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**Special Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

**Dear Pastors, Clergy and Religious, Lay Staff, Sisters and Brothers in Christ:**

Further to the announcement of the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI – a Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Cathedral this Tuesday, January 3, at 12:15 p.m. This is in anticipation of the Funeral Mass that will be held at the Vatican on Thursday, January 5.

All clergy, religious, and lay faithful are invited to attend.

I also realize that this is very short notice and recognize that many will not be able to attend here at Holy Family Cathedral. Thus, you are encouraged to celebrate a Mass for the Pope Emeritus's intention as you are able in your parishes.

News coverage and updates will continue to be available through our diocesan news site at: <https://news.rcdos.ca/2022/12/31/benedict-xvi-dies/>.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed New Year's Day and Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ Most Rev. Mark A. Hagemoen