

Saint Mary - the Virgin
August 15th 2021



Opening

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Sentence

Hail, O favoured one, the Lord is with you! The Holy Spirit will come upon you.

Luke 1.28, 35

Collect

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son. May we who have been redeemed by his blood, share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

ISAIAH 7:10-15;

PSALM 132:6-10, 13-14;

GALATIANS 4:4-7;

LUKE 1:46-55 OR LUKE 2:1-7

Reflection for August 15th from The Rev'd Dr. Justin Comber

In many ways, Mary is the saint of saints. She is the one chosen by God to carry and deliver Jesus, our Messiah. When we look at Mary, we understand what it means to be saintly. And all the more so when we hear her song, the Magnificat. "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior... Holy is his name.

Mary's cry is echoed eternally in the book of revelation, where all the saints past, present, and future are gathered to spend eternity with God. Their song is not unlike Mary's; "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come...blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever!"

When Israel was delivered from Egypt, Moses sang his song of praise; "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him..."

Praise is the response of those who have met God. Praise is the proper response the saints. Because the saints are those who have been saved in God's mercy. They are exemplary in their dependence on God, and exemplary in their recognition of God's work in them. To be a saint is to see. It is to see past circumstance, to see through blessing, to see beyond suffering, and to see God our Saviour always and ever working out our salvation. And so, to be a saint is an invitation. "Come and see! See what God has done!" "Come in trust in the God of our salvation." I pray that you will see what Mary saw, what Moses saw, and what causes the saints in heaven to sing for eternity. And when you've seen it, I pray that you and I will join our voices together in praise to God our Saviour inviting all who hear to come, see, and know the love of God.

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Prayers of the People Aug. 15th 2021 From JoAnne Easton

We pray today following the scripture that reveals the hospitality of God and explains our potential ability for a deepened relationship with Jesus. In this scripture, we are invited to the divine banquet of the Eucharist. Eating his flesh and drinking his blood is not an invitation to cannibalism, as the Jews feared. Instead, in the Eucharist the bread and wine are given a new and awesomely deep meaning: they become the very person of Jesus. May we be able to experience this and shape our lives into a loving gift for God.

We pray for those who are hungry and whose stomachs are empty. There is so much hunger with those in dire situations of famine, refugee situations, environmental disasters and war.

We pray for those who are empty emotionally—who are lonely and long for companionship and love, who are caught in the grip of depression, or overwhelmed with grief.

We pray for those who are spiritually empty—who are troubled, but don't know where to turn; who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look; who need You, but do not yet know You.

We pray for friends in Rwanda who are unable to get enough vaccines to protect them against Covid as the country have an increasing number daily of new Covid cases. They shut down again July 28th. They do not have enough of the vital needs; test kits, vaccine, medical facilities to care for Covid cases, equipment to support those infected, to just name the bare essentials. The people are really suffering and we send our prayers.

God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our lives. Pour out Your Spirit on us as well. Fill us with Your compassion and love, so that we would willingly share some of our abundance with those who have need.

We pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

For the week beginning Sunday 15 August, 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Rosalyn Elm** and the people of the **Parish of the Six Nations**.

Remembering our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes.
June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, John, Sheila, Sylvia, Anna and Jack B.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale & David F, Rose G, Julie, Janice S., Barbara S., Ian M. Carol M., George F., Carol H., and anyone known to you.



It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists, can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@gmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them during this pandemic, we will put on the prayer list for a month.

Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please click on the link to watch this week's Parish Video

https://youtu.be/_WMM1CtGqT8

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!

Do you like to sing? Are you in grades 3-12?

A choir program is starting in **PORT ROWAN!!**

Con Brio Singers will have a variety of opportunities for vocalists of all ages.

Rehearsals will take place at St. John's Anglican on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm

*Depending on the number of singers, this may be divided into separate age divisions.

