. The Church then brings us into God's family where Mary is our mother, Jesus our brother, and God our Father. This is the family of the Church. What pride to be members of so noble a family!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is active here at St Ann's Parish. In non-Covid times the group meets twice a month to reflect, pray and knit or crochet in community. These shawls are meant to be distributed throughout our parish and beyond as an expression of care, concern and support and can be given to those in need of comfort, those celebrating milestones or those who are ill. We encourage parishioners to contact the office should you know of someone who might benefit from one of our shawls. Please include the name (first) of the person who is to be the recipient and your contact information. Someone from the Ministry group will contact you. Shawls...made for centuries are universal and embracing, symbol of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed as if given wings to fly above their troubles. Whether they are called Prayer Shawls, Comfort Shawls, Peace Shawls, or Mantles, the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion a blessing is given by the pastor and the shawl is sent on its way. Thus, the blessings ripple from person- to-person, with both the giver and the receiver feeling the providential love of God. For more information please contact David at: dgdayler@gmail.com



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION BISHOP DOUGLAS CROSBY

Born in Marathon, Ontario in 1949, Bishop Douglas Crosby is the oldest of seven children of Natalie and David Crosby.

Bishop Crosby attended elementary and high schools in Marathon, Ontario, New Richmond, Quebec, and Sudbury, Ontario. He entered the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1968, making first profession in 1969 and final profession in 1973. He graduated from Carleton University (St. Patrick's College) in Ottawa in 1972 and holds a B.A. in Philosophy and French. He completed his B.Th. at St. Paul University in 1975 and his Master's in Pastoral Studies (Counselling) in 1976. Bishop Crosby was ordained a priest on September 27, 1975, and was appointed Assistant Pastor of the Co-Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Labrador City, 1976-1981. He served as vocation director, coordinator of provincial services, Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, and eventually Provincial Superior of St. Peter's Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. As Provincial, he was elected President of the Oblate Conference of Canada. He subsequently served as Director of the CCCB Missions Office and English-language General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

He was appointed Bishop on November 4, 1997. His episcopal ordination was held on *January 2, 1998* at St. Joseph's Parish, Ottawa, and his installation at the Cathedral in Labrador City on January 4, 1998, feast of the Epiphany. On August 6, 2003, Bishop Douglas Crosby was appointed Bishop of St. George's, Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador. He was installed during a ceremony at the Cathedral of the Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception, Corner Brook, On September 9, 2007. The Diocese of Labrador City - Schefferville was formally suppressed and became part of the new Diocese. The new Diocese is called the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador.

Bishop Crosby became Ordinary of the Diocese of Hamilton on September 24, 2010 and took possession of the Diocese during a ceremony at the Cathedral of Christ the King on November 8, 2010. On Tuesday, September 16, 2015, on the second day of its meeting, the Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) elected Bishop Crosby as its next President.



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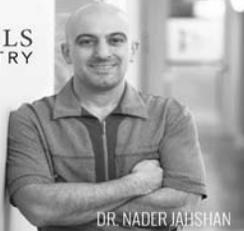
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