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Newsletter of Saint Mary the Virgin Church

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Dear friends:

Ave! We wish you a joyous and blessing filled 2026!

We at St. Mary's have been wonderfully blessed to have been so warmly welcomed by the clergy and people of St. George's Church. Although St. Mary's and St. George's represent very different worship styles and traditions, we are bound together in our love of Christ and his Church, and our devotion to the Book of Common Prayer. It is delightful to see members of each congregation sharing worship and fellowship with each other!

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your friends and acquaintances. We hope to see you and your friends at St. Mary's!

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## St. Mary's Regular Service Schedule

At St. George's Church, 134 Emerson Street

First Sunday of the month, 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Second through fourth (or fifth) Sundays of the month, 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Special services: Traditional Mass in Latin and English unless otherwise noted:

Friday January 9, 10:30 a.m.: within the octave of Epiphany [Sarum]

Friday January 23, 10:30 a.m.: Missa salus populi (votive mass 'For the salvation of the people') [York]

Friday February 6, 10:30 a.m.: Mass of the saints, or votive mass of the cross [Sarum]

Wednesday February 18, 10:30 a.m.: Ash Wednesday: imposition of ashes and Holy Communion (BCP)

Friday March 6, 10:30 a.m.: feria in Lent [Sarum]

Wednesday March 25, 10:30 a.m.: The Annunciation [York]

Friday April 3: Good Friday afternoon: The Passion according to Saint John and the Adoration of the Cross

Saturday April 4, 7:30 p.m.: The Vigil of Easter

# Extendicare

St. Mary's worships at Extendicare Nursing Home, 90 Chedmac Drive

First Thursday of the month, 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion and Anointing

NOTE: In January the service will be on the third Thursday, January 15

## On Christ's Nativity

The following is a Sermon of Blessed Fulgentius, Bishop, which in medieval times was proclaimed at matins each year on December 31.

**R**ightly (saith the Prophet), be telling of his salvation from day to day. What is from day to day, if not the Son from the Father? The Son, then, is from the Father, day from day: but yet the Father and the Son are not two days, but the day is one. The Son is from the Father, God from God: nevertheless the Father and the Son are not two gods, but God is one. Thus the day of eternity is the Father and the Son, as is at once recognized by us: however in the day of time only the Son is found. Indeed, the Father and the Son have made the eternal day for our body and soul: however, in the day of time the Son alone taketh up our body and soul. Christ the Only-begotten, in the eternal day, remaineth in the form of God: Christ the Only-begotten, in the day of time, accepteth the form of a servant. Christ in the eternal day remaineth wealthy that he may restore us: Christ in the day of time became poor that he might redeem us. Christ in the eternal day is

from God the Father: Christ in the day of time is God the man of the Virgin Mother. Christ in the eternal day is the Word sent forth from the heart of the Father: Christ in the day of time is the Word made flesh from the womb of the Virgin Mother. Christ in the eternal day is true God from true God: Christ in the day of time is the Bridegroom coming forth out of his chamber. In the eternal day Christ createth the angels: in the day of time Christ saveth men. In the day of eternity Christ feedeth the holy angels in heaven: in the day of time Christ restoreth men on earth. That the bread of angels man would indeed eat, the Creator of the angels was made man: he both feedeth, and remaineth whole. As the good bread which feedeth even the angels by the appearance, that of itself they are satisfied in the homeland: so he feedeth us by faith that we fall not down in the way. That bread which he himself giveth to angels for the joy of steadfastness: himself giveth to men for the

remedy of health. And what is the food of angels : is made a remedy for us. Nevertheless, most beloved brethren, pay close attention here to the greatness of grace : and recognize what God hath deigned to propose to man. Christ, indeed the Son of God, very God of very God, and one with the Father, by nature God, continually of himself feedeth the holy angels : but yet the Son of God hath not taken up the nature of an angel. Moreover, that God should commend his love in us : his Son hath taken on our nature from us. And God the Only-begotten which is the bread of angels, which indeed would make himself bread for man : hath at the same time taken up the soul and the body of man, both true : both holy : both pure. He hath taken our soul without iniquity : he hath taken our flesh with mortality. He hath taken a righteous soul : by which righteousness might be restored to our soul. To be sure, therefore, he was worthy to have mortal flesh : that immediately after dying himself, he might conquer death, and also immediately afterwards he himself might rise again, through which our bodies likewise might reawaken. A great mystery, most beloved brethren : a great proof of divine love. Man, disdainful of God, hath withdrawn from God : God, loving man, hath come to man. He hath loved the impious : that made right-

eousness. He hath loved the infirm : that made soundness. He hath loved the perverse : that made the right. He hath loved the dying : that made the living. And what further might one say, seeing that the begotten God hath loved the nature of mankind so much that not only would he be released from the power of the bad angel, in truth he himself would be placed even above all the good angels at the right hand of the Father ? The nature, indeed, which in the first man had been taken captive by a bad angel : now itself in the second man reigneth above all the good angels. The nature which in the first man fouled the world with sin : itself in the second man hath cleansed the world from sin. The first man of the earth, earthly : the second man of heaven, heavenly. A woman in depraved mind hath deceived the first man : an incorrupt Virgin in virginity hath conceived the second man. In the first man the spouse was seduced by the wickedness of the devil corrupting the mind : but in the second man the Mother, by the grace of God hath preserved sound mind and body. By mind he hath gathered together the most steadfast faith : by flesh he hath taken away lust all together. Since, then, man is miserably damned for sin : for that reason the man-God is wonderfully born without sin.

### In your Prayers

Of your mercy, please pray for: Brian Munro, John Burrows, Frederick Forsyth, Cynthia Renwick, Brian and Maribeth Curry, Andrew Span, Walter Raybould, James Gilroy, Erin, Fr. Richard Dove, Bonnie-Jean Foulds, and all those suffering and dying in wars and disasters, particularly in Ukraine.

*For every day I am on this earth  
Let me do some good, be of some worth.  
Guard my tongue from evil speaking,  
Let me peace be ever seeking.*

*Let me cause someone to say  
That this has been a pleasant day.  
The in turn, I will feel I've given  
Something worthwhile to others living.*

*Lord, take all anger from my heart,  
So pain to others I will not impart.  
Fill me with Your Grace complete,  
So I may share with all I meet.*

Enid M. Burrows

## Special Services

Monday February 23, 7:30 p.m. Choral Evensong with Hamilton Schola Cantorum and St. George's Church, featuring the music of outstanding Canadian composer Healey Willan.

NOTE: On Wednesday April 1. 7:30 p.m. Hamilton Schola Cantorum will be singing Tenebrae (music of Healey Willan) at St. Jude's Church, 160 William Street, Oakville.



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