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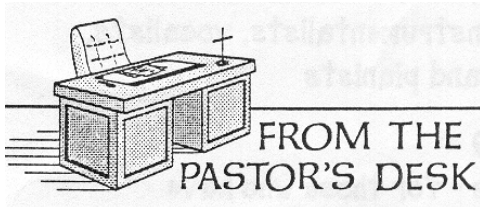
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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Firstly, let me take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy New Year! I hope that all the happiness and the blessings of all-mighty God will be yours this coming year.

I do think it is auspicious that we start the New Year in the Church not with making resolutions. I don't want to make a general statement but for me, I wouldn't call what I do a "resolution" it's more wishful thinking, I never seem to carry through. Why? Let's just say the resolution is just as strong as the person making it.

Rather we begin the New Year with Mary. In Mary we have a person who will care for us our Mother Mary. She guides us to her son and supports us. For we do not have in the blessed Virgin a Mother who lived in the proverbial ivory tower. She had moments of joy, sorrow and glory as we all do. She is one who has already experienced all of what we will experience. She can be with us in our happiness and in the moment of sorrow she can be our consolation, that this year brings (and may I say, I hope those moments of sadness are mild and infrequent) she can comfort us and point us to her Son which is the source of all grace.

And so regardless of what this year brings, let us resolve with firmness of faith but one thing: to be always close to our Most Blessed Mother and through her to her Son for whom nothing is impossible.



*Che il nuovo anno
sia per tutti voi un sorriso stupendo
lungo dodici mesi...*

Buon 2023

dalla parrocchia di San Bernardo



MARY, is often associated with mercy and rightly so. As Jesus lay in the Manger with no more than the breath of the donkey and ox to keep Him warm, Mary wanted to alleviate all that caused the Blessed Lord harm and to comfort Him. Whenever we are moved to do the same with those we see, that is true mercy in action.

Mary also held up Her Divine Son to the Wise Men showing Him to them and to all who come seeking God. In this way, Mary acts as the perfect model and Mother of the Church and all of us Her children, both showing Christ to all who come to us, so that they may know and Love Him and in imitation of our Blessed Saviour to show mercy to them as well. In this way, Mary fulfills the two great laws of Christ: to Love God in all our strength, mind and soul and to Love our neighbour as ourselves.

As a true disciple of her Blessed Son she stays close to Him throughout her life and this finds her standing at the foot of the cross. At that moment, Jesus gave us Mary as our Mother too, after he had been nailed to the cross, He addressed her in these words "women behold your Son" then he said to John "behold your mother". Jesus looks at us one by one; behold your mother, he says. John took her into his home, received her lovingly and cared for her with the greatest respect. He brought Mary into his home, into his life. Spiritual writers have seen words of the Gospel as an invitation to all Christians to bring Mary into their lives.

Our Lady, close to her Son, fulfills her mission as mother of all by interceding continually for them. On this Solemnity of Our Lady, we begin the new year. Truly there could not be a better start of the year and all the days of our life, then being very close to Mary. With the confidence of children, we go to her, so that she may help us to live holiness every day of the year.



**ADORATION
of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

This Friday, January 6th,
is the first Friday of the month. We will have
Holy Rosary at 6:30 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Please join us in this evening of Prayer.



Thank you to the over 50 club
We wish to thank everyone who participates weekly in
the Over 50 Club for their generous donation.

We thank everyone for your contributions towards our
new Nativity Set.

This new set will serve our parish with joy for years to
come. With your generosity, we have raised enough
funds to pay for it in full.

Thank you for this Christmas gift to the parish,
it means a lot!

**Thank you letter from the
Good Shepherd Ministries dated December 1, 2022**

Dear Rev. Perri and Parishioners:

I want to tell you how much it means to all of us at Good Shepherd Ministries that you participated in our annual Thanksgiving food drive. With your generous collection of non-perishable food items, you are helping to provide meals to individuals who are homeless and at-risk.

As winter draws closer and the weather turns colder, the bleak reality that surrounds the homeless is heightened. While we enjoy the comfort of our homes and loved ones, we never forget people isolated from family and friends, people who struggle each day with hunger, addiction, illness and despair.

That is why we are all very thankful for your kindness and support. Your food drive collection will be instrumental in helping us to provide nutritious meals to those in our community who are homeless and hungry.

Our work is far from done, but together we have made great strides in making a difference in the lives of those who are vulnerable, marginalized and who need our support.

Thank you!

Sincerely, Adrienne Urquhart

Director, Fundraising & Public Relations



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DEC. 31st TO SUNDAY, JAN. 8th, 2023

Sat 31 st	NEW YEAR'S EVE	5:00 pm
Sun 01 st	NEW YEAR'S DAY	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm
Mon 02 nd		9:00 am
Tues 03 rd	Filippo & Maria Tatangelo Adelia & Rocco Corsi	8:00 am
Wed 04 th	Holy Rosary	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Thur 05 th		8:00 am
Fri 06 th	FIRST FRIDAY	6:30 pm Holy Rosary 7:00 pm Followed by Holy Hour
Sat 07 th	Michele Romano (1year Mem. Mass)	3:00 pm 5:00 pm Luigi Sottile Angelina Sottile
Sun 08 th	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9:00 am Adolorata & Nicola Matricciano Giuseppe Dominicis Nazzareno Tari Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Fiore Molinaro Nicola Michetti Amelia, Adolfo & Angelo Artuso Defunti Famiglia Artuso Lourdes Eusebio 10:30 am PRO POPOLO 12:00 pm Wilfredo Dolores

**We will celebrate the Mass on
Monday, January 9th, at 7:00 pm for
The Baptism of the Lord.**

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)

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