COST: \$10 for a performance t-shirt (to be worn with plain black pants) and \$20 for music folder (rental)

Rehearsals: September 15 - December 22

EXPECTATIONS: Attend ALL rehearsals, review music during the week (rehearsal tracks will be sent via email), & participate in two performances in December.

The choir will continue into the 2022 year with more opportunities to perform and maybe make a recording!

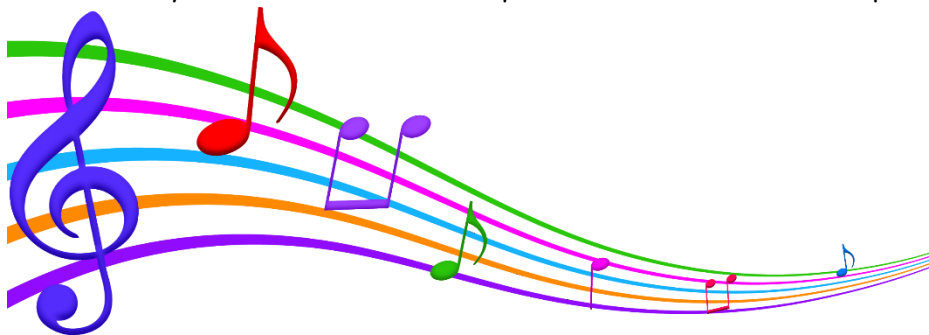
For more information:

Call Gena at 519 586 7833 or

Email: spiritosomusic1@gmail.com

*Gena (conductor) has her Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education, and an Associate Degree from Trinity College in piano performance. She taught music K-8 for 32 years, including 3 years K-12. She has a police check and is fully vaccinated.

*Kevin (accompanist) has his Bachelor of Music, ARCM, ARCO, and LTCL in piano and organ. He taught music in a private high school in Oakville for 17 years and has 100's of compositions worldwide. He has a police check and is fully vaccinated.



If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on. Any good movies you've seen or books you have read. Do you have memories you want to share? Please send them to Rev. Enrique and he can include in the newspaper.

Any birthdays/anniversaries/special occasions in August – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in this special occasion section, please send me details.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit, please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

Enrique Martinez can be contacted by email at enrique6921@hotmail.com or by phone at 519 586 3401 – Please note that Enrique's day off will be Fridays

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Please visit our website parishoflongpointbay.com and Facebook page

Sing along to this morning's hymns

Hymn Texts - Sunday, Aug 15th, 2021

269 – Heavenly Message

1. Heavenly message, brought by an angel, coming to lift the hopes of the earth;
Bringing to Mary humble and lowly, God's invitation to give the Christ birth.

CHORUS Mary, we hail you, full of God's favour, blessed are you, and blessed your son;
He will be called the child of the highest, Saviour of all, the holy one.

2. Mary replied to Gabriel's message, "I am the servant, maid of the Lord,
Let it be done just as you have spoken. My soul rejoices in God's saving word."

CHORUS

3. In the beginning, when God had spoken, through God's own Word all things came to be;
Now by that Word, embodied through Mary, God's glory blazes, that our eyes may see."

CHORUS

377 – To the Name of Our Salvation

1. To the name of our salvation, laud and honour let us pay,
Which for many a generation hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
But with holy exultation we may sing aloud today.
2. Jesus is the name we treasure, name beyond what words can tell;
Name of gladness, name of pleasure, ear and heart delighting well;
Name of sweetness passing measure, saving us from sin and hell.
3. 'Tis the name that whoso preaches speaks like music to the ear;
Who in prayer this name beseeches finds its comfort ever near;
Who its perfect wisdom reaches, heavenly joy possesses here?
4. Jesus is the name exalted over every other name;
In this name, whene'er assaulted, we can put our foes to shame:
Strength to them who else had halted, eyes to blind and feet to lame.
5. Therefore, we in love adoring, this most blessed name revere,
Holy Jesus, thee imploring so to write it in us here
That, hereafter heavenward soaring, we may sing with angels there.