



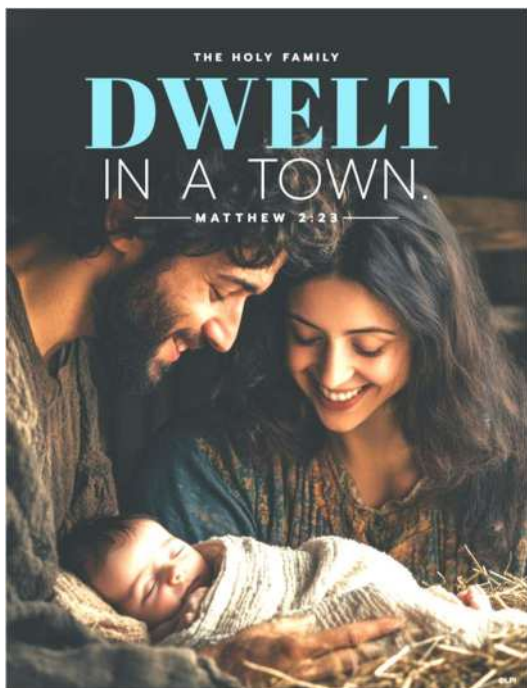
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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 8:30am and 7:00pm

Peace and Grace for the New Year

As we begin 2026,
let us entrust our year to
the Blessed Mother, asking
for her guidance and
intercession.

May we receive the Eucharist with
a renewed spirit, finding strength
in Christ's true presence.

Let us resolve to live the Gospel
with courage and charity.
May God bless you and
grant you His holy peace.

Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

May God's peace be upon
you and remain with you
throughout the year.

Happy New Year

Fr. Angelo, Fr. Chris and Staff

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

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First Reading:

Sirach emphasizes the importance of children honoring and respecting their parents. *What are some of your favorite memories of your parents?*

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Colossians that families should show mutual respect and love toward one another. *How do you encourage these virtues in your family?*

Gospel:

We hear how the Holy Family faced some very dangerous circumstances early on. *Can you think of some challenges your family has had to overcome?*

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Today, as we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we focus our attention in a special way on the Holy Family. This is a great time to thank God for the gift of family life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to the family as the “domestic church,” so today’s feast is also a fitting time to consider the importance of the virtue of hospitality — a fundamental aspect of the stewardship way of life — within the context of our domestic churches.

Why is hospitality so important to a stewardship way of life, beginning with family life? Well, we can hardly expect our family members to pray together, study their faith, and serve others if we have a home where we are disconnected from each other, or the atmosphere is stressful and tense. Of course there will be moments like this. But we must be intentional in creating homes where everyone feels cherished, accepted and important. We want our homes to be the place where we can get recharged and filled up to go out and bring love to everyone we encounter outside our home.

Today’s first and second reading are full of practical wisdom on how to create an atmosphere of true hospitality within our homes.

Our first reading, from the Book of Sirach, speaks of the of the blessings that will come when children give honor to their parents — both young children who respect the authority of their mothers and fathers, and adult children who lovingly care for older parents. These are the actions and attitudes that create an atmosphere of respect, tenderness and unity in the family, all key elements of hospitality.

Our second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians, gives still more specific instructions on fostering hospitality within our homes. Paul reminds us of our great dignity as “God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved.” This applies to every member of the family, from youngest to oldest and all those in-between. In the daily drudge of family life, it is important to remember that each one of us is cherished by God. We are not just fathers, mothers, children, grandparents; we are all also brothers and sisters in Christ.

Paul’s instruction to “put on” compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and forbearance towards each other is the best possible formula for family hospitality. Paul is reminding us that (especially in the messiness of family life) we won’t always feel the feelings of compassion, kindness, and so forth. What can we do? We can “put them on” — we can act in ways that a compassionate, kind, humble person would act. This will create a transformative atmosphere of hospitality within the home that will spill out in the family’s interactions with those outside the home. Of course this is not easy to do.

But we can turn to the Holy Family for help. Lest we think that the Holy Family is somehow unable to sympathize with our struggles, we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew that this Family was certainly not free from trials and stress; quite the contrary. The very life of the newborn Jesus was threatened by Herod’s extreme jealousy such that the family had to flee suddenly into a foreign land for protection until Herod’s death. Yet Mary and Joseph remained united and ever obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit for direction. Who better to turn to for help and inspiration for our own families?

Happy feast day to all families living a stewardship way of life!

TODAY’S READINGS

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14;

Psalms 128;

Colossians 3:12-21;

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	12/28	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Mon	12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Tues	12/30	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Wed	12/31	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Thu	1/1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD World Day of Peace (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>) Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Fri	1/2	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sat	1/3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3c-6; Jn 1:29-34
Sun	1/4	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	12/29	8:30 am	Joseph Mardesich, Jr. †
Tues	12/30	8:30 am	Wanda Catalana †
Wed	12/31	10:00pm	Giorgi/Palmisano/Brenner/Tanner Families (<i>healing</i>)
Thu	1/1	9:00 am	Alfredo Sr & Radigunda Lourdes Mabutas †
		11:00 am	Andy Nagórski †
Fri	1/2	8:30 am	Maria Tran Thi Lieu †
Sat	1/3	8:30 am	Baby Clark (<i>special intention</i>)
		5:00 pm	Mary Beatrix Morales †
Sun	1/4	9:00 am	Alfredo Sr. & Radigunda Lourdes Mabutas †
		11:00 am	Joyce Klose †
		5:00 pm	Andy Nagórski †

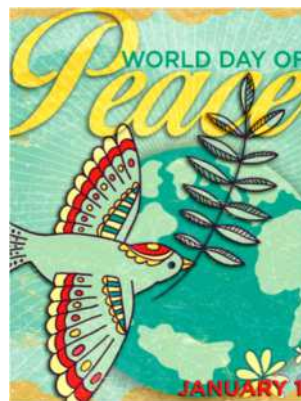
POPE LEO XIV'S THEME FOR THE 2026 WORLD DAY OF PEACE, "PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL: TOWARDS AN 'UNARMED AND DISARMING' PEACE," - the annual celebration dedicated to universal peace, held on January 1, the liturgical Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

The theme, "invites humanity to reject the logic of violence and war, and to embrace an authentic peace based on love and justice."

Pope Leo XIV has repeatedly appealed for this peace since his election, characterizing it with the phrase "unarmed and disarming." This peace must be unarmed - not based on fear, threats, or weapons - and disarming -capable of resolving conflicts, opening hearts, and generating mutual trust and hope.

It is not enough to call for peace," it said. "We must embody it in a way of life that rejects every form of violence, whether it be visible or systemic."

Vatican News - 26 August 2025



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him.

Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

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POPE LEO XIV'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of PRAYER

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Vincent Yee; Arlene Rocchio; Schuyler Garfield; Armon LaMotte; Brenda Lis; