

Calendar

Monday

January 2

*Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and
Doctors of the Church*

1 Jn 2:22–28

Jn 1:19–28

Tuesday

January 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29–3:6

Jn 1:29–34

Wednesday

January 4

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious*

1 Jn 3:7–10

Jn 1:35–42

Thursday

January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11–21

Jn 1:43–51

Friday

January 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Mk 1:7–11

or Lk 3:23–38

Saturday

January 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 2:1–11

Sunday

January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1–6

Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6

Mt 2:1–12

Dear Padre,

Does calling Mary “the Mother of God” mean that she came before God?

No; it simply expresses our belief that Mary is truly the Mother of Jesus, who from the moment of his conception was both human and divine. Catholics believe that God is a Trinity of persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in one divine nature. We believe that God existed from all eternity and is the source of all created things. We also believe that, to save us from sin, the second person of the Trinity, the Son, took on a human nature. God became one of us in the mystery of the Incarnation.

Luke’s Infancy narrative (1:26–38) tells us that God sent Gabriel to Mary to announce that she would have a child, the Son of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary consented, and Jesus Christ was conceived in her womb. Later, Mary is greeted by Elizabeth as “the mother of my Lord” (1:43). This greeting expresses the reality that the Lord, the God of the Hebrew Scriptures, is present in Mary’s womb. Other passages testify to the same fact. Mary is the Mother of Jesus. Jesus is God (John 20:28). Therefore, Mary is the Mother of God.

When we honor Mary as “the Mother of God,” we are professing our belief that Jesus is truly God. We are not saying that Mary came before God but rather that the Son, who existed from all eternity, “became flesh and lived among us” (John 1:14).

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A Word From Pope Francis

“In Christ...we recognize a human nature and a divine nature, united in the same person in a miraculous and indissoluble way. This holds in an analogous way for the Church.”

—General audience, October 29, 2014



Holy Mary Mother of God

January 01, 2017



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.
Mass Schedule for this Week

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 4:00 pm Our Parish Family
9:00am Our Parish Family
Mon 8:00am +Althea Duncan

Tues 8:00 am Spec Int
Wed 6:00 pm Spec Int
Thu 8:00 am Spec Int
Fri 8:00 am Spec Int

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Happy New Year! "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Supernatural communication was nothing new for Mary. The angel Gabriel had already appeared and spoken to her when she agreed to bear God's Son. Her husband Joseph also had a kind of divine intervention in the dream where the angel told him to go ahead and marry her. When she was pregnant, her cousin Elizabeth had been led by the Holy Spirit to know the secret that Mary was "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43). Now, Jesus has just been born and a crew of earthy shepherds appears at her door with a message from heaven: that the Savior has been born. And Mary believed them. She did not doubt their sincerity or the authenticity of their message. She took the words to heart, and meditated upon the meaning of it all.

What might strike us as peculiar in all of this is that God chose to speak to Mary in a variety of ways. This holy and immaculate woman, this Mother of God, did not always receive direct communication from on high. Sometimes, God chose to speak to her through other people. Sometimes, he revealed himself to them in order to reveal himself to her. And God does the same with us.

It's easy to daydream about having our own personal revelation from God, to hear his voice loud and clear, directing, encouraging, and supporting us in our times of need and confusion. But this isn't the standard pattern of God's operation. Mary was tuned in enough to hear God's voice all around her instead of expecting it to always sound the same. We can imitate this same kind of openness by seeking to discover how God may be speaking to us through the voices of others.

I pray you continue to have a peaceful and joyful Christmas season. O Come Let Us Adore Him!

— *THANK YOU* —

To all those who sent many cards, gifts and goodies to me over the holidays;

May God bless all of us! A very Happy, Safe, and Blessed New Year

...Fr. Khoa

First Friday Adoration

Please join us at St. Ann this **Friday, January 6th** for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. **Adoration** will begin after the 8:00am Mass and end about 9:30am. Please come as "**Jesus longs for your visit**".

End of Year Statements

If you desire an end of year offering statement please email or call the Parish office and request one.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

70Identifiable: **\$1,346.00**; Loose: **\$1,716.00**;
Total: **\$3,315.00**; Children: **\$8.00**; Christmas envelopes: **\$227.00**, Calendar: **\$24.00**

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Identifiable: **\$200.00**; Loose: **\$303.00**; Total: **\$503.00**.

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Church Cleaning: Marie Chasse and Michelle Lizana will clean the church on Jan 2 and 9. Thank you

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 31 5pm	Richard Dunlap	Ellen West , Mike West , Henrietta	Austin S.	Doug Kermit	Mike & Diane Mays
Sun Jan 01 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Jan 01 9am	Sharon Leimer	Kim Wood, Robin Peterson, James Quintini	Carson Kaiden	Robert Jimmy	Lester Palmer Family
Sat Jan 07 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta , Mike Mays , Diane Mays	Austin S.	Mike August	Carolyn Lizana
Sun Jan 08 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Jan 08 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Nicki Quintini ., Susan Peleaz , Will Burke	Nick Conner	Lester Pat	David Crabtree Family

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Altar Society: meet on second Sundays.

Lizana Light: For more information, please contact Doris or Diane. Thank you.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

Altar Society: meets **next Sunday.**

Parish Council: meets third Saturdays.

Knights of Columbus: For more info, please contact Thomas Moran 228-234-2572.

RCIA: Please contact **Henrietta Ladner.**

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards are available at the office.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

Bible Study: We study **Gospel of Luke.** Please join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:30pm and on Thurs at 9am.** For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta.**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Please contact us well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

CCD: If you have any questions, please contact Robert Lizana the DRE. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:
Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Albert Necaie, Margaret Northrop, and Betty Howard.