

JANUARY 1, 2023 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



St. Pancratius CHURCH

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BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalms — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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MASSSES: WEEKDAYS: 6:30 AM,

SATURDAY: 8 AM, 4:30PM

SUNDAY: 6:30, 8, 9:30 (SPANISH), 11 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 3:30-4:30 PM

DEVOTIONS: MIDDAY PRAYER & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
DAILY AT 12PM VIA LIVESTREAM

ADORATION: MONDAY - FRIDAY 5PM TO 7:15 PM

ROSARY: MONDAY - FRIDAY 6:15 PM



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 WEEKLY OFFERING

Month of December 2022

Sunday	Church	School	Family Ministries
December 4 Contributions	\$46,304.02	\$75.00	\$854.00
December 11 Contributions	\$41,926.05	\$160.00	\$45.00
December 12 Contributions	\$1,086.00	\$	\$
December 18 Contributions	\$47,656.61	\$522.00	\$35.00
Christmas Day	\$		
Faith Direct - December 4	\$9,221.00	\$265.00	\$190.00
Faith Direct - December 14	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$56,193.68	\$1,022.00	\$1,124.00

Goals for December	\$60,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
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The Rectory will be
 Closed
 January 1st & 2nd

DID YOU KNOW?

What to do when a child discloses abuse
 When a child discloses abuse, the first thing to remember is to stay calm. Coming forward takes incredible courage and trust; it is usually very hard for children to open up. If a child discloses abuse to you, it is important to listen fully to what he or she is saying. Limit your questions to short, simple queries: What happened? Who did this? Where? When? Let the child know you want to help and coming forward is the right thing to do. As soon as possible, make a report with a child protection agency in your state. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article, "When a Child Discloses" on lacaatholics.org/did-you-know/.

¿SABIA USTED

Qué hacer cuando un niño revela abuso
 Cuando un niño revela un abuso, lo primero es permanecer en calma. Dar ese paso requiere una valentía y confianza increíbles; por lo general es muy difícil para un niño sincerarse. Si un niño le revela que fue abusado, es importante que escuche atentamente lo que él o ella está diciendo. Limite sus preguntas a consultas breves y sencillas: ¿Qué pasó? ¿Quién hizo esto? ¿Dónde? ¿Cuándo? Hágale saber al niño que quiere ayudar y que haber dado el paso de contarlo es lo correcto. Tan pronto como sea posible, reporte el incidente a una agencia de protección infantil en su estado. Para más información, lea el artículo en inglés en VIRTUS® "When a Child Discloses" (Cuando un niño revela) en lacaatholics.org/did-you-know/.

End of Year Statements

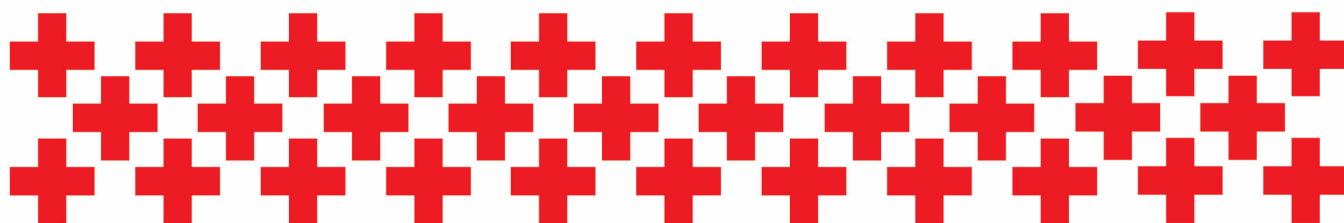
This year because of the increase of stamps, paper & envelopes we will be emailing statements. If you do not have an email & would like a hard copy please call the Rectory . If you need to update your email in OUR RECORDS please call 562-634-6111 or email stpanrectory@gmail.com to do so. Thank you for your support.



Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart.

Please remember to support The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2023 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!

