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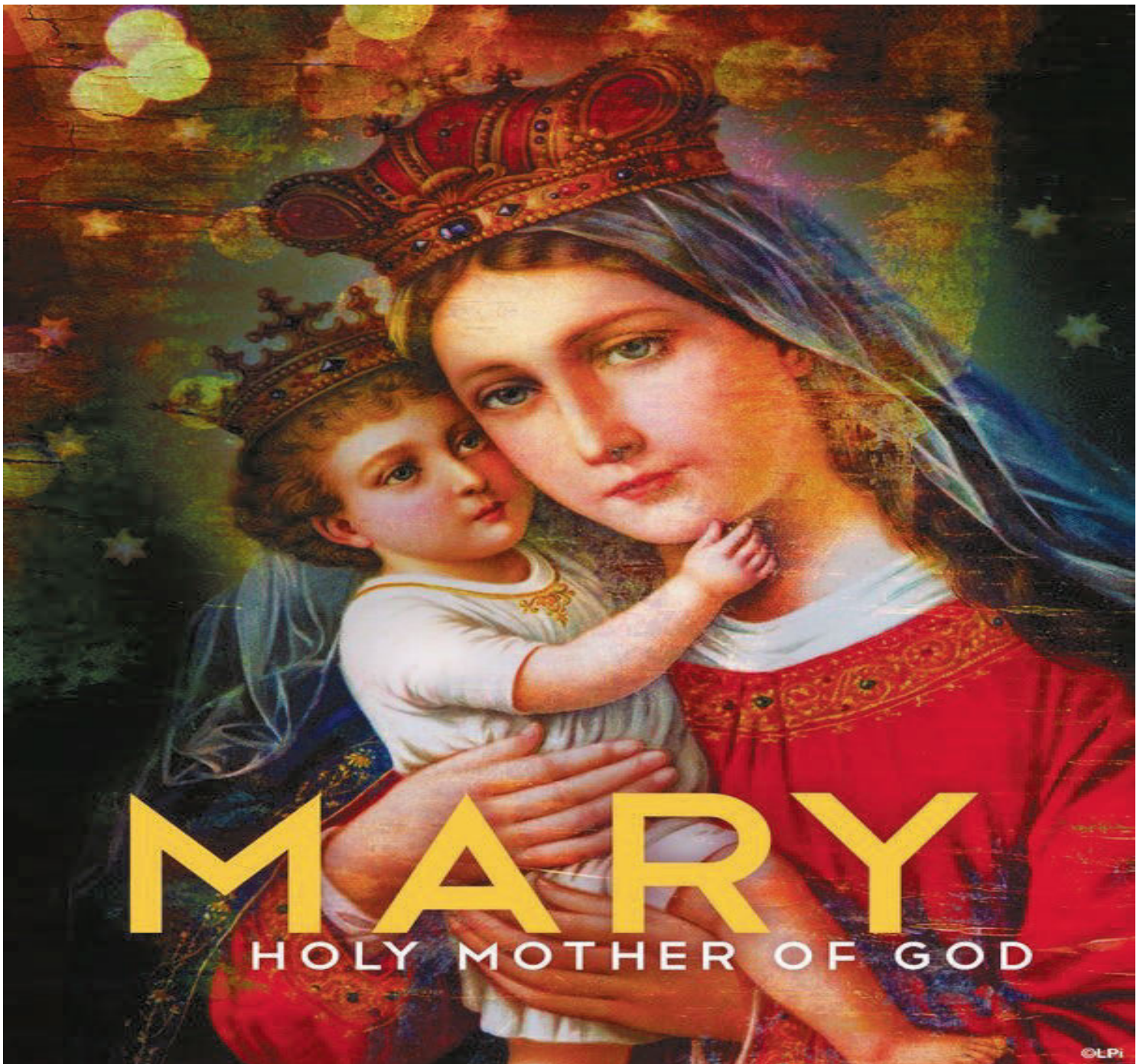
## *MISSION STATEMENT*

St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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January 1, 2023



## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

### Monday, January 2

parish offices closed

### Tuesday, January 3

Religious Education—school

### Thursday, January 5

7:00 p.m., Adult Choir Rehearsal—church

### Sunday, January 8,

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Year Two Confirmation Class.

## IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Gerolyn Haynes  
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## MASS INTENTIONS:

Any one of our regular scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention—in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

## ALTAR MEMORIALS:

When Masses are not available for a particular day, Altar Memorials are special way you can remember those who have died and those intentions you may wish to remember for the living.

Our Altar Memorials are available each week during the year. Donations for the week are as follows:

Sanctuary candle	\$10.00
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Sacramental wine	\$15.00
Eucharistic bread	\$10.00

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023:

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Saturday:** Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

**Sunday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

**Monday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

**Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Wednesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

**Thursday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop

**Friday:** St. André Bessette, Religious

**Saturday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

**Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord

## Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Gospel Reflection

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

*Father John Muir*



**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

Due to an early bulletin deadline because of the Christmas holidays, this column is being composed on Monday, December 19th, and we are looking forward to a wonderful celebration for Christmas! As you read this today, Christmas was a week ago, and this weekend ushers in 2023. My hope is that you were able to gather with family, friends, and loved ones, and prayerfully remembered the wonderful gift of God's love given to us on that first Christmas, the Incarnation, the birth of Jesus Christ.

Today we begin a new calendar year, a new year is upon us. For some, 2022 was a very good year, for others this past year was challenging and difficult, even as we see ourselves emerging, ever so slowly, from the Covid-19 pandemic. We cannot repeat the past year; we cannot change it; we cannot go back and re-live it. But we do move on, and 2023 will have its fair share of challenges. The reality is that we are alive and able to enter this new year as people of fortitude, people who can dream, people who can create, and people who have God walking with us. This reality allows us to move forward with hope, great expectations, and dreams. Knowing that we can achieve anything we set our minds to gives us tremendous potential.

As we bring in the new year of 2023, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, we continue to celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season. We are reminded that Christ came to redeem all people and work through all people. We have cause to rejoice, even in the dark days of winter, the lights of Christmas memories continue to burn brightly. Christmas has a way of touching and changing hearts, and those hearts continue to beat strongly. The Church, at times fractured and struggling, continues to live in and through us.

Today's first reading from the book of **Numbers** offers a blessing that can accompany us throughout 2023:

*The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord let His face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look kindly upon you  
and give you peace!*

Happy New Year! Have a great first week of 2023! Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>January 2, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</b>
6:45 AM	The Faithful Departed
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>January 3, Christmas Weekday</b>
6:45 AM	Rita Wayne—The Woodworth Family
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,</b>
6:45 AM	John Delgatto—Greg and Mary Margaret Resel
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>January 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop</b>
6:45 AM	Joan Mitchell—Ed and Mary Lee Fairbrother
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>January 6, Christmas Weekday</b>
6:45 AM	Carol Wawrzusin—Raymond
9:00 A.M.	student, faculty and Staff of St. Mary Our Mother School
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>January 7, Christmas Weekday</b>
5:00 PM	Mike D'Aloisio—The Daily Family
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>January 8, Epiphany of Lord</b>
8:30 AM	Margaret Amisano—Adele Lanahan
10:30 AM	Daniel J. Linsler

**2023 CALENDARS:**

Our parish is sincerely grateful to the Lynch Funeral Home for the donation of our 2023 calendars. Thank you, Jim and Heather!



## MARY MOTHER OF GOD

*And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Luke 2:19*

Our Christmas Octave would not be complete without paying special attention to the glorious Mother of God! Mary, the mother of Jesus, the mother of the Saviour of the World, is properly called the "Mother of God." It is worth reflecting upon this powerful title of our Blessed Mother. And it's important to understand that this title says just as much about Jesus as it does about His Blessed Mother.

