January 1, 2023

Mary, Mother of God (A)

Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21





What Do You Hold in Your Heart?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

n New Year's Eve, some of my friends try to recall a significant event from each year, beginning with the most recent, and work their way back. They tell me that memories from the first couple of years, the most recent, are fairly easy to call to mind, but after that, memories get reduced to births and deaths, marriages and moves to new homes, vacations, and ultimately to not remembering anything significant for some years. It's an interesting conclusion—not remembering anything significant—given the human emotions and energies we pour into trivial disagreements, unresolved conflicts, and family issues.

The Gospel recounts how Mary reflected upon the events of her Son's birth and how she kept them all in her heart. I suspect that many of the events we might recount from that New Year's Eve exercise would end up being some of the moments we hold in our hearts. Most would likely revolve around family, all those people we keep in our hearts. Others might be about job promotions or successes, or memorable recognitions. We justifiably keep these as treasures to remember.

As Mary did, we might learn something about ourselves by pondering significant personal faith events. I doubt most of us will recall one for each year, which may say something about how seriously we take our faith lives. Yet those we do recall could be treasures of the past that will bless us in the present.

-Reflect-

What do the events you carry in your heart say about who you are?

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Mass Schedule ~ Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm Sunday 8:30am Monday – Wednesday 8:30am Friday 5:00pm

Mass Schedule ~ Queen of Peace, Fountain

Sunday 10:30am Wednesday 10:30am

Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday 8:00am – Noon Friday 1:00pm – 4:45pm

Baptisms

Contact the PCL

Reconciliation

Upon Request

Sacraments for younger Children

Contact PCL

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of December 31 – January 6 is in loving memory of Peter & Maria Tu Tran.



Last Week's Collection

- ~ Offertory \$5,146
- ~ Building Fund \$90
- ~ Christmas Flowers \$10
- ~ End of Year Donations \$8,500

Please pray for Mary Kay Collins,
Hai Van Heller, Mary Ann Hugg, Russ
Blount, Julie Kim Rollence, Zoom Elliott,
Jackie Ochampaugh, Carol Brust, Shari
Letson, Bonnie Hunt, Robert Wade,
Robert Nagel, Helen Hall, Fr. William
Brown, Barbara Lourcey, Jessica Havel,
Gloria Morrison, Harry Carmello, Ethan
Findlay, Chris Weller, Mary Munzel,
Dennis Nuber, Jordan Taylor, Trisha
Roberto, parishioners of Rosary,
parishioners of Queen of Peace,
Mike Battcher, Don Culbreath, Joseph
Lockard, Laura Hagan



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of

New Year's



USHERS NEEDED! If you can help, please contact Joe Williams or Arlene Hall for more information.

Mass Intentions: Please note...if a name is not printed in the bulletin or announced at Mass due to human error, be assured that God has accepted the intention in Heaven. Code of Canon Law, 945.

Mark your calendars...January 14 after the 4:00pm Mass, we will have a chili cook-off. Please see the insert in this week's bulletin for more information.

End of Year Tax Letters are now available. As we do not automatically print letters for you, please let Arlene know if you wish yours to be printed. Please keep in mind that CSA donation letters will be mailed from the Diocese. And, if you give online, your letters will not be available until the end of January, but still notify Arlene if you want your letter printed. Thanks.

MARRIED COUPLES LOOKING FOR A NEW YEARS **RESOLUTION?** Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage - like making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 10-12 February 2023 in Tallahassee, FL., 21-23 July 2023 in Jacksonville, FL. and 3-5 November 2023 in Titusville, FL. For more information visit our website at wwme.org or e-

mail: Applications@FLCN-wwme.org.

The Christmas decorations in the Church this year are absolutely beautiful... unfortunately, this is a short season, and they must come down soon. Next week-end is Epiphany, and Ordinary time begins on Tuesday, January 10. We will sadly be packing and storing the decorations on Thursday, January 12 beginning at 9:00am. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Arlene for more information.

