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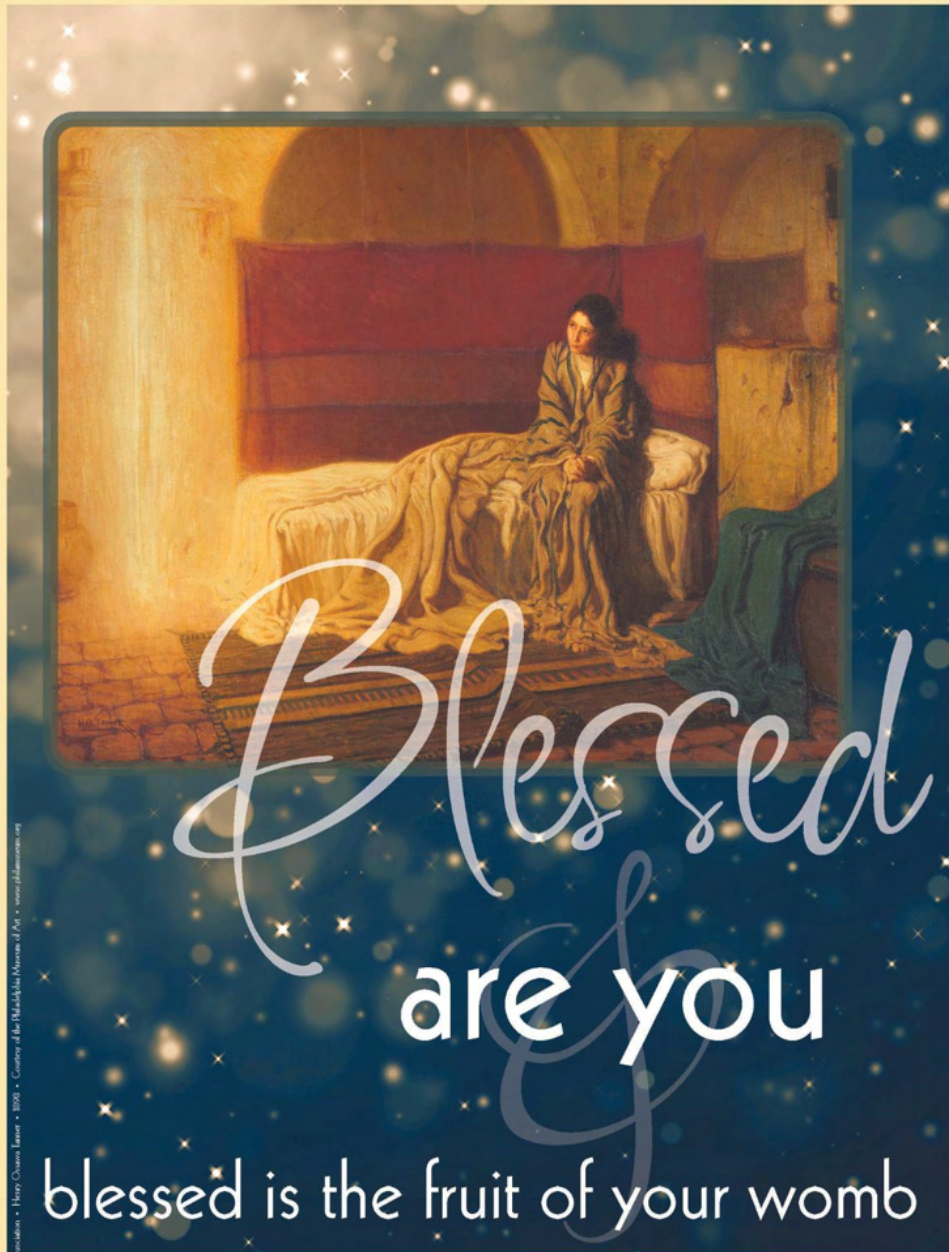


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January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm

Saturday*: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

*1st Saturday of the month 8:00am

Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Saturday 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the parish office at least six weeks in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Call the parish office at least six months in advance.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day

Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday: St. John Neumann

Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday

Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Fr. Jorge, Fr. Joseph,
and all the OLG staff wishes everyone
a Blessed & Happy New Year!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Dolores Beardsley, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, Esther & Guadalupe Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, David Davis, John De Leon, Kate DeWein, Mary Elizabeth Donovan, Angela Fitzner, Deacon Frank Gallardo, Vangie Gallardo, Eric Hawbecker, Josephine Janczar, Markus Klink, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Carolyn Smith, Lisa Weissler, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm - May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).
Second Reading -God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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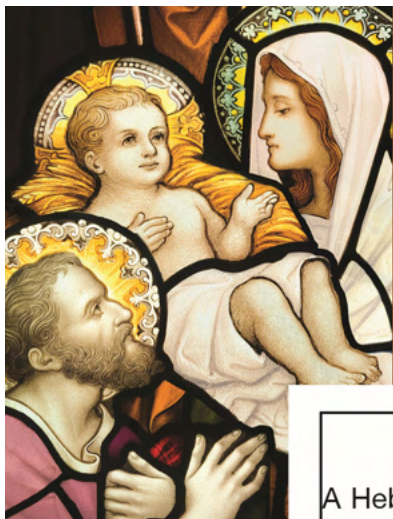


Please pray for the repose of the soul of
†Gloria Rodriguez
who died December 10, 2022.
May she rest in peace.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
†Teresa Barrera
who died December 16, 2022.
May she rest in peace.

This weekend's second collection
Is for our Parish Outreach



The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found

MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE INFANT LYING IN THE MANGER.

Luke 2:16

January 1, 2023 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

SHALOM

A Hebrew word that many people are familiar with is *shalom*, commonly translated into English as “peace.” However, the word is much richer, deeper, and broader than that. As a matter of fact, when the blessing in today’s first reading concludes with *shalom*, it serves as a summary of the entire blessing: *shalom* is God’s wholeness, well-being, longevity, harmony, as well as God’s peace. Perhaps Mary prayed this blessing while she found herself in the midst of angels, shepherds, and—quite likely, thanks to the shepherds—inquisitive neighbors who had been told of the wondrous birth. Perhaps she prayed for God’s *shalom* not only for herself, but also for her child as she reflected on his birth. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we can likewise pray this blessing, with Mary as our example, pondering the mysteries of Christ in our hearts, praying for the richness, depth, and breadth of God’s *shalom*.

MARY THE CAREGIVER

At some point in time, most people will find themselves needing to watch over another person. This is true for parents and children of course; for others, perhaps an aging parent or spouse; a friend or neighbor living alone after surgery. At these times, along with the caregiving of the moment, there is often a focus on the future, a wondering about what will come. Quite naturally for the new mother Mary there is this future focus, with many possibilities for her to hold in her heart. She reflects quietly in the midst of the very hectic series of events that follow the birth of her child: hurrying shepherds who go and tell the wondrous news to others, then those others sharing their amazement. Luke tells us that Mary keeps all of this, and reflects on it in her heart. Mary is watching over Jesus as mothers do, watching over each and every moment.

GOD THE CAREGIVER

As Mary watches over her child, so did Israel pray for God to watch over them and one another, to bless and keep them, as Mary kept and reflected on things in her heart. Mary’s face surely shone upon the infant Jesus, as Israel prayed for God’s face to shine upon them with that graciousness we also know in her whom we call “full of grace.” At the conclusion of the blessing in today’s first reading is a prayer for God to look on us in kindness and, even more, to grant us peace. It may be in this final line of the blessing that we see God most at work in the face and the care of Mary, gazing gently on her child, wishing the fullness of God’s *shalom* for Jesus and his future. Our mission as disciples is to show the divine care we hear in the blessing prayer, and to live out the care-giving we see today in Mary.

TODAY’S READINGS

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 2

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
-Ramirez Family

Tuesday, January 3

5:30 pm John F. Blume
- Blume Family

Wednesday, January 4

7:00 am Mollie Clemens (d) - A Friend

Thursday, January 5

5:30 pm Augustine Becnel Waters (d)
-Adrienne Becnel

Friday, January 6 -*First Friday*

7:00 am Ernest Horton (d) - Pierrel Family
5:30 pm Robert Drury (d) - Maria del Carmen Drury

Saturday, January 7- *First Saturday*

8:00 am Carmen Eloise Link- 18th Birthday
-Link-Guzman Family
5:30pm Rachel A. Espinoza (d) - Family

