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Daily Mass

***Tuesday- Wednesday-Friday-
Saturday
Holy Hour 7:00 AM
Mass at 8:00 AM***

Sunday Obligation

***Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM***

Eucharistic Adoration

***Fridays 12PM to 3 PM
Confession
Friday 12 Noon to 1:00
Saturday 5:15 to 5:45***

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God" states St Paul Romans 15:7.

Our God is a welcoming God and His Son, Jesus, also welcomes everyone into His presence. As parishioners of St John the Baptist parish we too wish to display this same welcoming attitude. And so we say, "Welcome to each of you who visit our Church.

Welcome into our lives of faith, of family and of community.

May God Bless You with Peace and All Good Gifts!



December 31, 2022

January 1, 2023

New Year's Eve

Solemnity of Mary

World Day of Peace

January 8, 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 5:00 PM

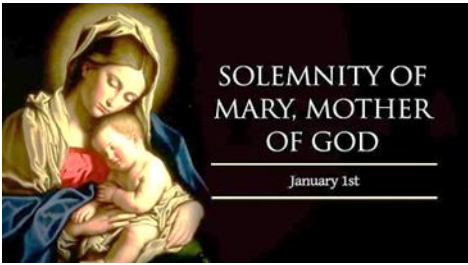
Mass 10:30 AM

Weekend Schedule

January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”



The Blessed Virgin Mary is born to be Mother, and her vocation as Mother of Christ extends to every Christian. We “receive adoption” and enjoy the new life of grace because of her fruitful virginity, for she gave birth to the Savior. The Lord wills to “let his face shine upon” us through the Mother of God. On the cross the Lord says, “Behold, your mother” (Jn 19:27), as “proof that we are sons.”

Beginning the year with this solemnity reveals that “devotion to this sweet Mother is not something superficial or intermittent, consisting of isolated practices with a special place and hour in our day, but constant and essential, reaching to the very depths of our hearts and filling our whole beings and our lives like a heavenly perfume” (Abp. Luis Martínez).

The Dignity and Power of the Mother of God, Divine motherhood is an immense power in the world of grace, the greatest power after the redemptive power of Christ. These words, expressing at the same time the greatest human endearment and an overwhelming sense of irresistible warlike power, have been always applied to the blessed Mother of God by the Christian liturgy.

In practice the Catholic Church looks upon the Mother of God as being an unbounded power in the realm of grace; in virtue of her divine motherhood Mary is simply the most vast, the most efficient, the most universal supernatural power in heaven and on earth, outside the three Divine Persons.

Magnificat Reflections

Sunday Readings

Numbers 6:22-27

“The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!”

Galatians 4:4-7

God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law...

Luke 2:16-21

Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

A Word from Pope Francis

Looking at Mary with her Son in her arms, I think of young mothers and their children fleeing wars and famine or waiting in refugee camps. They are many!....If we become artisans of fraternity, we will be able to mend the threads of a world torn apart by war and violence..



*Angelus, Rome
January 1, 2022*

Reflection Questions

- When my inner peace is threatened, do I quietly call on God?
- Is God asking me to say yes to something or someone today?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, so that we may imitate your mother and say yes to all God asks of us, we pray—

Be born in us, be born in our world. AMEN.

The Redeemers

Bulletin Reflection:



Today we honor Mary, the Mother of God. Christians throughout history have turned to the Blessed Mother for help, protection and an increase of Faith.

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Prayer

As we start the New Year, try to take up the daily (or weekly) practice of praying the Rosary. Turn to our Lady in prayer through the Rosary and invite Her into your life—to help you grow closer to Her Son.

General Intercession:

For all mothers in our lives, that they may look to the Blessed Virgin Mary as their example.

We pray to the Lord...

Today is World Day of Peace – Let us entrust to the Prince of Peace the hopes of all on the earth, through the intercession of his Mother. Son of God and Son of Mary, look upon us kindly and give us peace! The Lord bless us and keep us! The Lord let his face shine upon us! Lord look upon us kindly and give us peace! AMEN



January 8, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord

The Magi – according to tradition, Balthasar, Melchior, and Caspar – journeyed very far to find the Child Jesus. Do we seek Jesus with this same intensity?

Jesus wants us to find Him in everything. Every day, He wants us to grow in the awareness of His loving Presence and providence in all of the circumstances of our lives.

Jesus calls us to holiness, to closeness with Him. He reaches out, taking us by the hand, to a relationship with Him, leading us to eternal life.

The Magi did not only seek the Lord, but they also FOUND Him, and then they gave Him meaningful presents. However, we might ask, what do we have of any value to offer God? Echoing the words from “In the Bleak Mid-winter,” we can say, “What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man I would do my part. Yet what I can I give Him? Give my heart.”

Today, as a gift to the Lord, we can offer Him our hearts, our minds, our wills. We can rejoice in having found Him, and with the Wise Men adore Him in our hearts.

Throughout our Advent and Christmas reflections, we have been seeking to better know and love the Lord, our Beloved One who always loves us FIRST: this day, this moment, always! May God bless you throughout 2023, and may the Baby Jesus always live in your heart.

Advent and Christmas Reflections

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise? Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Matthew 2:1-12

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Reflection Questions

- How respectful are you of the religious quests of others?
- In what ways might your life shine the light of God’s love on others?

