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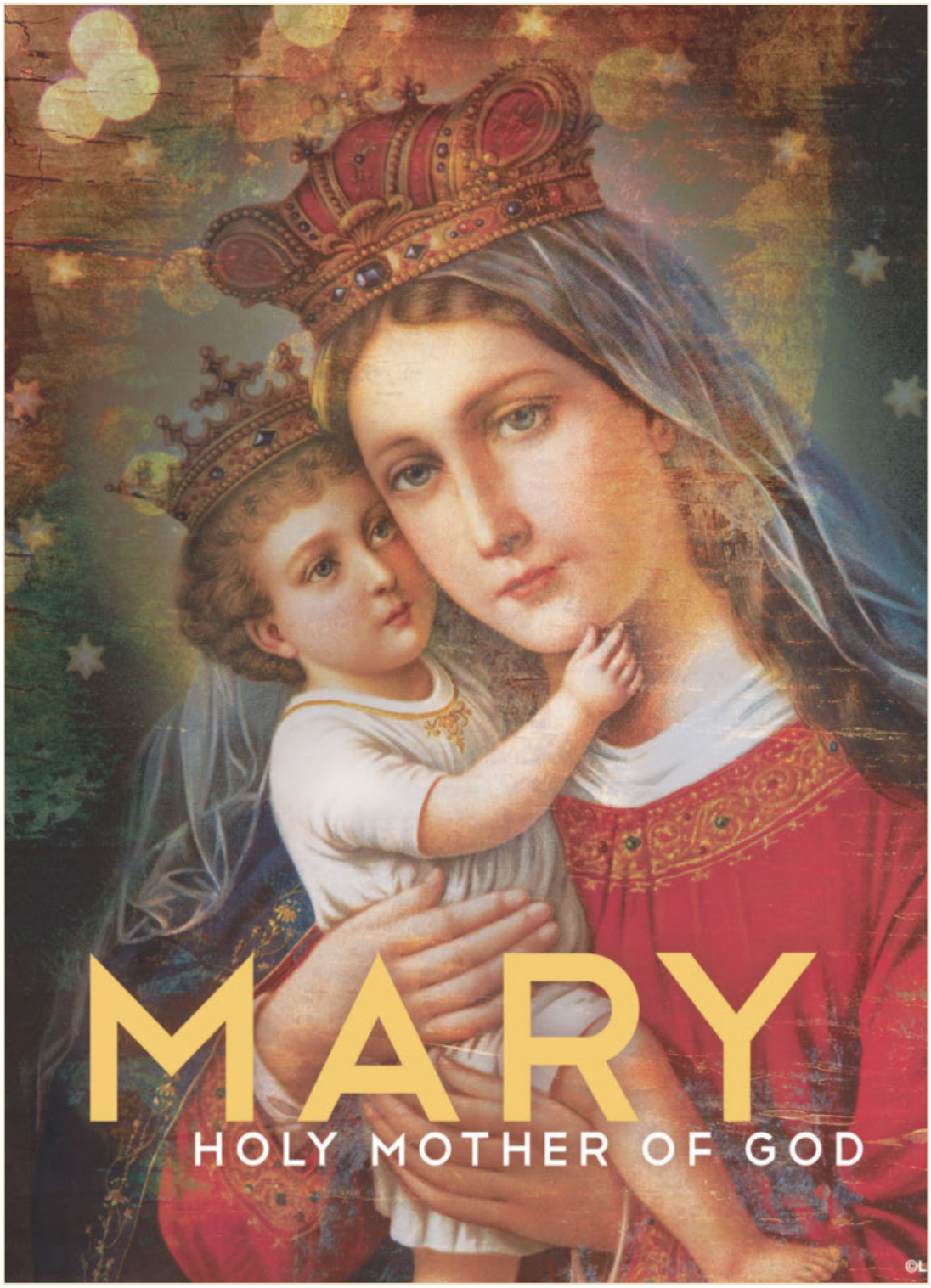

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS
Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES
Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Since the early days of Christianity, Mary has been known and venerated as the Mother of God in Jesus Christ her Son. However, this caused much concern and objection from various groups and even dignitaries within the Church. It wasn't until the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD that Mary was officially declared to be the Mother of God, and this became her first official title. The reason Catholic Christians honor Mary as we do is, as I said in my Pastor Column for Christmas last week, **"M" is for Mary: How could we celebrate a divine birth without a holy mother?** The theme of today's readings refers to or points to this sacred belief.

