

[The shepherds] made known the message that had been told them about this child.... And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

LUKE 2:17, 19

What Do You Hold in Your Heart?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

On **New Year's Eve**, some of my friends try to recall a significant event from each year, beginning with the most recent, and work their way back. They tell me that memories from the first couple of years, the most recent, are fairly easy to call to mind, but after that, memories get reduced to births and deaths, marriages and moves to new homes, vacations, and ultimately to not remembering anything significant for some years. It's an interesting conclusion—not remembering anything significant—given the human emotions and energies we pour into trivial disagreements, unresolved conflicts, and family issues.

The Gospel recounts how Mary reflected upon the events of her Son's birth and how she kept them all in her heart. I suspect that many of the events we might recount from that New Year's Eve exercise would end up being some of the moments we hold in our hearts. Most would likely revolve around family, all those people we keep in our hearts. Others might be about job promotions or successes, or memorable recognitions. We justifiably keep these as treasures to remember.

As Mary did, we might learn something about ourselves by pondering significant personal faith events. I doubt most of us will recall one for each year, which may say something about how seriously we take our faith lives. Yet those we do recall could be treasures of the past that will bless us in the present. ●

Reflect

What do the events you carry in your heart say about who you are?



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Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9 am - 2 pm

Mass Intentions:



Saturday, December 31, 4pm - †Antonio & Fannie Constantino by Willie Constantino

Sunday, January 1, 11am - †Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, January 3, 6pm - No Mass

Thursday, January 5, Noon - No Mass

Saturday, January 7, 4pm - †Willie Constantino by Virginia Manley

Sunday, January 8, 11am - †Souls in Purgatory by Maria Franco

Upcoming Events:

Dec 30 - Feb 2, No Weekday Mass, Fr. Sebastian is out of town.

Fri, Feb 3, Noon, First Friday Mass

Feb 8-9, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral Council

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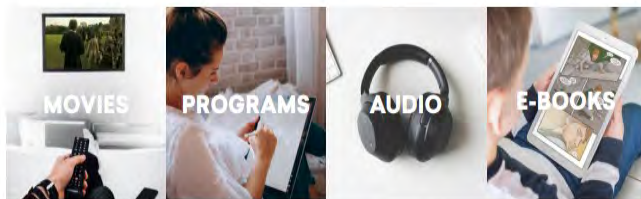
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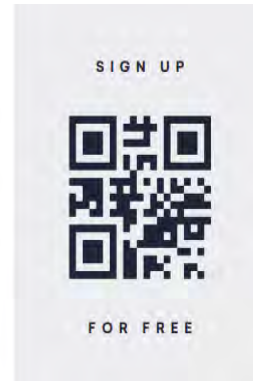


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Formed Pick of the Week



How to Pray: Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!



God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

Mary of Nazareth



Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary.

The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

Eucharistic Revival



The manger is the place where animals find their food. But now, lying in the manger, is he who called himself the true bread come down from heaven, the true nourishment that we need in order to be fully ourselves. This is the food that gives us true life, eternal life. Thus, the manger becomes a reference to the table of God, to which we are invited so as to receive the bread of God. From the poverty of Jesus' birth emerges the miracle in which man's redemption is mysteriously accomplished."

POPE BENEDICT XVI Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives

Religious Education



New Testament

January 9th-February 12th, 2023

This course builds on the material learned in Introduction to Scripture and assumes a basic understanding of how Catholics read and interpret Scripture. We will explore the

world behind the text of the New Testament, its history and culture, as well as examine how we today read and understand these texts in light of our own world and culture. We will look at how all four Gospels developed, study the letters of Paul, and examine the world of first century Christianity. This is a five-week hybrid course offered through the Diocese and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation of the University of Dayton. You will be

able to work online taking quizzes and accessing material, as well as meet once a week via Zoom for class lecture and discussion with the course facilitator, Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. The Zoom sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7pm (a second session on Monday afternoon may be added if the response is large enough.) You can register for this course by contacting Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org.

HOW TO ENTER THE NEW YEAR by Vanita Hampton Wright

God of all time,
help us enter the New
Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are
to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps
make an impact and our
words carry power.
May we walk gently.
May we speak only after
we have listened well.
Creator of all life,
help us enter the New
Year reverently,
aware that you have
endowed every creature

and plant, every person
and habitat with beauty
and purpose.
May we regard the world
with tenderness.
May we honor rather than
destroy.
Lover of all souls,
help us enter the New
Year joyfully, willing to
laugh and dance and
dream,
remembering our many
gifts with thanks and look-
ing forward to blessings
yet to come.

May we welcome your
lavish love.
May we cast off the small,
vindictive god our fears
have made.
May the grace and peace
of Christ bless you now
and in the days ahead.

Amen

Religious Education

Faith Formation

Schedule:

Faith Formation
January 8, 15, 22, 29

Youth Sunday:
Jan 15
Feb 19
Mar 19

Youth Ministry:
Jan 7

K-2

Lesson Theme:

We are ready to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Word of the Week:

Promise: Mary

Grades: 3-6

Lesson Theme:

God is with us.

Word of the Week:

Venture: Incarnation

Why should I be Confirmed?

This world is complex, and can be very challenging. Confirmation gives you the tools you need to live life with Christ and the Church and sets you on a mission and adventure for God. It's your next step in growing in relationship with God.

