

Parish Week

Sunday, 30 December 2018

Saturday, 29 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Fred & John Fritz (Valerie)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Rebello family)
6.30 pm Children's Choir Concert

SUNDAY, 30 DEC. / HOLY FAMILY

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gaetano Graci (McLaughlin family)
10.30 am Mass: † Audrey Hussey (Evelyn Walsh)
12.00 pm Mass: † Gary Lynn Faulkner (Justin & Joey Saturno)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 31 December

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jesus Montealegre (Ralph Victorino)

NEW YEAR EVE, 2018

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
■ *Collection: New Year*

- 5.00 pm Mass: † All the Faithful Departed of 2018
11.00 pm Holy Hour
12.00 am Mass: † Anacoreta Montealegre (Ralph Victorino)

NEW YEAR DAY, 2019

Tuesday, 1 Jan. / Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 9.00 am Mass: † Charles D'Silva (Lydia & family)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
7.00 pm Mass: † Veronica Martin (family)

Wed., 2 Jan. / Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors

- 8.00 am Mass: † Derek Caldeira (Caldeira, Das & family)

Thursday, 3 Jan. / Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rosa & Carmine (Emma DeCicco)

Friday, 4 Jan. / St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

- 8.00 am Mass: † Audrey Hussey (Alice Larkin)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: † Aloysius Bastiampillai (family)

Saturday, 5 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Audrey)
11.00 am 40th Wedding Anniversary: Dolly & Manuel
5.00 pm Mass: † Leonardo Chengco (family)

SUNDAY, 6 JAN. / EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Eduardo Zulueta (Rosalina)
10.30 am Mass: † Aloysius Bastiampillai (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Jessie Saturno (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

1 Samuel 1.20-28; 1 John 3.1-24; Luke 2.41-52

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Amen.

NEW YEAR EVE Holy Hour

11.00 pm, 31 Dec. 2018

Bring in the New Year in a truly spiritual way: come to our *New Year Eve Holy Hour*: from 11.00 pm to Midnight, right before our New Year Midnight Mass. What a splendid way to thank God for the blessings of the past year, and to ask for His graces in the year to come.



New Year Collections

29 / 30 December: Offertory & Maintenance

On 29/30 December, the collection taken by the Greeters at the Preparation of the Gifts will be for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*. The 2nd collection taken by the Greeters (after Communion) will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

31 December / 1 January: New Year

At our New Year's Eve and Day Masses, 31 December & 1 January, the collection taken by the Greeters during the Preparation of the Gifts will be for the *New Year Collection*.

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- 7 Jan. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
13 Jan. Feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**;
Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
16 Jan. St. Albert School 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion
Family Information Night (7:30 pm)
21 Jan. St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion
Family Information Night #1 (7:30 pm)
22 Jan. St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion
Family Information Night #2 (7:30 pm)
24 Jan. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
27 Jan. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*
28 Jan. Memorial Mass: Christian Binjamin Padua (5:30 pm)
4 Feb. ► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am);
- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
10 Feb. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)

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For the names of the *Faithful Departed of 2018*, see pages 3 and 4 in the bulletin on our website.

Children's Choir

Concert, 6:30 pm, 29 December

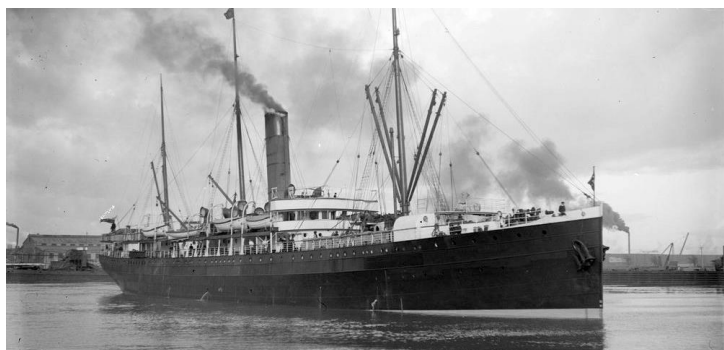
The St. Maria Goretti Children's Choir, founded in 1997, welcomes all parishioners to join in celebrating its 21 year anniversary, with a concert:

"Singing the Joy of the Gospel in Songs"

Featuring all the music ministries in the parish, with guest appearances, steel pan & more. Refreshments to follow.



