



# FRIENDS OF JESUS AND MARY

## Cycle A – II Sunday of Christmas

*Numbers 6,22-27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4,4-7; Luke 2, 16-21*

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1st

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

### Reflection

**Why did the Shepherds go quickly to Bethlehem?** (While they pastured their sheep at night, an angel appeared to them and told them the good news that a Savior was born in the City of David. They would find Him wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger.) **What did they do when they found the Holy Family in the stable?** (They adored baby Jesus and told them what the angels said.) **What did Mary do?** (Mary reflected on all these things in her heart.) **What does meditate mean?** (To think with attention and care about something; to reflect)



**Mary knew Jesus was the Savior, the son of God; but she did not know how God would manifest Himself to the world. Why do you think that the angel announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds first?** (They were humble of heart, with great faith in God; they would accept the message with great joy.) **Let us pray for humility and faith to be able to see God in all the events of their life. Let us give thanks for our Heavenly Mother that loves us and cares for us just like she cared for Jesus, the Savior of the world.**

### Activity

On the following page, color the picture of Mary and read the description.

### Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for becoming a child like me. We thank you for coming to live among us. Teach us to share your peace in our family, neighborhood, school, and city. Thank you for giving us Mary as our mother. Help us to imitate her virtues. Amen

**Song:** Mary Did You Know, Clay Aiken, <https://youtu.be/-Uki0dkthzI>

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# MARY, MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1



On January 1, New Year's Day, we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, This is a special Feast and Holy Day of Obligation. At Mass that day, the priest will wear a white vestment in honor of Mary.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace; Mary, His Mother, is Our Lady, Queen of Peace. During the Mass on this Feast Day, we pray for peace. Think of the times you have needed God's help to be a peacemaker

**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE TODAY**