

Daily Readings

Week of January 1, 2023

Sunday, 1/1: Nm 6: 22-27/Ps 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8/Gal 4: 4-7/
Lk 2: 16-21

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

Tuesday, 1/3: Phil 2: 5-11/Ps 113: 1-8/Mt 1: 18-23

Wednesday, 1/4: 1 Jn 3: 7-10/Ps 98: 1, 7-9/Jn 1: 35-42

Thursday, 1/5: 1 Jn 3: 11-21/Ps 100: 1-5/Lk 1: 43-51

Friday, 1/6: 1 Jn 5: 5-13/Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20/Mk 1: 7-11

Saturday, 1/7: 1 Jn 5: 14-21/Ps 149: 1-6, 9/Jn 2: 1-11



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January 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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Schedule for January 8, 2023

Lector: Mark

Greeters/Gifts: Denniston Family

Servers: Kevin/Tyler

Money Counters: Mark/Sharon

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: 3 Volunteers

Liturgical
Ministers

Today's Mass Intention:

Deloris Eganhouse

Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan, Shirley Coon
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



PASTOR SPEAKS

Mary, Mother of God and Our Intercessor

Today marks the start of the new year, 2023. If we have all lived to see this day, let us also believe that with God on our side, we shall explore the year together and hopefully end it together. We maintain our parish mantra and acknowledge that God is always good! Each year on January 1, we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Also, remember that because Christmas fell on Sunday, the traditional feast of the holy family, our model family feast, was celebrated on Friday, December 30, 2022

With all these in mind, let me express a happy, healthy New Year to you and your families. Let's all agree to face the year with solid belief, trust, and surrender (BTS) to the Lord while seeking the helpful intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary.

One of the boldest intimations of the Blessed Mother's role in God's saving plan for humanity was made by St. Paul in our second reading today: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Gal 4:4-5). Paul talks about the fullness of time, a critical moment within God's plan to save us.

Bible scholars have maintained that in Paul's thought, the fullness of time meant the time the world was set to receive Jesus. The birth of Christ 2000 years ago in Bethlehem began this superabundance of time infused with grace. Christ became the chief dispenser of God's grace to us. But God's grace was also associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who received the fullness of God's grace according to the message of the Angel (Luke 1:42).

As Catholics, we don't take Mary's fullness of grace, which she shares with us as a mother for granted. The grace Mary received was for a purpose. God didn't only choose Mary for His Son, but He also decided she become a great intercessor for us before God. She was the mother of the holy family. She continues to play the role of a mother to us. Ask for her prayers and pray the rosary.

I also urge you to remember the encouragement from St. Paul in 1 Cor 13:13, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." Love remains the greatest of all virtues and all gifts, with nothing to compare. So, fill your heart daily with LOVE for God and pass it on to the last person in your chain of affection.

Finally, don't forget to pray, don't forget the church community that is here to support you, don't forget the Mass, and don't forget your God. May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph look on us in our life journey. Happy, healthy New Year!

- THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who made our Advent and Christmas seasons so beautiful! HUGE THANKS to: Fr. Andrew, all the altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, gift bearers, money counters, greeters, decorators both inside and out!
- THANK YOU to our choir who made beautiful music and to Lily our wonderful violin player.
- THANK YOU to all who volunteered your time and talents this past year and for generally saying "yes" when asked to help.
- THANK YOU to Fr. Andrew, the parish council, finance council, and the guild for being good leaders and making decisions to help care for our church family.
- We have a wonderful little church family here at SH because of all of YOU! On behalf of everyone here at SH we hope everyone has a joyous and blessed New Year!
- Several of our Eucharistic Ministers will be gone for the next few months. If you are at Mass, please volunteer your time as we always need 3 people. THANK YOU for your help in this matter.



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