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am Our Lady of Grace Parishioners
10:30 am The Calderon Family
-St. Anthony Catholic School Board
12:00 pm Edna "Nina" De La Garza (d)
-Parish

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, January 2

Mass 8:00 am Fr. Jorge

Tuesday, January 3

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Joseph
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

Wednesday, January 4

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge

Thursday, January 5

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Joseph
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

Friday, January 6 - Epiphany of the Lord -*First Friday*

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge
Mass 5:30 pm TBD

Saturday, January 7 - Baptism of the Lord -*First Saturday*

Mass 8:00 am Fr. Joseph
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Jorge

Sunday, January 8

Mass 8:30 am Fr. Joseph
Mass 10:30 am Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI
Mass 12:00 pm Fr. Joseph

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, JAN. 2 Closed

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAY, JAN. 1 No Classes

PARISH MINISTRIES

All parish ministries are on WINTER BREAK and will resume after the New Year. Dates will be listed in forthcoming bulletins.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Saturday, Dec. 31 5:30 pm

Sunday, Jan. 1 8:30am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, Jan. 8 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

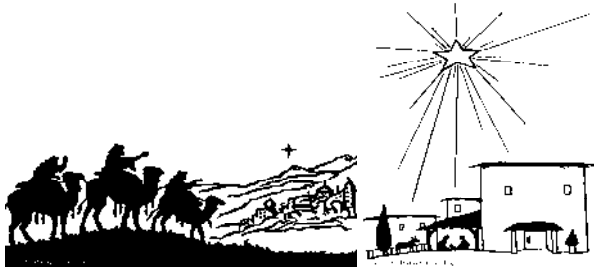
Adoration of the Child Jesus after every Mass

*The Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 9)
Is the conclusion of the Christmas Season*



Prayer at the Manger:

With Mary and Joseph
May we follow the
faithful, loving witness
of Mary and Joseph
as we seek to bring
Jesus, your Word,
into the world.
May we always follow
His Gospel,
now and forever.
Amen.



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING



Materials: a piece of chalk and a lighted candle (candle is optional). Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.
[20 + C + M + B + 23]**

**Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!
ALL: Amen!**

Each room of the house is blessed using the following prayers.

Living Room:

**Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present.
Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!**

Kitchen:

**Give us this day our daily bread. Bless this room O Lord.
ALL: Amen!**

Dining Room:

**Prepare us for the heavenly banquet. Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!**

Bedrooms:

**Stay with us Lord, when night has come. Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!**

Bathroom:

**Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!**

All return to the front door to pray together around the lighted candle.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father . . .

The leader prays the final prayer below.

**Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
forever and ever.**

ALL: Amen!



Parish Guild First Friday

The Parish Guild First Friday Potluck Dinner will be held this ***Friday, January 6th***

Please join us for the

5:30pm Mass and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

followed by a potluck dinner in the Madonna Room.

Are you interested in a convenient and secure way to make your Offertory gift? E-giving is available for our parish through the Faith Direct program. For more information and to enroll go to our website, olgsa.org, and click on the e-giving tab or contact the office.

**Understand Your Catholic Faith with
The Catechism in a Year Podcast
with Fr. Mike Schmitz!**

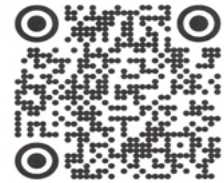
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"Amados y Elegidos"

February 3-5
2023

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Don't spend your life wondering if you are called to the Priesthood or Religious Life. Come Join us at Cordi-Marian Retreat Center

- **Registration Required**
- Ages 18-40
- For more information contact:
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Holy Hour For Priests



**Tuesday,
January 10, 2023
7 PM- 8 PM**

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group

the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please join us from **6:30-8:00 pm** in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



Altar Flowers: If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary, please call the office at 734-7285. Each weekend in the bulletin we thank all those who sponsor the altar flowers.

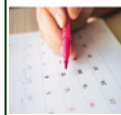


Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Exposition begins every Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7 am.

For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.



As with many other industries, our calendar publisher is experiencing longer than usual delays in their printing process. Our parish calendars should arrive in a couple of weeks.

OUR LADY'S CHOIR

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at 7pm in the Choir Loft.

We are preparing to sing at the 10:30 Sunday Mass and special parish celebrations.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you want to join us!

“Mr. Rick” McLaughlin, Director of Music
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