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Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2023

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



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.



December 31st 4:30PM Levy Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Matilda Harris Powell (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Harold & Mary Joseph & Powell Family; Nelson McZeal (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) & Mary Lee McZeal (RIP) by The McZeal Children

January 1st 9:00AM 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

January 3rd 6:00PM ***No Mass.....***

January 4th 8:00AM ***No Mass.....***

January 5th 8:00AM ***No Mass.....***

January 6th 6:00PM Barbara Williams (RIP) by Nuong Tran & Family

January 7th 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Valynn White (Happy Birthday-RIP) by Corine Jones; Harold Manuel (1yr. Death Anniversary-RIP) by Addie, Neka & Charlene Manuel; Mary Lou Sam (RIP), Mary Lee McZeal (RIP) & Barbara Williams (RIP) by Johanna Lewis



Happy New Year

I wish all parishioners a happy and blessed New Year. I am very appreciative of your kindness at Christmas. Thank you so much for your beautiful Christmas cards and gifts. May God bless and reward you. Once again, I wish you a happy, peaceful and fruitful New Year.

Fr. Anthony Afangide, MSP



Happy New Year from Fr. Anthony Afangide and the Parish Staff Alex Carrier, Esther Dugay, Sandra Fontenot and Crystal Williams

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The Parish Office will be closed for the Holiday and New Year beginning December 26, 2022 - January 2, 2023. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, January 3, 2023

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CCE Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2023

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).***

BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.





Happy 37th Wedding Anniversary Angela & Jeffrey Zeno, Jr.

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

"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

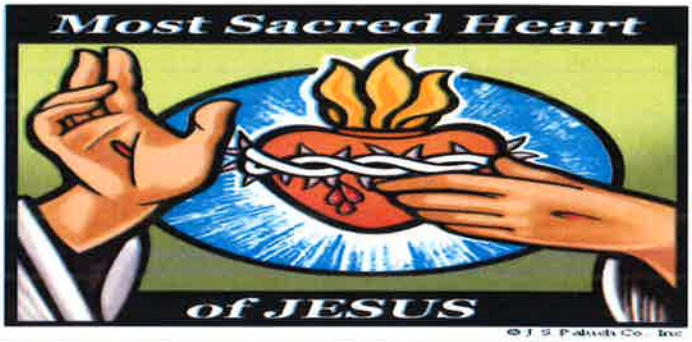
A Hebrew word that many people are familiar with is shalom, commonly translated into English as "peace." However, the word is much richer, deeper, and broader than that. As a matter of fact, when the blessing in today's first reading concludes with shalom, it serves as a summary of the entire blessing: 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.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Remember, Reflect, Respond

This feast has had several names through history. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one. When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son Jesus is also the divine Son of God.

Today's Gospel records one simple action of Mary: to keep these things in her heart. Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of being a disciple. Like Mary, we need to both keep, or remember, what God has done, and to reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures? Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times God has forgiven us?

Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God's goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God's help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH
Resolve to Spread God's Mercy and Peace

Imagine: two New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year, and today the secular New Year 2023 begins. In today's Gospel, everyone who heard it was amazed by the story the shepherds told of the angels' message regarding the child. Mary herself continued to reflect on all these things in her heart. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, and COVID not yet entirely in the rear-view mirror, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2023, let our New Year's resolution be to live for others, as Mary did, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

Fr. Anthony will bless singles, widows and widowers who lost a spouse in January. Next weekend he will bless those celebrating a wedding anniversary in January.

Gulf Coast Health Center's Mobile Medical Unit is now offering a vaccine event to combat COVID-19 at Sacred Heart on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 10:00am.-until. Please sign the sheet in the Vestibule to allow you, families or community access to vaccinations and to get an accurate count to provide proper amount of vial.

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ... Sharon Adams, Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Esther Dugay, Bernadette Dames, Vincent Fertitta, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Michael Linden, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

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.

Meeting

-KPC Ladies Auxiliary Cartagena Court #32 will meet Sunday, Jan. 8th at 1:30pm at the KPC Hall. Grand Deputy will be there for our initiation, all members are ask to attend.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

First Friday Adoration/January 6th

FRI. 5:00PM/Mass 6:00PM

Esther Dugay

January 7th & January 8th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM **Lemurial Sinegal**
Leroy Leopold

SUN. 9:00AM **Tanya Robertson**
Kahtrina Martin

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