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SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community.
We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese,
and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

January 1 - 8, 2023

SUN 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
World Day of Prayer for Peace

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

MON 2 Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great
and Gregory Nazianzen

12:05 pm Mass for Nicholas & Abraham
Ghaphery, Sr.

TUE 3 Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:05 pm Mass for John Pacewicz

WED 4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

12:05 pm Mass for Dr. Joseph Agresta

THU 5 Memorial of St. John Neumann

12:05 pm Mass for Dawn Miller

FRI 6 Optional Memorial of St. André Bessette
First Friday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Sr. Mary Florence Burke
12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins
5:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SAT 7 Optional Memorial of St. Raymond of Penyafort
First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for Evelyn Ghaphery
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Jerry Jacovetty

SUN 8 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Mass for Carole Sacco
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

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From Father Sateesh

"O God, be gracious and bless us, like Mary our Mother!"



As believers we feel that if God were to tell us exactly what He wanted of us and how He wanted us to act we would gladly do His will. But are we using His will in our daily life? Are we collaborating with His plans? Yes, we profess to be ready to do God's will, but we want to do it according to our plans. We pride ourselves in doing things 'Our way'. God's word proposes Mary as the model for preparing ourselves for the New Year by blessing God and asking for His blessing for the year.

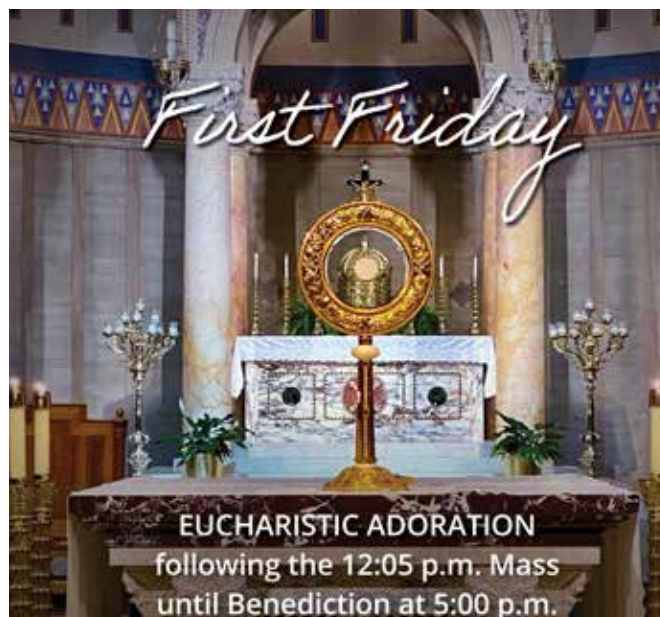
In the first reading there is the triple blessing imparted to the people by the temple priest. The Lord's name three times invoked marked the plenitude, perfection and the solemnity of the formula. Three was a sacred number among the Jews just as it was among the pagans. The petitions reach a climax in the prayer for peace; peace included everything they could desire. To let his face shine on one meant that God was well disposed to one. To uncover his face to one meant expressing his benevolence in an even stronger way. The Israelites were asked to call down God's blessings on one another; others could invoke God's blessings on us. We need others to be blessed by God.

In today's gospel we see the reaction of the shepherds to the good news, we see the response of Mary and we read of the circumcision of Jesus when he was given the name Jesus. We believe it was easy for the shepherds to believe for they were present there when these events took place. But did it make things easy? In fact, seeing might have made believing more difficult! What they saw was a frail, little child in need of being fed and clothed, dependent on others. Could this be the Son of God? There seems to be nothing extraordinary about him. He was in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger, both signs of poverty and want. Yet they believed that this was the Son of God. They not only believed but acted on the message they had heard. They journeyed and found the child and worshipped him. They told Mary what they had heard and went back full of joy thanking God for the privilege of seeing the incarnate Son of God.

Faith is one of the great blessings that believers receive from God. Without faith we look at life missing what God is doing for us in the world around us. Faith makes us see things differently. It is faith that fills us with joy as we can see God acting in all things. We see this in the reaction of Mary, she pondered all that she saw and heard and experienced in her heart. She could see the hand of God working through all the happenings there. She had no complaints, and she praised and worshipped this infant Son of God. The last part of the Gospel tells us that on the eight days, Jesus was circumcised and given the name Jesus. Jesus is as close as the mention of his name. Calling his name is a great blessing! Be with us Mary along the Way, and all will be well! I wish you all Happy New Year.