This week-end is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Let us pray for her intercession:

Loving God,

you gave us your Son through Mary, who advocates for all of humanity. At home, Mary nurtured the Son of God. In our homes, she protects and cares for us. Bless all who seek Mary's help. Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, may we receive the grace to face challenges and setbacks, and the wisdom to recognize our blessings. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week's Calendar

Saturday, December 31*Solemnity of Mary Vigil

3:30pm ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

4:00pm Vigil Mass, Rosary ~ +Peter Thinh Nguyen; +Peter & Maria Tu Tran

Sunday, January 1, 2023*Solemnity of Mary

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +Gioan Nguyen Khoan; +Maria Nauyen Dau; +George Dupuis; LFr. Joseph Wambach: +Wally Elliott; +Frank Rollence

NO CCD

10:30am Mass, Peace

Monday, January 2*Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Holiday-OFFICE CLOSED

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary(CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +Juanita Catherine Stanton

Tuesday, January 3*Christmas Weekday

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +Urban Gehret

9:00am ~ Bible Study (RE)

4:00pm ~ Choir Practice (CH)

Wednesday, January 4*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +George Dupuis

10:30am Mass, Peace

Thursday, January 5*St. John Neuman NO MASS

Friday, January 6*Christmas Weekday

4:30pm ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

5:00pm Mass, Rosary ~ +/LParishioners of Rosary

Saturday, January 7*Epiphany Vigil

3:30pm ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

4:00pm Vigil Mass, Rosary ~ +Urban Gehret;

+Peter Hiep Tran; +Peter Chinh Tran

Sunday, January 8*Epiphany

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +George Dupuis; +Gioan Nguyen Khoan; +Maria Nguyen Dau; +Wally Elliott;

+Frank Rollence

9:30am ~ CCD (RE)

10:30am Mass, Peace



Happy New Year!

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Intercede

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Through the intercession of
the Blessed Mother,
may we receive the grace to face challenges
and setbacks,
and the wisdom to recognize our blessings.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 1, 2023 Rich Blessings

Today's readings: Numbers 6:22–27; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:16–21. Today's readings are filled with blessings. In the reading from Numbers, Moses is given a blessing for the Israelites; in the refrain for the responsorial psalm, we ask God to bless us; from Galatians, we hear that we are adopted children of God; and in the Gospel, the shepherds see the infant Jesus, certainly a blessing.

It is up to us to continue to carry the blessings we have received into the world, just as the shepherds "made known the message that had been told them." Not only can you let others know of the good news that has been passed on to you, but you can bless others. Write down the words of the first reading: "The LORD bless you and keep you! / The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! / The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!" Use this text to bless children, friends, and relatives during this last week of the Christmas season. Parents could use the blessing in the reading from Numbers to bless a child before bedtime. Teens could use these words to conclude their weekly youth ministry gatherings. Consider other people in your life who would appreciate being blessed.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen

The first reading promises eternal life. Note that "antichrist" in the reading means "against Christ." This week, think of a way that you can be for Christ, perhaps in a conversation, at a meeting, or simply while relaxing after a festive holiday event. Go gently into the new year: begin each day with the Morning Offering prayer. Much is written about the friendship of Sts. Basil and Gregory, as evident from historical manuscripts. Each made strong theological arguments for the orthodoxy of Christianity. In prayer, ask these saints to grant you the courage to persist in your faith. *Today's readings:* 1 John 2: 22–28; Psalm 98: 1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 1:19–28.

Tuesday, January 3 Holy Name of Jesus

The Christmas season continues with the psalmist's joyous reminder "All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God." Perhaps as a child, you were taught to bow your head when someone spoke Jesus' name. You will notice that this pious practice is a habit for many Catholics. Children can be taught to do this out of respect for the name of Jesus. More important to remember is to always speak Jesus' name with love and kindness. *Today's readings:* 1 John 2:29—3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 1:29-34.

Wednesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

In 1975, Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was the first nativeborn American to become an official saint of the Church. She was born into a wealthy family and married at age twenty. After becoming a widow, she became Catholic in 1805 and established the first free Catholic school in the United States and then founded an order of vowed religious women. *Today's readings: 1 John 3:7–10; Psalm 98:1*, 7–8, 9; *John 1:35–42*.