The First Reading is from the Book of Numbers (6:22-27). This might seem a strange Bible passage to commemorate the motherhood of Mary. However, *"Aaron's Prayer"* has often been called the greatest blessing by the Jewish people because it promised God's greatest gift of personal protection. It was looked upon as the *"words"* of the First Covenant. Mary was God's greatest *"partner"* in bringing to fulfillment the Promise and objective of that Covenant, the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Responsorial Psalm is (67:2-8). This beautiful prayer is a meditation on the blessing mentioned in the first Reading; however, by the time this Psalm was written (2nd or 3rd century BC), the concept of the Messiah to come was commonly known and awaited. Therefore, the *"blessing"* it refers to is, of course, the birth of the Savior.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians (4:4-7). In this brief passage, Paul has summed up the essence of the birth of the Savior and the meaning of both Mary's role and that of her Son, Jesus. When we accept Mary as our mother and her Son Jesus as our brother by adoption (baptism into the Catholic Church), His Father becomes our Father in Heaven, and we become heirs of heaven. **What greater reason do we need to honor Mary?**

The Gospel Reading is from Luke (2:16-21). I am sure that we all recognize this passage as part of the Christmas story. What crèche does not have a few shepherd statues and some sheep to round out the cast of characters that honored the Holy Family the night of the first Christmas? However, if we looked at each character, Mary would stand out as the most important representative of mankind. She was the Father's *"partner"* in bringing salvation to the world by her overwhelming *"Yes!"* in cooperating with God in the process of the Virgin Birth. What more could be said? What more need be said? ***"Mary, full of grace, pray for us!"***

~Rev. Edward J. Smith

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION
Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM
At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE
At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling.

Couples need to make arrangements *at least 6 months in advance*.

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING:
"So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them" (Nm 6:27)

PSALM:
May God bless us in his mercy. *(Ps 67)*

SECOND READING:
When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman. *(Gal 4:4)*

GOSPEL:
The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. *(Lk 2:16)*

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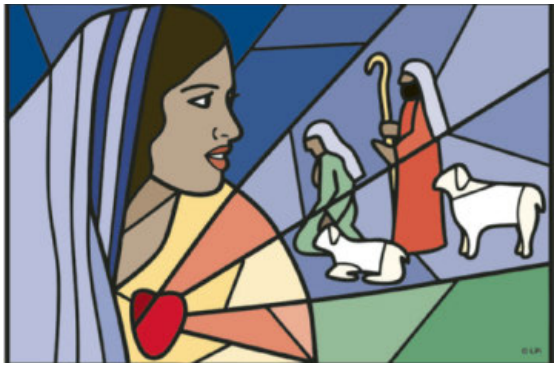

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JANUARY 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday - Jan. 1st - Mary, The Holy Mother of God
10:00 am - †Steve Zientarski
Requested by: The Zientarski Family

Monday - Jan. 2nd - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church
8:30 am - †William & Madeline Koeth
Requested by: Eileen Baran

Tuesday - Jan. 3rd - The Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:30 am - †Deceased Members of the Majjasie & Dancak Families
Requested by: Mary Ann Majjasie

Saturday - Jan. 7th - St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
4:00 pm - †Albert Jancsura
Requested by: Family

Sunday - Jan. 8th - The Epiphany of the Lord
10:00 am - †The Brandt & Churchill Families
Requested by: Joanne Churchill

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 7th
Lector: Laura V.
Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy W., Carol B., Marybeth B.
Servers: NEED

Sunday, January 8th
Lector: Rose J.
Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne C., Anna A., Anna S.
Servers: NEED

OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... $6,240.00
Sunday Collection (12/4/2022)..... $6,061.00
7/1/2022 to Date +/(-) Budget..... (-$25,854.50)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME.

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord,
You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts &
cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
& for all the potential it holds.
Come & kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God & live forever to praise Your glorious name.
Amen.

Prayer REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Lindsey Marie Ballas	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton
Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco	Evelyn Donovan	Jerry Donovan	Anna Mae Ebinger	Denise Ellis
Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick
Brian Grace	Renee Golowenski	D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.
Dawn Smith-Hathaway	Carl Hartman	Nancy Hartman	Tim Haupt	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley
Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Colleen Jasinski	Beatrice Johns
Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Jacqueline Kuhn-Rankin	Deacon Luis Maldonado	Dean Martin III	Rita McConley
Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne
Jeanne Provenza	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Amy Schmidt	Patricia Smith	Sheila Strauser
Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez
Sherri Wedgeworth	Velma Weichman	Cathy Weston	Paul Winkler	Bob Wisner	Doris Zgola-Whitka

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

Call the **"Prayer Line"** for immediate prayer requests, **Georgianna**: ***440-288-1644***

