



# Mary, the Holy Mother of God

## January 1, 2023



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 31 ~ New Years Eve**  
5:30 PM Stiano Family, Living/Deceased  
**Sunday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
9:30 AM OLA Parishioners, Living/Deceased  
**Monday, January 2 ~ NO MASS**  
9:00 AM  
**Wednesday, January 4**  
9:00 AM  
**Friday, January 6**  
9:00 AM The People of the Parish  
**Saturday, January 7 ~ Vigil/The Epiphany of the Lord**  
5:30 PM  
**Sunday, January 8 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord**  
9:30 AM James Lohan,  
Laura Lohan/health & recovery

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**Saturday, January 7 ~ Vigil/The Epiphany of the Lord**  
5:30 PM Ted Wall  
**Sunday, January 8 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord**  
9:30 AM John Drumm

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday, January 7 ~ Vigil/The Epiphany of the Lord**  
5:30 PM Kathy Fayol (a), Barb Cinque (c)  
**Sunday, January 8 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord**  
9:30 AM Sue Schmaus (a), Ann Clouse (c)

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy) Dylan Bonitz (Navy)  
Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy)  
Kaila McGowan (Marines) Anthony Pagano (Navy)  
Joseph Ruize (Navy) Carissa Tironi (Army)  
Elliott Weidel (Marines)

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Regina Parthesius, Robert Wise

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach, Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen  
Burke, Peter Cavalier, Barbara Ceriale, Brian Cross,  
Nicole Dawson, Marie DiMare, Tina DiMare, Mary Donnelly,  
Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Lenore Giansanti,  
Margaret Hale, Ninette Kondratowicz, Regina Lempka,  
Jon Miller, Janet Murphy, Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski,  
Sue Schmaus, Chris Strobl

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Helping Hands Food Pantry**  
Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday by Appointment  
(9 AM start)

**Sunday, January 1 ~ The Solemnity of Mary**  
New Year's Day ~ Mass at 9:30 AM

**Monday, January 2 ~ NO 9 AM Mass**

**Tuesday, January 3**  
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

**Sunday, January 8**  
Youth Mass at 9:30 AM

**Monday, January 9**  
Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, January 10**  
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

### A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one.  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
*God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.*  
- Unknown



### Mass Attendance/Collection

Attending Mass December 24 & 25: **175**  
Weekend's Collection: **\$1,766.00**

## Today's Scripture Readings

### Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

### About the Liturgy:

### Carrying the Word of God to the World

The *Annunciation*, a painting by Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937), presents an unconventional image of the moment when the Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of God. Tanner, the son of an African Methodist Episcopal minister, painted this work after a trip to Egypt in Palestine. His experience with the people, culture, architecture, and light of the Holy Land is reflected in this painting. Mary is shown as an adolescent dressed in rumpled Middle Eastern peasant clothing, without halo or outward sign of holiness. Gabriel appears as a shaft of light. The scene visually combines multiple moments of trust and doubt, of worry and certainty. Tanner paints the young face of Mary gazing quietly up towards the light, curiously contemplating what it means to be the bearer of God. We, too, might ask what it means for us to take on this responsibility of bearing God. Do we realize the close connection we have with God and the mission of Jesus? Mary's role in the life of Jesus becomes our role in Jesus' mission and life as well. May we continually follow Mary's example of carrying the Word of God to the world.



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15-21

## The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

By the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

### II. OUR RESPONSE

#### D. Food for the Journey

**54.** There are many people who have been attracted to the Catholic Church and entered the Church because they came to believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Our first U.S. born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, is one of these converts. She was drawn to enter the Catholic Church after she witnessed the devotion of Catholics to the Blessed Sacrament. She wondered about that devotion. God's grace led her to faith in the Real Presence. While still an Episcopalian, she found herself at worship in her church in New York looking out the open window and praying to Jesus in the tabernacle one block away in a Catholic church. On the night after her entrance into the Catholic Church and her First Communion, St. Elizabeth Ann wrote in her journal: "At last GOD IS MINE and I AM HIS." For the rest of her life, her deep faith and pioneering service to the Church in our young nation was nourished by the Holy Eucharist.

**55.** In recent years, increasing numbers of Christians in our country have left their churches and become religiously unaffiliated. We invite Catholics who have left the Church or who no longer practice the faith to come home. We miss you and we love you. We pray that Jesus will draw you back to our Catholic family, his Mystical Body through his Eucharistic Body. We repeat words attributed to St. Teresa of Calcutta: "Once you understand the Eucharist, you can never leave the Church. Not because the Church won't let you but because your heart won't let you."

### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

May the Virgin Mary, who gave birth to the "Prince of Peace" (Is 9:6), and who cuddles him this way, with such tenderness in her arms, obtain for us from heaven the precious gift of peace, which cannot be fully pursued by human strength alone. Human strength alone is not enough because peace is above all a gift, a gift of God; it should be implored with unceasing prayer, sustained with patient and respectful dialogue, constructed with an open cooperation with truth and justice and always attentive to the legitimate aspirations of individuals and peoples. My hope is that peace may reign in the hearts of men and women and in families, in places of work and of recreation, in communities and in nations. In families, at work, in nations: peace, peace. Now is the time to think that life today is organized around war, and enmities, by many things that destroy. We want peace. And this is a gift."

Pope Francis, 1/1/21

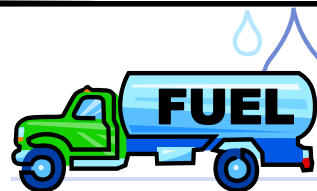
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