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Sunday, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God | *María, Madre de Dios*

- 6:30am English
- 8:00am English
- 9:30am *Español*
- 11:00am English

Sunday, January 8th

Epiphany | *Epifanía*

- 6:30am English
- 8:00am English
- 9:30am *Español*
- 11:00am English

Monday, January 9th

The Baptism of the Lord | *El Bautismo del Señor*

- 6:30am English
- *End of Christmas Season



Pro- Life Rosary

First Tuesdays of the Month

**We pray a special ROSARY
for Pro-Life during
adoration at 6:15pm**

**Join us in praying to
promote the Culture of Life**



Novena to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



The Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena will be every first Friday of the month at 6:15pm during adoration, followed by a Rosary. The Novena will continue till June 2023.



WE WISH YOU A
**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Simbang Gabi Celebration



Waiting for Jesus Advent Night of Prayer



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

People ask their priests to bless many things, such as their homes, their cars, their rosaries, their images, their medals, and many other things. They also ask for blessings for a couple on the day of their anniversary of marriage, when someone is going on a trip, and when they will soon be entering the hospital for an operation. Blessings connect us with God. The word “blessing” originally meant to consecrate something with blood. In Exodus 24:5-8, Moses takes the blood of young bulls and pours half of it on the altar. Then he reads from the book of the Covenant to the people and calls for their obedience. He then takes the other half of the blood and sprinkles it on the people. This showed that the life of God’s friendship was once again flowing to his people through the spiritual artery that had been clogged by their sins.

Today is the Feast of Mary under her title as Mother of God. This title says much about her, but even more about Jesus. When Jesus was conceived in Mary’s womb, his divine nature and his human nature were fused together forever. It is because his divine nature and human nature were united in one person that Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross would be the only perfect sacrifice acceptable to the Father for our sins. If Jesus was only human, he would have been conceived in sin because Mary’s immaculate conception depended on His later sacrifice being that of a man without any stain of sin. Mary’s title as Mother of God makes it clear that Jesus’ blood poured out on the cross was perfect enough to open the arteries of our friendship with God that had previously been clogged by our sins. Every other blessing we give is based on this one blessing of the blood poured out by the only man born of the Mother of God.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John, Associate Pastor

Queridos hermanos en Cristo,

La gente pide a sus sacerdotes que bendigan muchas cosas, como por ejemplo sus casas, sus carros, sus rosarios, medallas, e imágenes. También nos piden que bendigamos a las personas en el aniversario de su boda, antes de que se vayan de viaje, y antes de entrar en el hospital para una operación. Las bendiciones nos conectan a Dios. La palabra “bendición” significaba originalmente consagrar algo con sangre. En Éxodo 24:5-8, Moisés toma la sangre de unos novillos y derrama la mitad de ella sobre el altar. Luego lee al pueblo del libro de la Alianza y les llama a la obediencia. Luego toma la otra mitad de la sangre y rocía al pueblo con ella. Este ritual mostró que la sangre de vida de la amistad de Dios estuvo una vez más fluyendo por la arteria espiritual a su pueblo que se bloqueaba por los pecados de ellos.

Hoy es la fiesta de María, Madre de Dios. Este título dice mucho de ella, pero aún dice más de Jesús. Cuando Jesús fue concebido en el vientre de María, su naturaleza divina y su naturaleza humana se unieron en una sola persona para siempre. Solo porque Jesús fue divino y humano su sacrificio en la cruz pudo ser perfecto y aceptable al Padre. Si Jesús fuera solo humano, habría sido concebido con pecado porque la concepción inmaculada de María dependía de que el sacrificio futuro de su hijo fuera uno de un hombre sin pecado. El título de María como Madre de Dios deja claro que la sangre de Jesús derramada en la cruz fue lo suficientemente perfecta como para abrir las arterias de nuestra amistad con Dios que antes fueron bloqueadas por nuestros pecados. Cualquier otra bendición que ofrecemos es basada en esta bendición de la sangre derramada por el único hombre nacido de la Madre de Dios.

Atentamente en Cristo,

P. Juan, pastor asociado



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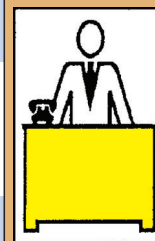
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