The Warrimoo, 1899



The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix & brought the master, Captain John Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0.31' N and LON 179.30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton said, "We're a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line." Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check and double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather and clear night worked in his favor. At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere and in the middle of summer. The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere and in the middle of winter.

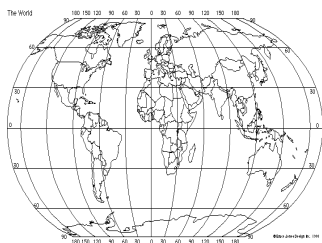
The date in the rear part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the forward part it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore in:

- two different Hemispheres
- two different seasons
- two different days,
- two different months,
- two different years,
- two different centuries,

all at the same time.



Sunday School Christmas / New Year break

The last *Sunday School for Kids* before Christmas: at the 10.30 Mass on **16 December 2018**.

The Sunday School will resume: at the 10.30 Mass on **6 January 2019**.

The Meaning of Christmas

Every new-born child is a sign pointing to the truth that life is stronger than death. Every birth is a sign that creates hope. But the child we celebrate this Christmas more than this natural hope. As God's love for us and his interest in human kind is revealed in this child, his birth gives rise to the final hope that in God and with God life certainly is stronger than death, love certainly stronger than hatred, and God and his mercy certainly stronger than our human and irrational attempts to destroy ourselves and the whole of creation. *"Peace to all people who enjoy God's favor!"* This is the message of Christmas, brought to us by the Angel who announced the birth of the Messiah.

Stewardship 2019 Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their *2019 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Vestibule after Mass.

Mass for the Faithful Departed of 2018

At the 5 pm Mass on New Year Eve, 31 December 2018, we will pray for all the *Faithful Departed of 2018*. Those whose names were included in our Sunday intercessions (up to publication time) are noted on pages 3 & 4 in our website bulletin. Below is a poetic reflection submitted by a parishioner.

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear;
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear.
But the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring;
For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, I feel the pain in your heart.
But I am not so far away; we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me, dear ones, You know I hold you dear.
And just be glad I'm spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above.
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.
After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and care for each other, my Father said to do.
I can't count the blessings and the love He has for you.

So have a Merry Christmas, and wipe away that tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

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The Faithful Departed of 2018

December 2017 (31) Deacon Vern Bechard, Cardinal Marco Ce of Venice, Fr. Alfonso William Corbo, Kingston Theo Hum, Alwy Richard, Matilda Zammit, The 28 victims of the prison fight in Acapulco, Mexico.

January 2018 (7) Doreen Dick, Henry Durda, Menon Devina Fernando, Katalina Gyorffy, Jordan Kalajdjiev, Margaret Lloyd, Peter Nightingale, Jose Segador Jr., Elizabeth Stoeckel, Cardinal Ricardo Jamin Vidal of Cebu, The 33 victims of the Boko Haram attacks, Nigeria; (14) Fr. Philippe Le Blanc, Florinda Mutoc, Cardinal Bernard Panafieu of Marseille, France, The 180 victims of Tropical Storm Tembin in Mindanao; (21) Fr. Robert Crooker, Hipolito Vasquez Odtohan, Msgr. Gregory Haddock, Annette Lucas, Alfred Luke, Maria Cirera Garcia, Crispina Mendoza, Cardinal Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, of St. Paul Basilica, Rome, The 13 victims of the Coptic Church attack in Cairo, Egypt & Cameroon (28) Arvind Cordozo, Trinidad Fernandez, Ronald Jake Boy Jacobs, Fr. Alexis Kirsten, Carol Solway, The 51 victims of the bus tragedy in Peru.

February (4) Carmen Alamag, Raymon Deranne, David D'Souza, Fausta Paping Gutierrez, Lolita Robles, Wanda Salvadori, The 231 victims of the truck explosión in Mogadishu, Somalia; (11) Frances Aker, Margaret Hanlon June Lane, Davina Pantano, Pasquale Serafico, The 1000 victims of the mudslide in Freetown, Sierra Leona; (18) Belen & Lorenzo Sr. Merin, The 18 victims of the extremist attack in Burkina, Faso; (25) Andrea Barte, Reynaldo Beleno, Lily Finney, Victoria Soriano Henning, Joseph Zammit, The 22 victims of the Mumbai Railway stampede.

