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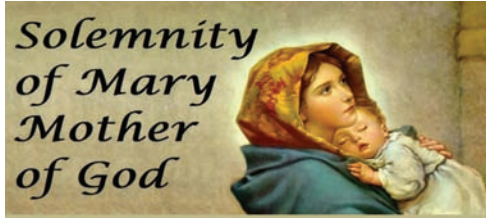
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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



TODAY WE CELEBRATE the Motherhood of Mary, an aspect of the life of our Lady that many of us can relate to. In today's Gospel, shepherds visit Mary, Joseph, and Jesus and reveal to them that Jesus is the Messiah. Mary ponders this. She has known from the beginning who Jesus is, but now He is a newborn, her own child lying serenely beside her. It could have hit home that she doesn't really know what "Messiah" means for Him and for their family. She could have immediately started to plan for all eventualities. We all might have done these things. Yet, Mary ponders with her heart rather than her mind.

She is able to treasure the shepherds' words. She recognizes that God's plan is a beautiful gift. As she has always done, she looks to the future with peace and confidence, despite not knowing all that it holds. She can do this because she trusts God and gives Him His rightful place – as the one in control of the future.

Contemplating the future can be scary. God has a plan for each of us, but He unfolds it little by little. None of us know the full picture or implications. Let us pray to have Mary's trust, peace and confidence as we contemplate the year ahead. (*Reflection of Kate Larson of Living with Christ*)



Monday, January 2, 2023

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Catherine Kim

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Maureen Donaghy

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. For our Holy Father Pope Francis

Thursday, January 5, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Elizabeth Park

Friday, January 6, 2023

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Peter Carvalho

Saturday, January 7, 2023 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Special Intention of Veronica Yuen

4:30 p.m. For Deceased and Living Members of Morales Family

Sunday, January 8, 2023 New Year Day

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

9:30 a.m. + Maria Anna Forcellese

11:00 a.m. Blessings for Pereira Family



New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year

**New Year's Eve Vigil Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Saturday, Dec. 31st – 4:30 p.m.**

**New Year's Day - Sunday, Jan. 1st
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

Epiphany of the Lord

**Saturday, Jan. 7th – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Jan. 8th – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and
11:00 a.m.**



PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR NEW YEAR

The office will again be closed for New Year from Friday, December 30th at 12 noon to January 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

Regular hours (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) will resume Tuesday, January 3rd.

Although the office will be closed, phone messages and emails will be checked and responded to as soon as possible.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

On behalf of Msgr. Pat, Sr. Eva Janning (R.C.I.A. Director), Fr. Dave Warren (retired), Deacon David Quail, Alvin Joys, (seminarian), Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, (secretaries), and Aldrin Fernandes, (custodian), we wish all our parishioners and their families a Happy New Year



Thank you to all who assisted in our annual Angel Tree Program, the St. Vincent de Paul distribution of gift cards to the needy of our local community, Good Shepherd Ministries and Catholic Children's Aide and other families in need. A report of what was raised will be provided following Christmas, as donations to the St. Vincent de Paul collection are still coming in.

I also wish to thank the musicians, the Lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, Altar-Servers, Ushers, and Sacristans, the teachers of our children in the Little Lambs Ministry, the catechism courses and the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and all who assisted at our Christmas Masses. A special thank you to Maria Amodio, and all who assisted her, in decorating the Church.

Thank you to all the children who participated in the Nativity Pageant and a special thank you to all who helped to arrange it.

Thank you, also, to the Social Committee for their help with the Senior's Xmas Luncheon, as well as the our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and reception.

Merry Christmas & Happy New year to all!

Msgr. Pat

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember the poor and needy with contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box located in the church lobby each and every weekend. This parish has always been very generous in their efforts to support the poor and needy and we are all indeed grateful!



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Offertory envelopes for 2023 are available in the hall. The boxes are in alphabetical order. If there is a change of address, please contact the Parish office.

PERPETUAL MASS CARDS

Perpetual Mass cards are available through the parish office.

First Friday Mass, Holy Hour, Benediction

Join us on Friday, January 6th for First Friday Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by Holy hour and Benedication.

Senior Residence Masses in January 2023

Canterbury Place – Friday, January 13th – 10:30 am
Del Manor – Wednesday, January 18th – 10:30 am



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