St. Mary Catholic Church

January 1, 2023 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, The Holy Mother of God

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Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:45 AM
Monday & Friday: 12:00 noon

Confession:
Saturday: 4:00 PM—4:30 PM

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M, W, Th, F
11:00 AM—3:00 PM

MOTHER OF JESUS—MOTHER OF GOD

"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

Today, January 1, we complete our octave celebration of Christmas Day. It's an often overlooked liturgical fact that we celebrate Christmas Day for eight straight days. We do this also with Easter Day, which concludes with the great celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

On this, the eighth day of the Octave of Christmas, we turn our focus to the unique and beautiful fact that God chose to enter our world through a human mother. Mary is called the "Mother of God" for the simple fact that her on is God. She was not the mother of her Son's flesh alone, nor the mother only of His human nature. This is because the Person of Jesus, the Son of God, is one Person. And that one Person took flesh within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Though becoming the Mother of God was a pure gift from Heaven and not something that Mother Mary merited on her own, there was one particular quality that she had that made her uniquely qualified to fulfill this role. That quality was her immaculate nature.

First, Mother Mary was reserved from all sin when she was conceived within the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. This special grace was a grace that was imparted to her from the future life, death and resurrection of her Son. It was the grace of salvation, but God chose to take that gift of grace and transcend time to impart it to her at the moment of her conception, thus making her the perfect and pure instrument necessary to bring forth God into the world.

Second, Mother Mary remained faithful to this gift of grace throughout her life, never choosing to sin, never wavering, never turning from God. She remained immaculate throughout her life. Interesting, it is this choice of hers, to forever remain obedient to the will of God in every way, that makes her more fully the Mother of God than the simple act of bearing Him within her womb. Her act of perfect unity with the will of God throughout her life makes her, also, the perfect mother of divine grace and mercy and perpetually the spiritual Mother of God, continually and perfectly bringing Him into our world.

Reflect, today, upon these most solemn mysteries of our faith. This eighth day of the Octave of Christmas is a solemn celebration, a celebration worthy of our pondering. The Scripture above reveals not only how our blessed Mother approached this mystery but also how we are to approach it. She "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Ponder these mysteries, also, in your own heart and allow the grace of this holy celebration to fill you with joy and gratitude.

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First Friday of the Month January 6

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 9:00 am and a Communion Service will be at 12:00 pm.

First Saturday of the Month January 7

Mass, recitation of the scriptural rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Communion Service begins at 9:00 am.

Dear friends and family at St. Mary and Holy Family.

I cannot tell you how special it has been for me to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries with you these past five weeks. The blessings I received from your hospitality and exuberance cannot be measured, but they have blessed my spirit abundantly.

Also, thank you for the many Christmas gifts that I received from you as we celebrated the Nativity of our Lord. (I would write individual notes of thanks but many did not attach names or addresses.) Please know that your generosity is much appreciated by this traveling churchless priest.

I look forward to a return visit to your faith-filled communities should Fr. Herbert ever need my assistance.

Until then, I remain your most grateful brother in Christ.

Fr. Bryan Timby

Quote of the Week:

"Have Courage, trust in our Lord, who will be our help in the work we have begun and in the undertaking to which He has called us."

St. Vincent de Paul

DATES TO REMEMBER :
January, 2023

January 1	Holy Family Hospitality Sunday
January 5	Christ's Cafe (St. Mary)
January 8	PRE Resumes
January 9	St. Mary Ladies Guild Meeting (10:30 AM)
January 18	Knights of Columbus Meeting (Holy Family 6 PM)
January 20	Holy Family Crafters (9:30 AM)
January 21	Knights of Columbus Bunco/ Pasta Night (6 PM)
January 23	St. Mary Pastoral Counsel Meeting (6 PM)
January 25	Holy Family Parish Counsel Meeting (12:30 PM)

"They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread"

Retreats being held at Our Lady Queen of Peace

Why we believe in the Real Presence, Transubstantiation, Fruits of Holy Communion and how to prepare for the sacrament

- For the first time we will present the Eucharistic Stations
- **Men** Feb. 10-12, 2023
  Women: March 24-26, Aug. 4-6, 2023
  Women & Men: Jan. 13-15, 2023, Mar. 3-5, May 5-7, 2023
- Log on to **OLQPretreats.com** & click on calendar
- Or call to register 731-548-2500

Dear parishioners of Holy Family and St. Mary. Thank you so much for the cards and gifts given to me this Christmas season. It is greatly appreciated. God bless you not only this season but all year long.

Deacon Wayne

Women's Morning of Spirituality

Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Church of the Incarnation. Doors open with 7:15 Continental Breakfast. Program begins at 8:15; Mass 12:15. Keynote Speaker: Ann Leatherman. Witness Speaker; Cathy Reineking. Leading us in song: Marie-Stephane Bernard and Marie Miller. Register at http://womensmorning.com/

"Bag Basics"

St. Mary's Ladies Guild is starting a new project which is a much needed service in our community. We will be filling paper lunch bags with **travel size** items that are needed by the less fortunate and homeless. We are asking that if you can, please donate some of the following items to help with the bags.

