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Latin Masses & Devotions in January		Time	Celebrant
Tuesday, 1 st January	Octave Day of Christmas (New Year's Day), a Holyday	12.00 p.m.	Fr. Domotor
Wednesday, 2 nd Jan.	Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus	Cancelled	
Friday, 4 th January	First Friday; Feria in Christmastide	Cancelled	
Saturday, 5 th Jan.	First Saturday Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary + a commem. of Pope St. Telesphorus, Martyr	10.30 a.m.	
Sunday, 6 th January	Solemn Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord	12.00 p.m.	
Friday, 11 th January	Ferial Mass of the Epiphany but with a commem. of St. Hyginus, Pope and Martyr	9.00 a.m.	
Sunday, 13 th January	Feast of the Holy Family	12.00 p.m.	
Friday, 18 th January	Votive Mass of the Holy Cross + commem. St. Prisca, Virgin and Martyress	9.00 a.m.	
Sunday, 20 th January	Second Sunday after Epiphany	12.00 p.m.	
Friday, 25 th January	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul + commem. of St. Peter.	9.00 a.m.	
Sunday, 27 th January	Third Sunday after Epiphany	12.00 p.m.	

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

<u>For the sick and suffering (see also Parish Bulletin):</u>		<u>Miscellaneous Intentions:</u>
Mr. Frank Domotor	Mrs. Agnes Berard	For our Priest, Bishop and the Holy Father.
Mrs. Mary Lawson	Miss Lorna Cue	For vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Please remember in your prayers the faithful departed: Fr. Michael Birch, Irene Domotor, Roger Brown, Earl & Elsa Morrison, Bernard & Nova Wauthy, Louis Berard, Marcellina Baldauf, Patricia Gould.

NEWS

1. New-Year's greetings from the editors of the UVVIA Newsletter

We wish all of our members and other readers of this Newsletter a very Happy and Blessed New-Year.

2. A Review of 2018 and Preview of 2019

At the beginning of a new year, there is a tendency to consider the past year to predict what might come.

For our Traditional Latin Mass congregation, the past year has been positive, although overall growth has been slow. Our average Mass attendance has increased by less than five per cent over the past two years but this is a clear improvement over the stasis of previous years. We reached a peak attendance for normal Sunday Masses on the last Sunday in Advent; and, at our Christmas Midnight Mass, we had the largest attendance at any Latin Mass by far since our Mass was restored ten years ago; one hundred were present to celebrate the Nativity of our Blessed Lord!

For 2019, we anticipate continuing slow growth in Victoria. Growth for tradition has been greater in many other places. The slower growth here may be partially due to a higher percentage of elderly people living on the Island. They are often attached to the New Mass, where they can meet old friends on Sunday. Among younger people, such considerations do not apply. In their teenaged years, many faithful drift away from the Church, having been poorly formed in the new order. Some of them come back to the faith much later after having spent many disappointing years in pursuit of material goods and after having indulged in illicit pleasures. At the same time, there is a growing trend by which young people turn away from the new pagan culture and find their calling in the priesthood and religious life or in living a faithful Catholic life. Among them, the faith is often very firm, and not a few home-school their children to protect them from the dangerous influence on faith and morals imposed today in public schools. In recent years, the influence of immoral SOGI teachings presents a great danger to children's future and especially to their eternal destiny. Catholic schools may seem to be an option but they are under constant assault from government, which, here and there, tries to impose on them conditions and practices which are contrary to decency and to Catholic morals. Of the more than 250 officially Catholic universities in the United States, for example, only about a dozen are Catholic in culture and in practice. The others are dissenting to a greater or lesser degree, and many students lose their faith at such institutions.

In summary, demand for the Traditional Latin Mass is being fuelled by a clear and growing trend in favour of the Faith and against the growing secular paganism of our times. Despite a strong growth in the traditionalist seminarian population, many faithful must still travel great distances to find a parish which offers the Traditional Latin Mass. In our Diocese, only the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace provides a Traditional Latin Mass on any basis whatsoever. We are very fortunate that Providence has provided us with a priest who is willing to celebrate the Traditional Latin Mass. We ought to thank God every time we attend Mass for, thanks to Frs. John Domotor and Alex MacLellan, Victoria is an oasis for the Mass of all ages by which the Faith has always been preserved, transmitted and exalted. In addition to thanking our priest in words for offering up Latin Masses, we can also request Father to celebrate Masses for his personal intentions. It would also be a token of appreciation to offer him stipends somewhat in excess of the Diocesan suggested amount of \$10 for a Low Mass and \$15 for a Sung Mass.

3. The future of the Church elsewhere

In Western Europe, weekly Mass attendance has dropped precipitously to below five percent. In France, for example, only about three percent of Catholics attend Mass at least once every month. Thousands of churches are no longer in use owing to a shortage of priests and funds needed to pay for their support. A

major cause of this decline was, from 1968, opposition by both clergy and laity to the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* of Pope Paul VI. This had the effect of widespread acceptance of the “birth control” pill. Results included a steep decline in the Catholic population; a libertine and hedonistic way of life; abortions; and divorces. One need not be surprised that many abandoned their faith. The apostasy has been exacerbated by related sexual scandals plaguing the Church, scandals perpetrated by priests and religious and then concealed by their superiors.

