



**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
THE MOTHER OF GOD
JANUARY 1, 2023**

Wed. January 4 11:30am Parish Ctr. Chapel
Thur. January 5 7:00pm St. Columbkille site

Fri. January 6 9:00am St. John site
First Friday - all day Adoration until 4:00pm

Sat. January 7 8:00am St. John site
Communal First Saturday Devotion
with Confession starting at 8:00 am

Sat. January 7 4:00pm St. John site
Sun. January 8 8:30 am St. Joseph site
Sun. January 8 10:30am St. Columbkille site

Confessions this Week

Wednesday: 11:00-11:25am Parish Center
Thursday: after 7pm Mass – St. Columbkille site
Saturday: 3:30 (ask Fr. at the door) St. John site

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 2

1 John 2: 22-28 John 1: 19-28

Tuesday, January 3

1 John 2: 29, 3: 6 John 1: 29-34

Wednesday, January 4

1 John 3: 7-10 John 1: 35-42

Thursday, January 5

1 John 3: 11-21 John 1: 43-51

Friday, January 6

1 John 5: 5-13 Mark 1: 7-11

Saturday, January 7

1 John 5: 14-21 John 2: 1-11

Sunday, January 8

Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12



Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection – \$2065.00

Loose - \$116.00

Christmas Collection – \$1355.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

31 envelopes used

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

December 26 – January 1, 2023

Saturday: St John site: + Cindy McCoy

Sunday: St Joseph site: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday: St Columbkille site: + Michael Thomas
Sweeney

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

January 2 – January 8, 2023

Saturday: St. John site: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday: St. Joseph site: + Edward McInnis

Sunday: St. Columbkille site: + Delphine McEachin

In This Sunday's Readings

“And Mary kept all of these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” – Luke 2:19

Mary is the premium example of hearing and following the Lord's call. Certainly, she was confused, scared and maybe even amazed. She was a young girl called to do something and live a life that no one had ever been asked to do before. Ask Mary to help you to recognize, understand and live out your call.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

(Tuesday) January 3: Diana Briolat, Luci Kubacki,
Judy Messing

January 9: Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin, Charlotte Baker

(Tuesday) January 17: Rose Maikrzek, Luci Kubacki,
Ann Ypma

4:00pm Saturday, January 7th St John site

Lector: Luci Kubacki

EMHC: Luci Kubacki

Altar Server: Judy Messing

Sacristan: Judy Messing

Ushers: Allen Peruski, Jim Czewski, Jim Osentoski,
Whitey Pawlosky

8:30am Sunday, January 8th St. Joseph site

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Lori Uhl

Greeter: Bruce Uhl

Ushers: Bruce Uhl, Kevin Hessling, Gordon Farrelly

10:30am Sunday, January 8th St.Columbkille site

Lector: Kevin Romzek

EMHC: Kevin Romzek, Jerry Sweeney

Altar Servers: Sarah Romzek, Laura Romzek

Greeters: Kubacki Family

Gift Bearers: Klee Family

Ushers: Ray Maurer, Terry Sweeney, Jeff Maurer

Please remember your parish when planning your estate

January 1, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27 | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's readings remind us of the central role Mary plays in the story of Jesus and the story of our salvation. We may be tempted to place her on a pedestal – as well we should – she is the Mother of God! At the same time, today's Gospel reminds us she is not divine herself, but human – and she bore the incarnate flesh of the Son of God in his divine and human nature. She went through the sleepless nights and the uncertainties of parenting in all its stages. She learned early on what it takes many of us a lifetime to learn – often in fits and starts – absolute trust in God. As we celebrate this solemnity, we can bring our uncertainties, fears, and struggles to Mary our mother, asking for the grace to follow her faithful example.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Of course there's nothing wrong with New Year's resolutions, and I always admire people who have thought about them in advance. Me? I'm often tongue-tied on January 1 when someone asks me what my resolutions are (hmm ... maybe I should think about kicking that procrastination habit in 2023?) This is why Mary's reaction to the visit of the shepherds strikes me so profoundly. The shepherds pay homage to Jesus and spread the word that God's Son has been born. Mary, Luke writes, "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." As we move into a new year, so rich with possibility, we might follow Mary's example and reflect before jumping headlong into this or that goal or New Year's resolution. Instead, perhaps we can take the day – or a week or a month – to prayerfully reflect on how we can best put our faith in Jesus into action. How can we witness to our faith in our daily lives? What changes might help us do that? We can ask God to help us draw up a list of ways that we can be more faithful to him.

PRAY Pray the Hail Mary, reflecting on each line with gratitude. If you have more time, give yourself a "mini-retreat" by reading or reflecting on a book or devotional about Mary.