A Word from Pope Francis

The Magi humbled themselves before the unheard of logic of God. They welcomed the Lord not the way they had imagined him to be, but as he was, small and poor.



Their prostration is the sign of those who place their

own ideas aside and make room for God. It takes humility to do this.

*Angelus, Rome
January 6, 2022*

PRAYER Lord Jesus, so that our homes may be havens of peace, our families a source of joy, our children safe, and our elders respected, we pray.

Be born in us, be born in our world. AMEN

The Redemptorists



Bulletin Reflection:

Upon seeing the Star of Bethlehem, the magi go to meet Jesus and do Him homage.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality

The magi gave Jesus the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Jesus told us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sister, we do for Him. So, this week what gifts will you give to Jesus through our hospitality to others?

General Intercession:

In Thanksgiving to God’s Love through His Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We give thanks to the Lord...



WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Holy Hour 7:00 AM, Mass 8:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Fridays 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM



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| December 18 | \$2,647.00 |
| December 25 | 2,791.00 |
| Christmas | 730.00 |
| Retirement Fund | 60.00 |
| Votive Candles | 156.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 25.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | 25.00 |
| Mission for Ukraine | 292.00 |
| Special Donation (2) | 11,200.00 |

MASS Intentions

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| Sat | Dec 31 | 8:00 AM | ✠ Fr Binu & All Priests |
| Sat | Dec 31 | 5:00 PM | ✠ Emily Mathes |
| Sun | Jan 01 | 10:30AM | ✠ Marlene Jones |
| Tues | Jan 03 | 8:00 AM | ✠ Kenneth Runyan |
| Wed | Jan 04 | 8:00 AM | ✠ St John Parishioners |
| Fri | Jan 06 | 8:00 AM | ✠ The Noah Family |
| Sat | Jan 07 | 8:00 AM | ✠ Fr Binu & All Priests |
| Sat | Jan 07 | 5:00 PM | ✠ Thomas David Mulherin |
| Sun | Jan 08 | 7:30AM | ✠ Paul H Wissel |
| Tues | Jan 10 | 8:00 AM | ✠ St John's Parishioners |
| Wed | Jan 11 | 8:00 AM | ✠ Vernon Galle |
| Fri | Jan 13 | 8:00 AM | ✠ Special Intention |
| Sat | Jan 14 | 8:00 AM | ✠ Fr Binu & All Priests |
| Sat | Jan 14 | 5:00 PM | ✠ John & Lou Miller |
| Sun | Jan 15 | 7:30 AM | ✠ Bill Purdy |

Praying for ✠ In Memory ✠

Mass Intentions Available. Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

| | <u>Jan 7 (5PM)</u> | <u>Jan 8 (7:30AM)</u> |
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| Coordinator | Achleigh Simon | Ron Miller |
| Greeter | Jeremy Simon | Bob Voegeli |
| Lector | Gary Taylor | Jill Jansing |
| Eucharistic M | Ron Ebinger | Jessica Gorman |
| | <u>Jan 14- 5PM</u> | <u>Jan 15 - 7:30AM</u> |
| Coordinator | Sharon Voegeli | Jeff Greiwe |
| Greeter | Bob Voegeli | Jill Jansing |
| Lector | Gary Payne | John Holzer |
| Eucharistic M | Ron Miller | John Holzer |

ATTENTION BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS

Our first session is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 10 from 6-7:30PM**. If there is inclement weather, we will begin our first session the following Tuesday. Contacts will be made to notify when such a change is made. Also, materials will be distributed to each of you as soon as they become available. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Preschool to Grade 5 - Wednesday, 6:45 PM

Jan 4 – Class, Jan 11, 18 and 25 Class

Junior High & High School - Sunday 8:30 AM

Jan 2 - No Class, Jan 9 - Class

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Suggested

Items for




January:
Applesauce, Baking Items, Noodles, Jelly, Cereal (Hot & Cold), Hand Lotion.

The Lighter Side

- An elderly gentleman walks into his parish Christmas party for senior citizens and gets a drink from the bar. Looking around, he spies an elegant woman who appears to be close to his own age sitting alone at a table. He sits with her, takes a sip from his drink, and says, "So, do I come here often?"
- In a conversation with his pastor, Bill, who was quite elderly said, "When you get to my age you spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter." "It is pretty normal to think about life after death," said the pastor. "Well, that isn't exactly what I meant," Bill replies. "I often find myself going into a room and wondering what I came in here after!"



Rita Bedel
Amy Castner
Tim Castner
Todd Castner
Melissa Chapman
Paul Fullenkamp
Dottie Fullenkamp
Amy Graham
Lily Handt
Seth Hull
Keith Jarvis
Larry Kendall
David Lewis 
Linda McCain
Melvin Meisberger
Mark Meister
Teresita Noah
Tom Noah
Bill Oeffinger
Eileen Ogden
Gary Patton
Pavi Pathak Family
Randy Simon
Dolores Simon
Pam Thomas

 Denotes Active Service Deployment

MASS REQUESTS FOR 2023

If you are interested in requesting Masses for 2023, please be sure to drop your requests in the collection basket. There are Mass request envelopes available in the vestibule of the church.

MARK YOU CALENDAR

This is just a reminder to mark your new 2023 calendar for May 7 as we will be celebrating Father Binu's Jubilee, 25 years as a priest.