In Western Europe, the invading Muslim hordes are openly expressing their intent to bring its countries under the control of a international caliphate. Within ten years, they will have gained significant political influence. Already today, the population of the Belgian capital, Brussels, is nearly fifty percent Muslim. In many places, thugs impose Islamic sharia law in city neighbourhoods where policemen are afraid to tread.

4. Why do we spend a good part of this Newsletter on writing about these frightful events?

First, because they were prophesied in private revelations and are being fulfilled in our own time. Our Lady has warned us many times--at Fatima, Akito, Quito, Garabandal, La Salette and many other places--about the dangers to our faith, and she begs us to respond to her request to pray--especially the rosary--and to repent. We ought to take these warnings seriously and recognise the predictions as they are being fulfilled in our time. We have Our Lady’s word for it that the Second World War would not have happened had people heeded her warnings.

Secondly, many Catholics are insufficiently aware of the current state of the world and of the Church in the world. Ignorance may seem to be bliss at this time, but it will not be when we find ourselves unprepared when disaster strikes. Many have never heard of the following warnings from Our blessed Mother: “*It will be worse than at the time of Noe*”; “*Whole countries will disappear*”; “*The survivors will envy the dead*”. We can no longer afford to ignore these warnings. Our children will face a bleak future if we do. But neither should we live in fear. Whether our life will end in a peaceful death or not, and even should it end in torture and martyrdom, we have the promise from our Lady that she will protect her faithful followers. They will be a remnant but they will be exalted in Heaven forever. We must pray more and pray more sincerely, make frequent confessions, accept sacrifices, and be prepared even for martyrdom. Then our rewards in Heaven will be great.

5. The Seminarian Fund

In 2018, we collected a total \$2,318.50 for the Seminarian Fund. From this amount three payments were made to the Seminarian Fund maintained for us by the Vancouver Traditional Mass Society (V.T.M.S.). The V.T.M.S. sends twice a year a cheque for \$600 to each Seminarian, which, for our two seminarians, amounts to a total of \$2,400 per annum. Our collections are slightly below that amount. However, we also have members who send personal donations to the F.S.S.P. or directly to our seminarians.

The total amount was sent in three donations: 1. March: \$305.00; 2. Sept. \$1162; and 3. Dec. \$806.50.

The last figure breaks down as follows:

Book sales, including rosaries, pamphlets: \$214.50.

Coffee donations and chapel veil donations: \$592.00

We thank all who are making contributions to the Seminarian Fund.

6. U.V.V.I.A. Website (<http://latinmassvictoria.com/>)

Our web site is kept up-to-date again frequently by our new webmaster, Mr. Rob McBride. Check it out often for any changes in Mass schedule, Newsletters, new devotions and other resources.

LITURGY

This month, there are three major feast days. They occur on the 2nd, 6th and 13th of January, when we celebrate, respectively, the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus; the Solemn Feast of the Epiphany; and the Feast of the Holy Family.

Please note that Father Domotor will not be available to celebrate on January 2nd (Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus) or January 4th (First Friday of the Month).

6th January – Solemn Feast of Epiphany

This feast outranked even Christmas Day before 1962 and was a holy day of obligation in Canada before 1968. *Epiphany* means *manifestation*. This day celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles and hence to the whole world, as He was symbolically revealed to the Jews by the shepherds on the day of His Nativity. The three kings gave symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, representing His kingship, His Godhead and His Eternal Sacrifice. Gold pertains to kings; frankincense is used as incense to honour God at His Altar; myrrh is used to perfume the bodies of the departed.

13th January – Feast of the Holy Family

The picture on the right is from a painting by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, “The Holy Family”, between 1675 and 1682.

In her book [*Calls from the Message of Fatima*](#) by Sister Lúcia (25th March, 1997). Sr. Lucy wrote about the final apparition in Fatima, on 13th October, 1917, when the Holy Family (Our Lady with St. Joseph, who was carrying the Child Jesus) appeared to the three children.

Later, in the late 1990s, Sister Lucy said that the Child Jesus gave the people a blessing which only the three visionaries could see. She further wrote in the late 1990s: **“In times such as the present, when the family often seems misunderstood in the form in which it was established by God, and is assailed by doctrines that are erroneous and contrary to the purposes for which the Divine Creator instituted it, surely God wished to address to us a reminder of the purpose for which He established the family in the world?”**



Remember, she said this in the later 1990s. Long before, in 1981 [she wrote](#) in a letter to Carlo Cardinal Caffara a dire warning he revealed in 2008 and which we see rapidly unfolding in the world: “The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about marriage and the family. Don't be afraid ... because whoever works for the sanctity of marriage and the family will always be fought against and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue.” She ended saying, “nevertheless, Our Lady has already crushed his head.”