March (4) Benita Chew Ang, Robert Barnes, Elizabeth Lucy Britton, Sam MacCulloch, Josef Busch, Braylen Caldeira, Giuseppa Cornacchia, Lillian Etchells, Beverley Irene White, The 69 victims of the Boko Haram attack on the oil workers in Nigeria; (11) Patricia Archer, Antonio

Barreiro, Carmela Binetti, Marian Mae Briscoe, Sebastiano Calvo, Olga Joan Duguid, Fr. Gerard Scott, Noel Romasanta, Walter Stepanczak, Herbert Zeisberger, The 265 victims of the terrorist attack in January in Kabul, Afghanistan; (18) Eugene Kim, Maryann Williams, The 34 victims of the car bombing in Idlib, Syria; (25) Edward Flood, Hattie Hughes, Ivy Rose Russell, The 25 victims of the attack on the loggers in Borno, Nigeria.

April (1) Jose Barraza, Suzanne Beard, Margaret Wood, The 17 victims of the tragedy at Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida; (8) John Conlon, Zakieh Ghazal, Lauteria Taccabban, The 6 victims of the pedestrian bridge collapse in Miami, Florida; (15) Allen Scott Bowen, Edita Carta, Keith Cranney, Luigi Di Marco, Tyronne Fernando, Divina Filice, Mary Teresa Johnson, Vicente Lagda, Nada Petretic, May Riddell, Dorina Robichaud, Carmela Schieda, Jose Silva Sr., Fr. John M. Wilson, The 41 victims of the car bombing at the Mosque in Benghazi, Libya; (22) Nancy-Lou Ferroni, Fr. Phil Kennedy, Lutgarda Leyson, Mary Jane Maulion, Lydia Padua, John Paulo Munarriz, Virginia Roy Parayno, The 16 victims of the hockey team bus crash in Saskatchewan. (29) Leonora Mopas Bekefi, John Julian Mamon, Richardo Gutierrez, Fr. Raymond Rodrigues Luis, Deacon Greg De Marchi

May (6) Perferio Florencondia, John Noonan, Lutgarda Leyson, The 10 victims of the Yonge Street attack in North York; (13) Antonio Delos Santos, Fr. Terence D'Souza, Joe Pastor, Joachim D'Souza, The 38 victims of the suicide bombing in Baghdad, Iraq; (20) Esther Aloysius, Cecilia Ola, Magdalena Salvador, Yosef Woldemichael, The 22 soldiers killed in the Democratic Republic of Congo; (27) Jerome Lorenzo, The 11 victims of the terrorist attack on three Churches in Surabaya, Indonesia.

June (4) Rosamma Avlitreesa, Domenica Campoli, Stephen Howell, Linda Mary Lynch, Angel Udan Mayoya, Carol Grace Murphy, Mia Pederson, Christopher Snelling Sr., Antonino Tuccitti, The 10 victims of the shooting at Santa Fe High School in Texas; (10) Luz Carreon, Fortunato Guinto, The 6 victims of the suicide attack on the Save the Children office in Kabul; (17) Denzil D'Souza,

Rhoderie Estrada, Elsa Gebremeskel, The 64 victims of the mall fire in Russia; (24) Fr. Stan Bijak, Vicente Devila, Chen Hwa Hsiao, Giuseppe Lamberti, Policarpio Malabanan, Jose Taguibao, Theresa Wolf, The 72 victims of the Al-Shebaab attack on the Ugandan peacekeepers in Somalia..

July (1) Alois Aschauer, Dawn, William Lutz, The 252 victims of the suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan; (8) Alvin Bastiamipillai, Jeff Ciacco, The 31 victims of the land mine explosion in Mali, Africa. (15) Virginia Campbell, Gary Faulkner, Carmelita Mulla, The 300 victims of the volcanic eruption in Guatemala; (22) Fr. Joe MacDonald, The 15 Victims of the market fire in Nairobi, Kenya; (29) Nadine Kasongo, The 2 victims of the terrorist attack in Paris, France.