Happy, Holy, Healthy New Year to you and yours! As we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we offer for your prayerful reflection the cover image of Morgan Weistling's evocative painting entitled "Kissing the Face of God". He writes: "My prayer is that the viewer will be struck, as I am, with the amazing way that God chose to send His Son into this world — in pure humility." Let us see in the tenderness of Mother and Child, the tenderness she wishes to extend to each of us, her sons and daughters in her Son! Throughout 2023, may Mother Mary be our guard and guide to Her Son, Jesus, and "May God bless us in His mercy" (Ps 67, today's Mass).



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What better way to begin a new year than to spend time with Our Lord in the Eucharist! Please sign up for this Friday's Eucharistic Adoration by using the sheet in the narthex of the church.



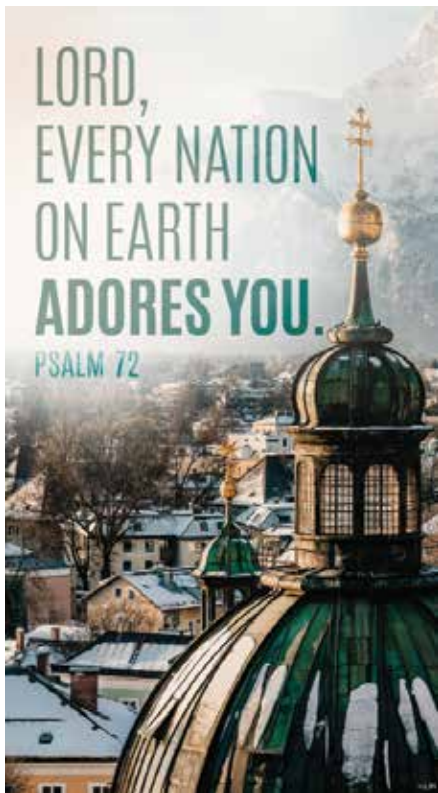
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A New Year's Prayer for the Family

O God, we thank you for a new year.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Special Christmas Blessing Defines Longing of Eucharistic People

The following is an excerpt of a homily given by Father Justin Golna, of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Wellsburg. It was originally given at the 2022 Infant of Prague Novena at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

In the life of a priest or a deacon there are moments in which his heart is pierced with a love from God. On Christmas of 2019, I experienced one of these moments.

I was a deacon, and I was in Rome, in seminary. I didn't want to travel anywhere for Christmas because I had a hope that I would be able to be a deacon at the pope's Mass. So, I waited as the days of Christmas break ticked by and finally on our bulletin board was the notice, "the Vatican needs acolytes and deacons to distribute Holy Communion at the pope's midnight Mass."

I arrived early and received training. As the Holy Father was celebrating the Mass, I was in the chapel praying and waiting with the other deacons for the time to distribute Holy Communion to the people in St. Peter's Square. As I prayed, I then saw the papal emcees with a trunk, which was supposed to hold 60 ciboria, which are the vessels that hold the consecrated hosts. Inside, however, they found only 15. After consulting with each other, they announced to the deacons: "There is not enough time to get more ciboria, so the first 15 to come to this table will be the ones to distribute Holy Communion to the faithful gathered outside." And the Lord was with me that evening because he positioned me right next to that table. So, I was the first in line. We received the hosts from the tabernacle and just as the Eucharistic prayer was starting, we were let out to the square.

Throngs of people were eagerly waiting to receive our Lord. For each person that I distributed Communion to, 100 more got in line. My hands were freezing so much from the cold that I could not feel his fingers, but I continued as the line's numbers increased. The attendant who was with each of us tapped me on my shoulder and said,

"Padre, it's time to go." I said, "Just a minute," and I kept trying to distribute more.

And with each host, more people joined the line. "Padre, we have to go now." I said, "I can't. Give me one more minute." Finally, he started to pull me away. And it was in that moment when I looked out at the crowd of people who had not been able to receive because there were too great a number, I felt the same love that the Lord feels. I could see the longing to be united with him....

As I was led away, one of the Vatican police officers, dutifully guarding the deacons, pulled me aside, "Father, can I receive?" he asked.

