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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Gospel Reflection: Luke 2. 16-21

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God.

Today we celebrate the feast of Mary, Mother of God, the one who brought the Son of God into the world. And as much as we honor Mary today, we also honor Jesus, her divine Son.

At first glance, it may seem odd that today's Gospel focuses on the shepherds who came to see the newborn Jesus and left praising God. But surely Mary would want us to join them in their songs of praise! In everything she did, Mary led people to glorify her Son for the salvation he would win for them.

In every age, Mary has sought to bring all people to Jesus and to urge them to praise and worship him. In fact, it's probably her greatest desire for us as we begin a new year. She knows that we have so many reasons to praise her Son. We can praise him for becoming a man and teaching us to pray. We can adore him for offering himself on the cross to save us. We can glorify him for giving us his Spirit and making us children of God. We can *never* run out of reasons to praise Jesus! So make this your goal: to praise Jesus more in 2023. It's not always easy to include praise in your daily prayer, especially if you're not accustomed to it. You might not know what to say. But you can begin by thanking Jesus for your blessings. You can also praise him for forgiving your sins. And you can rejoice in his faithfulness and unending love.

As you add praise to your prayer, you can always ask Mary, Mother of God and your Mother, for help. You can use the Magnificat, her own song of praise, as a model as you set out to magnify the Lord (Luke 1:46-55). And you can take comfort in knowing that Mary is praising Jesus right along with you—all year long!

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Numbers 6.22-27

Second Reading: Galatians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 2.16-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 1 January

**The Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God.**

9:00 AM (Italian) PRO POPULO

10:30 AM For all Parishioners

12:00 PM For all Parishioners

Tuesday 3 January, 9:00 AM

For all Parishioners

Wednesday 4 January, 7:00 PM

+ Antonio D'Amata

Thursday 5 January, 9:00 AM

+ Cecelia Fornacier

Friday 6 January, 7:00 PM

+ Rosa Nicola,

+ Maria Toriello,

+ Giuseppe Rosa,

+ Gelsomina Rosa Rubino,

+ Luisa Agliata,

+ Vincenzo Zanella,

+ Salvatore Agliata



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

A blessed and happy 2023 to you all !

From Fr. Victor and the Parish Office .

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that the Office will be CLOSED from Saturday, December 31, 2022 to Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and we will open again on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

There will be NO MASS on Monday January 2, 2023

New Year's Eve

Virgil of the Mary the Mother of God

Mass Time

Saturday, December 31, 2022

No 9:00 AM Mass

No 3:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM — English

10:00 PM — English

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Mass Time

Sunday, January 1, 2022

9:00 AM — Italian

10:30 AM — English

12:00 PM — English

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes begin Saturday January 14, 2023, at 10 a.m.
All classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church.
Attendance to all classes is mandatory

Class #1	January 14	10-11:30 a.m.
Class #2	January 21	10-11:30 a.m.
Class #3	January 28	10-11:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes begin Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 3p.m.
All classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory.

Class #1	January 14	3– 5 p.m.
Class #2	January 21	3– 5 p.m.
Class #3	January 28	3– 5 p.m.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Parents' Meeting #1:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 7 to 8 p.m.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS

Parent/Sponsor's Meeting #1

Tuesday 15 February at 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study classes will resume on Monday, January 9, 2023. Starting in the next year, classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday. If there are any questions, please contact John at bible.stjw@gmail.com

STUDY OF CATHOLICISM

Meetings will resume on Thursday January 5, 2023. All are welcomed to join!

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES

The 40th anniversary of our Parish is next year and we are celebrating in a grand way! The celebration will include diverse events and it will also be a means to do the necessary maintenance and repairs of our entire parish edifice. Please save the dates for the following celebrations of our Parish's 40th anniversary:

- Parish Feast Day Mass, celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau: May 1 2023, 7:00 PM
- First Holy Communion Masses: May 13 & 14, 20 & 21, 2023 (5:00/12:00 PM)
- Confirmation Masses: May 27/28, 2023 (10:00 AM/3:00 PM)
- Cultural Day—Mass, food, & the celebration of different cultures: June 11 2023
- 40th Anniversary Grand Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins: September 24 2023, 12:00 PM
- 40th Anniversary Gala: September 29 2023

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