August (5) Myrtle Barse, Nadine Kasongo, Boavida Lobo, Amanda Lynn Skelly, (12) Robert Dempster, Helwige Gomes, Marcella Harlowe, Ucal Desmond Julye, Bernice Zanello, The 2 victims of the shooting on Danforth Ave.; (19) Paz Gallardo, Shirley Eileen Jamieson, Rudolf Koren, Paul Olubick, Salvatore Minichiello, Terrence Joseph O'Reilly, Rosie Poothullil, Romeo Rejano, Jerry Smith, Rosa Vaccaro; (26) Julie Santana D'Sa, Gloria Sese Esguerra, Holly Fisher, Viola Hacker, Sheila MacDonald, Cosimo Rizzi, Ann Bridget Saunders, Elisabeth Schoblocher, Vince Simone, Julia Slaney, Audrey Walsh;

September (3) Gorgonio Castro, Fr. William MacCormack, Egypt Padilla, Vicente Rallon, The 5 victims of the Capital Gazette newsroom shooting in Maryland, USA; (9) Mary Arapura, Nicole Healey, Terry Fox, Adrienne Meszaros, Maria Olteanu, Helena Paciej, Antonia Rozario, The 200 victims of the floods in Japan; (16) Rosemary Arlena Anchetta, Alois Aschauer, Eleanor Chang, Thresiamma Cherian, Carmel Cunningham, Roberto & Samuel Diaz, The 91 victims of the recent wild fires in Greece; (23) Deacon Tab Charbonneau, Zenaida Fulgencio, Odette Gianfriddo, John Joseph Harlowe, Adele Estella Nowak, Antonia Pasario, The 4 victims of the shooting in Fredericton, New Brunswick; (30) Helen Kafun, Lerissa Rivera, Louise Stefancic, Marg Watters, The 43 victims of the bridge collapse in Genoa, Italy.

October (7) John Bassett, Ted Clarke, Santo Luigi Cilia, Theresa Jarvis, Karl Heinz Klink, The 86 victims of the August attack in Afghanistan; (14) Anthony Michael Barry, Judy Brown, Lukasz Grobelny, Grant Matthews, Mary Walton, The 18 victims of Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas; (21) Gregory Paul Beresford, The 6 victims of the shooting tragedy in Bakersfield, California; (28) Fr. Marshal Beriault, Andrew Migui Feng, Rita Marie Fielding, Peter Hilbert, Rose Lee, Fr. Charles Reeves, Consuelo Soliven, The 125 victims of the summer dust storm in Western India.

November (4) Frieda Baran, Dennis Dean, Jose Ramos, Robert Tan, The 483 Victims of the floods in Kerala, India; (11) Anna Palcic, The 102 victims of the Typhoon Ompong in the Philippines; (18) Oswald Ashton, Jennie Mary Blake, Lillian Doyle, Zenaida Viray Fulgencio, Ann Hughes, Larry Lawrence Gravelle, Niocolas Salas, Stephen Tse, The 224 victims of the ferry disaster in Tanzania; (25) Oswald Ashton, Leonidez Lopez, Jason Ramkishun, Alice Rego, Simeona Trinidad, The 2000 victims of the Tsunami in Indonesia.

December (2) Leonidez Lopez, , Jason Ramkishun, Alice Rego, Simeona Trinidad, The 2,256 victims of the Tsunami in Indonesia; (9) Baburan Bridgnauth, Marianna Chacko, Jasmattie Shirley Kissoon, Amado Mutuc, Salvatore Porzio, Ramesh Rampersaud, Edith Williams, Homer Yarcia, The 36 victims of Hurricane Michael in Florida; (16) Maria Cuellar, The 11 victims of the shooting in the Synagogue in Pittsburg; (23) Mela Daliva, Eleanor McDougall, Cristeta Garcia, Fr. Francis Voorwerk, Maxwell Stacey, Nilda Ortiz, Donald Bruce Webster, Kenneth O'Neill, Ocita Fajardo.

REQUIEM AETERNAM
dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Requiescant in pace. Amen.



ETERNAL REST grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.