

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January 2017

Dear Parishioners,

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



On this New Year's Day, you might say, "I'm looking forward to watching all the football games and parades on TV today." Or you might say, "This is a great day to look back over all the blessings of the past year."

The Church celebrates New Year's Day in a special way too by honoring Mary as the Mother of God. But Mary isn't just the Mother of God; she is our mother as well. And as the Catechism teaches us, because Mary is our mother, she is also our "Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix" (CCC 969).

So how does Mary fulfill all these roles? Let's look at two key ways.

First, we know that Mary pondered and treasured everything that came from God. As today's Gospel says, she dwelt on what the shepherds told her. She also pondered and treasured Gabriel's visit at the annunciation. She pondered and treasured how the Magi were led to the manger by God's star. She pondered and treasured what the young Jesus said when they found that he had stayed behind to teach the elders in the Temple.

Right now, try to see how Mary is asking you to take time to ponder who Jesus is and what he has done for you. Imagine Mary asking you to treasure him above everything else.

Second, take a look at Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). This prayer shows how much Mary loved to praise and glorify God.

Right now, try to see how Mary is asking you to join her in praising God with all your heart. Imagine her inviting you to dedicate the first affections of your heart to Jesus by rejoicing in him, singing to him, and worshipping him.

Mary is not only your mother; she is your prayer partner as well. So join her today, and pray your own Magnificat.

"Jesus, let my soul magnify you! Let my spirit rejoice in your salvation!"

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Rectory Offices Closed...

Monday, January 2 and Tuesday, January 3. Reopen on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-8, Lk 2:16-21
Monday	1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday	1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42
Thursday	1 Jn 3:11-21, Jn 1:43-51
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13, Mk 1:7-11
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 2:1-11
Sunday	Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-13, Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 31
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	January 1
8:00 AM	Soul of Gwen Harmon
10:00 AM	Soul of Slade Campbell
12:15 PM	Intention of Mary Jené
Wednesday	January 4
8:00 AM	Soul of Anthony Middleton
Saturday	January 7
5:15 PM	Intention of Christian Channie
Sunday	January 8
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz

WEEKLY OFFERING for DECEMBER 25, 2016

\$7,392.00 Tithe and Offering
96.00 Building Fund
51.00 We Care"

Christmas Flower Offering

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving. Envelopes are at the church exit. We will place the envelopes on the altar for prayer in Memory of, or in Honor of, your love ones.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young

SAVE THE DATES

You are invited to the 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast 8AM Saturday, January, 14, 2017, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Culver City. Keynote Speaker: Very Reverend Michael Thompson, S.S.J., Drum Major Award: Dr. George McKenna, LAUSD Board of Education and Master of Ceremony: Gregory Warner, Jr. Donation \$50. For more information see Mable Simon, Thelma Foye or call the rectory.

Mass at the Cathedral

On Monday, January 16, 2017 at 2:30 PM in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Most Reverend José Gomez will be the celebrant and homilist for the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass. Very Reverend Michael Thompson S.S.J. will concelebrant.

Men, Mark Your Calendars

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 20, 21 and 22, 2017. Join your fellow parishioners for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Passionist retreat team offer inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, and Confession and Stations of the Cross. You may arrive as early as 3:00 PM. Friday. Our retreat opens at 6:15 PM with a buffet supper and closes Sunday after lunch about 1:30 PM. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat, this is reserved for you. This year's Retreat theme: "The Crucified One Is No Stranger". For more information or to make your reservation please call Greg Warner 323.974.7405 or 310.538.2214 or Maurice Simon at 323.296.1501.

Transfiguration's Ushers Meeting

Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the hall. If you are an Usher here at Transfiguration you are asked to please attend this meeting.

Bus Trip's from Transfiguration

Please join us for a fundraiser to San Manuel Casino on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Bus loads at 7:30AM and leaves Transfiguration Roxton Side at 8AM. \$23.00 per person... Proceeds benefit the Knights of Peter Claver Council #220. Please contact Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

The Ladies Auxiliary invites you to Barona Casino on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Departing at 8:30AM and returning at 5:30PM from Transfiguration Roxton Side. \$25.00 per person... Call Geraldine Buffett 310.323.9491, Gerry Richardson 310.671.2569 or Lois Chargois 323.296.7451.

**No Coffee & Donuts Hall Closed for
Christmas Break...
Return Sunday, January 8, 2017**