In calling Mary the "Mother of God," we especially acknowledge one fact of human life. A mother is not just the source of one's flesh, she is not just the mother of the body of her children, she is the mother of that person. Being a mother is not just something biological, it is something sacred and holy and is part of the divine order of God's creation. Jesus was her Child and this Child is God. Therefore, it is proper logic to call Mary the "Mother of God."

It's an amazing fact to think about. God has a mother! He has a particular person who carried Him in her womb, nursed Him, raised Him, taught Him, loved Him, was there for Him and pondered who He was throughout His life. This last fact is especially beautiful to look at.

The Gospel passage above says, "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." And she did this as a caring mother. Her love for Jesus was as unique as the love of any mother. However, it should be noted that she was a mother in perfection and loved Him with perfect love, He who was not only her Son but was also God and was perfect in every way. What does this reveal? It reveals that the motherly love shared between Mary and Jesus was profound, inspiring, mysterious, glorious and truly sacred! The mystery of their love is worth reflecting on throughout our lives, keeping it fully alive in our hearts. She is an example for every mother and is also an example for all of us who seek to love others with a pure and holy heart.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and captivating relationship that Mary would have shared with her Divine Son. Try to fathom what this love would have been like. Imagine the deep emotion and passion that would have filled her heart. Imagine the level of unwavering commitment she would have had. Imagine the unbreakable bond that was forged as a result of her love. What a beautiful celebration this is to conclude this Octave of Christmas Day!

*Dearest Mother Mary, you loved your Divine Son with perfect love. Your heart burned with an unquenchable fire of motherly charity. Your bond with Jesus was one that was perfect in every way. Help me to open my heart to that same love you share with me. Come be my mother and care for me as you cared for your Son. May I also love you with the love Jesus had for you and with the love He now lavishes upon you in Heaven. Mother Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.*



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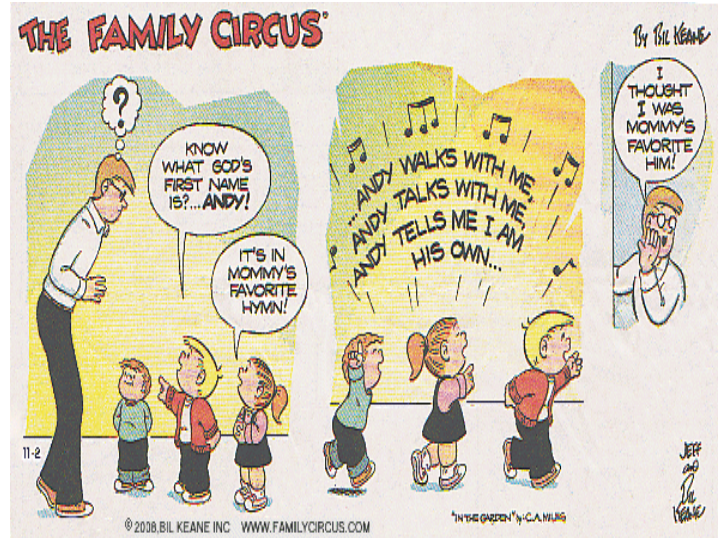
## Words of Wisdom:

If Jesus Christ is God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him!" *If Jesus Christ is worth serving, He is worth serving well.*

Never say mean words out of anger. Your anger will pass, but your mean words can scar a person for life. *So use kind words or be silent.*

"This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word." Humility is the very seedbed in which all of God's graces and gifts grow to maturity. *"Humble yourselves, so that at the proper time he may exalt you."* Isaiah 66:2

*If our prayer is meager, it is because we believe it to be supplemental and not fundamental.* If we pray only when we feel like it, we won't pray very much at all. We must resist that temptation. When I talk more than I pray, when I study more than I seek God's help, when I'm tempted to think that when I'm on my feet I'm more useful than when I am on my knees. I'm on the wrong side of this equation



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