I gave him one of my final hosts. In this moment that I realized that there is a true desire for us to be united with the Lord in this great sacrament. For the people there, the longing was more tangible than it had ever been. We, who live in this oasis of churches where we can receive Holy Communion whenever we want, need to cultivate this same longing that those people had.

This longing that we have to have for our Lord comes from a strong foundation of love. And what greater love is there, our Lord tells us, than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

We know the Eucharist is not a symbol. We know that it is the Real Presence of our Lord. We are able to see beyond the appearance to what lies beneath. To the substance, to what it truly is.

One of my favorite things about being a parish priest is seeing elderly couples. As couples grow old together, they begin to talk like each other. They use the same language as one another, they finish one another's sentences. Because when one loves someone else so much, they take on the other's identity, and they want to be surrounded by that love. They conform themselves to the person they love.

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We are called to conform ourselves to our beloved, to Christ himself. Our heart is called to be whole, to be united in our one love and that love is God. And when we do draw deeper into love with God, we conform ourselves to him.

Whether one is a priest, a deacon, a religious, or a lay person, all will have these moments where God's divine love pierces our hearts. We have these moments where we are fire for him, and that fire attracts. We are able to foster this fire. Our love must be rooted in the same love that Christ has for us. And a love that is total, that is absolute, that allows nothing else to enter into it. A love that is giving of everything we have back to our creator, in knowledge that we receive everything we have from him. This love is what animates us.

The reason we go to Mass when we don't want to, the reason we love our neighbor and we pray for our

enemies, is because we know love himself. Our Lord is unique in that his words create and when he says that he is the bread of life he has created this reality that we are drawn to. We know not just with our eyes but with the eyes of faith that the entirety—the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord is contained in something so precious as this host. And we are drawn to it. We are drawn to it because of love.

Love alone is credible in a world which has inverted its priorities. Love alone will attract others to this same joy and love that one has when united to Christ. We are called to have love overflow from them to those they meet.

We are called to be in that state of awe and inspiration that those people in St. Peter's Square to foster a sense of mystery in the face of so great a Lord that we humbly receive him, we humbly adore him, we humbly love him.



Throughout the month of January, we give special honor to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Saint Paul wrote to the Philippians: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11). We hold the name of Jesus in special reverence. The very name of Jesus is a prayer.

A Way to Honor the Holy Name

Adopt the pious practice (that used to be more widely practiced and is so meaningful and fitting) of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus (just as we should bow or genuflect before the Real Presence in the tabernacle or make a sign of the cross as we pass a Catholic Church). The Council of Lyons in 1274 stated: "Each should fulfill in himself that which is written for all, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious Name is recalled, especially during the sacred Mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head." This devotion also helps to make amends for blasphemous use of the Holy Name.



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January 2 - St. Basil the Great (d. 379) & St. Gregory Nazianzen (d.390), bishops and doctors of the Church

Saints Basil and Saint Gregory Nazianzen became close friends as students in Athens. Together they fought against the Arian heresy, which denied the full divinity of Christ. Their writings also aided the Church's understanding of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. Gregory is known as "the Theologian" by the Eastern Churches. Basil is known as the father of Eastern monasticism and had a great influence on the development of liturgy, East and West.

January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious (1774-1821)

St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was born into an Episcopalian family and later in life joined the Catholic Church. She was married, a mother of five, and a founder of a religious order, the Sisters of Charity. At the invitation of the Archbishop of Baltimore, Elizabeth founded a girl's school which gave rise to the parochial school system in the United States. She was canonized by Paul VI in 1975, the first native born United States citizen to be canonized.

January 5 - St. John Neumann, bishop (1811-1868)

St. John Neumann came to the United States from what is now called the Czech Republic with the dream of being a priest and missionary. Received with open arms by the bishop of New York, he was ordained and immediately asked to help build churches and schools for German immigrants and Native Americans. While bishop, he was an avid supporter of the work of religious orders, a proponent of Catholic education, and an advocate for the needs of immigrants. He is the first American bishop to be canonized.

January 6 - St. Andre Bessette, religious (1845-1937)

Saint André Bessette modeled his life on that of St. Joseph, to whom he had a great devotion. As a brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross in Montreal, he was given the post of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College, a post he kept for forty years. A simple, holy man, André had a special gift of praying over the sick. His prayers were answered, sometimes in miraculous ways, and people began to come to him in large numbers. He gave all the credit to St. Joseph, and he dreamed of a shrine to St. Joseph on Mount Royal. He lived to see the building of the magnificent Oratory of St. Joseph begun.