Men, Women or Children Socks, Hats and Gloves
Toothpaste, Toothbrush and Mouthwash
Shampoo
Brush and Combs
Washcloth and Soap
Crackers
Small Bottles of Water
Etc.

Christ's Cafe

St. Mary will be hosting Christ's Cafe on Thursday, January 5. We will be serving Chili, Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Crackers and Brownies. If you are able to help with the food or to work, please contact Sharon Latendresse at 731-431-3765. We serve close to 100 each time.

Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone who has knowledge of or who has cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report the information to the appropriate civil authorities first at1-877-237-0004, then to the Diocesan Director Child & Youth Protection at 901-359-2027 or the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 901-652-4066.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE of MEMPHIS

WEEKLY OFFERTORY
Week Ending
12/25/2022

St. Mary—Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	$2099.00
Families Contributing	19
Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Regular Offering	$757.00
Families Contributing	12

ONE **COLLECTION**
1/8/2023

Ministry Schedule
for January 8, 2022

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors
Saturday: Joyce Rushing
Sunday: Debra Davenport

Eucharistic Ministers
Joyce Rushing(Sat.)
Debra Davenport (Sun.)
Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)
Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Counters
Debra Davenport and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector
Sunday: Leah Koonce

Gift Bearers
Pedro and Otilia Mendez

Eucharistic Ministers:
Pat Allen and Karen Pierce

Counters
Wyatt Brooks and Wayne John Edwards

Mass Intentions					
	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	12/31/2022	St. Mary	7:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Sunday	01/01/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	01/01/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Monday	01/02/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Tuesday	01/03/2023			No Mass	
Wednesday	01/04/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Thursday	01/05/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Friday	01/06/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Saturday	01/07/2023	St. Mary	7:00 PM	Communion Service	
Sunday	01/08/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Communion Service	
Sunday	01/08/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Communion Service	

Prayer Intentions for the Health and Recovery of our Parish Family...

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in distress.
The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. (Ps. 46)

St. Mary's: *Patty Russo, Joe Griggs, Kitty Shelton, Jim Simpson, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Steve Ruhlman, David Johnson, Patrick Schasser, Sherrie Goldman, Fran Birckhead, Jim McMillon, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Barbara Harrison, Mary Brown, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.*

Holy Family: Debbie O'Bryant, *Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbel, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Deborah Thorne, Paul Multon, Bill Harder, Leon Thorne, Mary Boucher, Sissy Munoz.*

For Our Extended Family*: Carl Reetz, friend of Holy Family Parishioners; Don Parker, son of Joyce Parker; Becky Orr; Scott Henderson, friend of Craig and Kathy Coltharp; Samantha Moore, granddaughter of Barbara Taylor; Nancy Vargas, mother of Bob Vargas; Paul Harrison, friend of David McCloskey; Mark King, nephew of Tricia Smothers; Barbara Gillespie, sister of Dan Ebeling; Carolyn Tedmore, sister of Pam McMillan; Susan, Kitty Shelton; Terry Pace; Jeff and Edna Henry; John Waters; Kaelynn Bressler, niece of Dan and Jean Ebeling; Ruel Carmicheal, son of Betty Gagnon; Patty Douglas, friend of Barbra Taylor; Arley McMillon, brother of Jim McMillon; Barbara and James Harrison, friends of Donna Melton; Richard Muenze, brother-in-law of Pam McMillon; Lucy Connolly, sister of Lila Korbel; Gus Palmieri, friends of Jessica Glendora; John H. Costello, brother of Pam McMillon; John Brinker, uncle of Carrie Etter; Extended family of Barbara Taylor; Ruth Johnson, Aunt of Jean Ebeling; Dee Vohnoutka, sister of Garry Korbel; Anissa Jeanne Hendrix, Deacon Wayne Tedford's niece, Matthew Ebeling, son of Dan & Jean Ebeling; Charles Glover; Brenda Boodman.*

For those on active duty in the military:
Kyle Moore, grandson of Barbara Taylor, Kyle Bissen, grandson of Kenneth and Alma Bissen, Jonathon Placido, son-in-law of Arlene Conrad; Zakkary Klinzing, grandson of Mary Jane Klinzing; Eric Huot, husband of Lorna Johnson Huot; Brendon Dugger, son of Sigi & Tom Dugger and grandmother Bella Stahl; Joshua Parker, grandson of Willis & Joyce Parker; Thomas O'Bryant III, son of Thomas & Debbie O'Bryant; Daniel Stanfill, grandson of Grady & Diana Stanfill.