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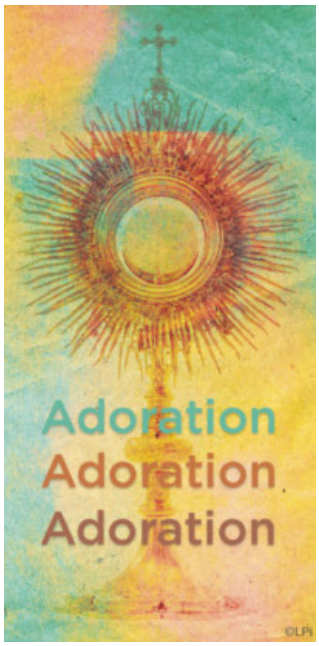

"The Incarnation of the Word, the ineffable mystery of the merciful love of God, who so loved man that He became *'flesh'* for His salvation is, in a way prolonged & extended through the ages & will be until the end of time by the Eucharist, the Sacrament by means of which the Incarnate Word became Himself our *'food!'* " **~Divine Intimacy, *Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen***

We are as privileged in being called to adore Him today as were Mary, Joseph, the shepherds & Magi because here Jesus continues His incarnation on earth. The Eucharist is Divine Love made visible in the Sacred Host. This is why the angels continue to sing to Him here as they did in Bethlehem: *"Glory to God in the highest & peace to men of good will."* Come let us adore Him for here Jesus continues to come to us : *"filled with endearing love"* as the Word becomes flesh in the Holy Eucharist & makes His dwelling among us.

~From the book: <u>Come to Me in the Blessed Sacrament</u>

Divine Mercy Meditation - The Beauty of Heaven

I went across the garden one afternoon and stopped on the shore of the lake; I stood there for a long time, contemplating my surroundings. Suddenly, I saw the Lord Jesus near me, and He graciously said to me, **All this I created for you, My spouse; and know that all this beauty is nothing compared to what I have prepared for you in eternity.** *(Diary, 158).*

<u>My Prayer Response</u>:

Lord Jesus, the sight of the beauty of Your creation stirs up within me a desire to see the beauty of heaven.
"Draw me with Your love that I may be drawn" (Fr. Hauschert, SJ).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - REVOLUTION FOR THE NEW YEAR

Jesus was born into a harsh world, where Herod was doing the unthinkable: **killing babies.** *Is there any doubt that our world today needs Jesus to come and dwell among us?* As a new year begins, let us resolve to be a more effective & dedicated instrument of Jesus. Let us do more to promote love & peace. Let us do more to help moms turn the unplanned into a loving plan that embraces innocent life. Let us do more to change our culture of death.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, peaceful New Year!

NEW YEAR HOURS

The School Office will be closed until Tues., January 3rd, 2023.

The Parish Office & Adoration Chapel will be closed the first week of January (1/2/23-1/6/23) for the New Year. *Everything will open as normal on Mon., January 9th.*

WISHING YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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MARIAN GUILD NEWS

The Marian Guild would like to thank you for your interest in our latest venture! Our Bake Sale, Gift Basket Raffle & 50/50 Raffle was a huge success! Thanks for supporting us! The money that we raise will be used, as it always has been in the past, to finance the needs of the altar. *We pay for the wine, the hosts, the altar cloths, & the dry cleaning of the cloths.* This has been the mission of the Marian Guild for many, many years. We could not continue our mission without your interest & support. **Many thanks to all the Guild members who planned & worked hard on this event, all of the bakers who came through with a delicious assortment of wonderful cookies, & all the Marian Guild members who helped in a multitude of ways to make this event the success that it was!** *Thank you so much & may God bless you today & everyday after.*

THE ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA LITTLE TROJANS PRE-SCHOOL STUDENTS & BIRTHRIGHT OF LORAIN SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE TO THE GIVING TREE PROGRAM!

All of the angel ornament gifts were fulfilled! We also received *"always needed"* gifts! These much needed gifts will make a difference to so many of the youngest members of our Lorain community, as well as their families.

We are so proud of how our Little Trojans followed in the way of St. Nicholas! The students collected and organized the gifts from the church and school each week to prepare for delivery! *This photo shows many of the gifts that will be shared this Christmas!*

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Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Charismatic Mass

Friday, January 20, 2023

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Fr. Bob Franco
Celebrant

Please join us for a social after mass.

Come, Sing and Praise God With Joy in the New Year!

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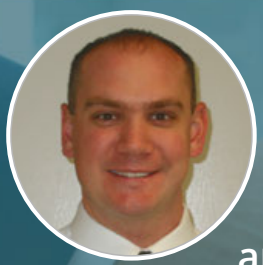
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