January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest (1175-1275)

Saint Raymond of Penyafort traveled far and wide to convert nonbelievers, change the hearts of heretics, and infuse the great universities of Europe with solid theological instruction, resulting in a presence of the Dominicans at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. recognized as a visionary leader, St. Raymond was elected the third master general of the Dominican order, following in the footsteps of Blessed Jordan of Saxony. His spiritual aptitude and theological literacy reached beyond the walls of the Dominicans to other areas: he served as spiritual director of the pope, archbishop of Tarragona, and compiler and reviser of Church laws (canon law).

Saints of God, pray for us!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of January 1

SUNDAY

Numbers 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

MONDAY

1 John 2:22-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
John 1:19-28

TUESDAY

1 John 2:29—28
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
John 1:19-28

WEDNESDAY

1 John 3:7-10
Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9
John 1:35-42

THURSDAY

1 John 3:11-21
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5
John 1:43-51

FRIDAY

1 John 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Mark 1:7-11

SATURDAY

1 John 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6, 9
John 2:1-11

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.



Please remember
in your prayers all
who serve in the
Armed Forces.
May they be kept
safe and out of
harm's way.



Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

Betty Ida Hickman
(d. December 27, 2022)



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Rosary

Question:

What is the history of the rosary? Where did this prayer come from?

Answer:

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means “garland of roses”) was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 “Our Fathers” to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913.

In the apostolic letter *On the Most Holy Rosary*, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: “The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary’s prayer, her perennial Magnificat ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love” (no. 1).

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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| Andrew Helfer | Eli Musser | Ken Staley | Rick Burgy |
| Angela Niehart | Eric South | Kermit Klosterman | Ron Hickman |
| Archer Hatch | Eva Wood | Liam Barns | Rosanne Gaughan |
| Arthur Danehart | Fr. Joseph Wilhelm | Liam Manning | Rosalie Davis |
| Austin Cook | Frank Davis | Lukie Brown | Rose Otey |
| Barb Mazzocca | Frederick C. Schweizer | Margaret Stocke | Sarah Hanasky |
| Beth Jochum | Gail Koch | Marie Farnsworth | Sarah Sargent |
| Betty Teater | George Kirchner | Marie & Conner | Shirley DeBene |
| Bill Wilson | Geri Adams Nagy | Workman | Shirley DeCaria |
| Bob Armstrong | Hines Rotriga | Mark Davis | Stanley Kyrk |
| Bob Jones | Janet Cupp | Marshall South | Stephanie Bugaj |
| Billy Hanasky | Janie | Martha Yocum | Susan Graff |
| Brian Hanasky | Jean & Chuck Schultz | Mary K. Schlosser | Susan Mize |
| Brogan Gallentine | Jim Antill | Mary Walicki | Susan Schulte |
| Caleb Hlebiczk | Jim and Dee | Michael DeBlasis | Tammy |
| Carolyn Lash | Jimmy Hocking | Milissa Rose | Teresa Helfer |
| Carolyn Wiethe | Joe Bechtel | Nadine Greenwood | Thelma Pearson |
| Charles Heizer | John Petrella | Nicholas Barns | Tony Helfer |
| Charles DeBene | Jon-Michael Lasher | Pete Cuffaro | Trystan Timmons |
| Children of the | Joy Harr | Pete Mack | Victoria Jeskey |
| Youth Services System | Judy Pack | Philippa Shores | Zoey Knight |
| Christina Helfer | Julia Sheets | Rachel Wade | |
| Chuck Fair | Kathy Cooley | R. J. Stocke | |
| David A. Kress, Jr. | Kaitlyn Hanasky | Richard Simon | |

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the “Diocese” tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices” menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph



MASS TIMES

- SUNDAYS** 6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am
- WEEKDAYS** 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)
9:00 am (Saturday)
- HOLY DAYS** Please consult the bulletin

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CONFESSIONS

- FRIDAY** 11:15 - 11:45 am
- SATURDAY** 5:00 - 5:45 pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS
By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK /
MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**
Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

MARRIAGE
Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

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