To finish reading: [The Top 4 Questions Teens Ask Before Confirmation \(And How to Respond!\) - Catholic-Link](#)

Feast of the Epiphany

Did you know there's a beautiful Catholic practice of having a home blessing on the Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord?

The Catholic Church offers a profound blessing liturgy to be celebrated by the head of the household asking for the intercession of the 3 Magi who left their homes to search

for the newborn Savior of the World!

Then all year long every time you pass through the doors of your home you'll call to mind that you are under the protection of God in His Angels and in His Saints as His adopted children!

Youth Ministry

The youth ministry is planning an Epiphany Dinner on Saturday, January 7th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Contact Lorin Albin at 540-529-6495 if you have any questions.

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Group

Thursdays at 10:15 am in the Conference Room

Men's Group

First and Third Thursday at 10 am in the Narthex

Book Study

Next time is January 11, we will be doing pages 38 through 44

Parish Council & Music

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Music for January 1, 2023
Mass of Christ the Savior
Mass Readings on pg. 193
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G457
 “Sing of Mary, Pure and Lovely”

Responsorial Psalm: G67
 May God bless us in his mercy.

Presentation of Gifts: G466
 “What Child is This” (Saturday)
 “Ave Maria” (Sunday)

Communion: G651:
 “Lo, How a rose E'er Blooming”

Closing Hymn: G424
 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Collections

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	weekend Dec 17-18	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,853.00	159,726.57	174,625.00
Loose Offertory	76.00	4,397.45	5,875.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00	1240.00	1000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 3,954.00	\$ 164,124.02	\$180,500.00
Tender Mercies	615.00	3,393.00	3,500.00
Catholic Charities WV	125.00	825.00	2,000.00
Attendance:	4pm: 43	11am: 137	

Thank you!

January Ministry Schedule

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DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Sacristan	Altar Server	Counter
12/31 4p	M. Gaspersich	K. Bailey	J Gaspersich	XXXX	T. Byron	T. Byron	S. Pace
1/1 11a	D. LaMothe	D. Caccamo	Hillyer	Picknally	Richardson	D. Richardson	
1/7 4p	M. Bacho	V. Manley	Bacho	XXXX	Byron	C. Pace	J. Cosgrove
1/8 11a	A. Dumapit	Picknally	Hickman	Hickman	Shay	M. Shay	
1/14 4 p	B. Schumacher	C. Pace	S. Pace	XXXX	Byron	T. Byron	J. Choate
1/15 11a	YOUTH	R. Modena	YOUTH	Picknally	Richardson	D. Richardson YOUTH	



Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher	Cynthia & Gordon	Jim Lintz	Deborah Saffell
Ruth Boyd	Harmon	Jim & Diane Luciano	Jacob Santon
Deloris Caccamo	Cyndi Jones	Fr. Greg Lyttle	Gareth Settle
Ron Ciccolini	Nancy Larkin	Jaelynn Mendoza	Felomina Yongque
Romulo DelaRosa	Valarie Laxton	Annette Morgan	Carrie Yurkovich
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger	Christina Laxton	Dr. Jun Neri	Jane Walthall
Angie Grbac	Robert Laxton	Patricia Nester	
Deacon Don Hammond	Kaitlyn Laxton	Esther Piconi	
		Alan Rieger	

Family and Friends:

Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)	Kyle Geiger	Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)
Mary Berentes,	Mike Goff	Richard Lockhart
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)	Myles Harris	John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)
John Bowers	Velma Hartwell	Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)	Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's granddaughter)	Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)	granddaughter)	Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)
Irene Charney	Brenda Ivelise	Carolyn Munther mother of Lisa Black)
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)	Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)	Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)	Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)	Rex Neely
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Linda Cunningham	John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)	Agnes Sedi
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David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)	Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)	Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office
(304) 425-3664
Bluefield Parish Office
(304) 327-5623
Kim Hickman
(304) 920-2440

In case of Illness:

Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying:

The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

Dear Padre,

I understand that all Catholics, not just priests and religious, are called to holiness. How can laypeople become holy?

The five elements of holiness are the same for all the baptized, always in the context of their vocational calling.

Prayer: In the liturgy, we join our sisters and brothers to offer communal worship where we are nourished and formed by word and sacrament. In private prayer, we maintain, clarify, and nourish our relationship with God.

Love of neighbor: We are called to treat others with the acceptance and respect that God has for each person. Every person is our neighbor, especially people in need (Matthew 25:40).

Living one's vocational commitment: Being faithful to a spouse in marriage, working for family harmony, staying true to dedicated singleness in the world or in the religious community setting—all are avenues of holiness.

Penance and self-discipline: The Christian life demands self-denial, control, and sacrifice. Christians must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23).

Reaching out in discipleship: Holiness also comes from and finds its noblest expression in a life of service and ministry. Baptism initiates us into the fullness of Christian reality, which ultimately means discipleship—sharing our faith and serving others, especially the most needy.

For laypeople, the main arena of holiness is where they live, work, play, and struggle every day. It is there that they must proclaim “the kingdom of God is in our midst,” and answer their call to holiness. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves....
Do I know how to look at people with the heart?
Do I take to heart the people with whom I live?....
Let us ask for the grace to live this year with
the desire to take others to heart and to care for
them.***

HOMILY, VATICAN, JANUARY 1, 2020

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

SATURDAY

January 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14–21
Jn 2:1–12

SUNDAY

January 8
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1–6
Eph 3:2–3, 5–6
Mt 2:1–12

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