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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*



1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Regular Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass will be celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am.

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass **5:00 pm**

Sunday Masses **9:00 am**
(livestream)

10:30 am

12:00 pm

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Marveling and Treasuring

Today on the feast of the Holy Mother of God we see Mary *marveling* at what has happened, *treasuring* the events of Christmas in her memory, and *pondering* them in her heart. The image is that of the contemplative woman who ponders the marvels the Almighty has done for her and for all people. She ponders in response to what the shepherd said to her. Those simple, humble shepherds had preached the gospel to her. Repeating what had been told to them by the angels, "Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." It is the good news, this gospel, that she treasured and pondered over.

The same gospel has been preached to us, and we are invited to treasure it, to ponder on it and to respond to it, as Mary did. Today, New Year's day, is a day when many feel drawn to make good resolutions. What better new year's resolution could we make today than that of adopting Mary's stance before the grace of God? Today's feast invites us to share in Mary's sense of awe and wonder before God's merciful love, made known to us in Christ, her son. As we look towards the new year, which begins today, we ask Mary to help us to treasure the gospel as she did, so that Christ might come to others through us as He came to us through Mary.

In the first four Christian centuries, writers emphasized Mary's *faith* rather than her divine motherhood. As St. Augustine put it, "She conceived Jesus in her heart before conceiving Him in her womb." Also venerated as Mother of Good Counsel, Our Lady can be our guide and counsellor in the area of faith. She wants to beget faith in us, to be our Mother in faith. That is why, in the gospel of John, she is present at the beginning and end of Christ's public life.



**WISHING ALL PARISHIONERS A
BLESSED, PEACEFUL, AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**





Happy New Year to all of you and your loved ones near and far. May we celebrate the feast of Mary the Mother of God. Ask for her graces and intercession.

I, Fr. Anthony Gonsalves, take this opportunity to thank all our Parishioners, who have through their generous donation, helped to keep the Parish afloat. I would like to thank the lectors, the Eucharistic ministers, the Music Ministry, the Hospitality Ministers, our staff, and all those who gave of their time and talent to make all our Eucharistic celebrations more meaningful, and lastly those who worked tirelessly in a very silent manner.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Dec. 31st

5:00 pm - Adrian John

Sunday Jan. 1st

9:00 am - Members of our Parish

10:30 am - +Angelica Gonsalves

12:00 pm - +Neil Baylon

Tuesday Jan. 3rd

8:30 am - +Cecilia Ho & deceased family members

- Mass of Thanksgiving – Carol Thomas
- Lydia Shemain

Wed. Jan. 4th

8:30 am - Quinlan John

Thurs. Jan. 5th

8:30 am - +Rosario and Givonna Di Falco
- Heather DiStefano

Fri. Jan. 6th

8:30 am - Cordelia Shemain



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