Thursday, January 5 St. John Neumann

St. John Neumann was born in Bohemia, which had an overabundance of priests during the time he expected to be ordained. With ordinations in the country paused, he set his sights on becoming a missionary in the United States. He was ordained in New York soon after his arrival in 1836. Several years later, he joined the Redemptorist congregation of priests and dedicated his life to education and to the poor. As a bishop, he founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the United States. *Today's readings: John 3:11–21; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43–51.*

Friday, January 6 Family Tree

The long form of St. Luke's Gospel today tells the genealogy of Jesus. The challenge for today is to diagram or draw Jesus' family tree. If possible, work with a younger child on this project, helping with the pronunciation of the biblical names of Jesus' relatives. Talk about your family and where your relatives were born. *Today's readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Mark 1:7–11 or Luke 3:23–28 or Luke 3:23, 31–34, 36, 38.*

Saturday, January 7 Festivities

"They have no wine," Mary comments to Jesus, encouraging him to begin his ministry. This account in the Gospel of John portrays Jesus as reluctant to show God's glory in this gathering of friends and family. Jesus replies to Mary, "My hour has not yet come." Still, he instructs the waiters, "Fill the jars with water." In your prayer today, examine whether you are holding back from doing God's will. Is there someone trying to encourage you to use your talents for the glory of God? Today's readings: John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5, 6a and 9h: John 2:1–11.







January 14, 2023 (Saturday) @5:00pm (after the 4:00pm Mass) in the Parish Hall

Menu
Chili
Hotdogs
Chips
Desserts
Water, tea & sodas

Activities

50/50 drawing

Roast hotdogs in courtyard

Crowning of overall winner

youth & adults will be given 1 ticket to vote for the best chili

Chef with most tickets wins

COSTS: \$5/person OR \$10/family (immediate)

Chef Requirements

Be in place by 4:45pm

provide minimum 1 gallon chili to be tasted by Parishioners

bring chili in heated container (croc pot)

chili is donated with no expectation of reimbursement of expenses

MUST sign up with OLR by January 7 to compete...NO WALK-INS

Sign-ups before and after each Mass

For more info:

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Dear Padre,

I understand that all Catholics, not just priests and religious, are called to holiness. How can laypeople become holy?

The five elements of holiness are the same for all the baptized, always in the context of their vocational calling.

Prayer: In the liturgy, we join our sisters and brothers to offer communal worship where we are nourished and formed by word and sacrament. In private prayer, we maintain, clarify, and nourish our relationship with God.

Love of neighbor: We are called to treat others with the acceptance and respect that God has for each person. Every person is our neighbor, especially people in need (Matthew 25:40).

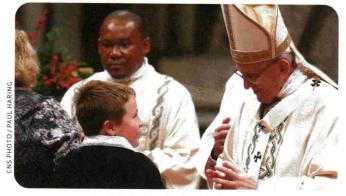
Living one's vocational commitment: Being faithful to a spouse in marriage, working for family harmony, staying true to dedicated singleness in the world or in the religious community setting—all are avenues of holiness.

Penance and self-discipline: The Christian life demands self-denial, control, and sacrifice. Christians must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23).

Reaching out in discipleship: Holiness also comes from and finds its noblest expression in a life of service and ministry. Baptism initiates us into the fullness of Christian reality, which ultimately means discipleship—sharing our faith and serving others, especially the most needy.

For laypeople, the main arena of holiness is where they live, work, play, and struggle every day. It is there that they must proclaim "the kingdom of God is in our midst," and answer their call to holiness.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves.... Do I know how to look at people with the heart? Do I take to heart the people with whom I live?.... Let us ask for the grace to live this year with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them.

HOMILY, VATICAN, JANUARY 1, 2020

MONDAY

January 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

TUESDAY

January 3 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34

WEDNESDAY

January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42

THURSDAY

January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51

FRIDAY

January 6 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:7-11

SATURDAY

January 7 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 2:1-12

SUNDAY

January 8 **Epiphany** of the Lord Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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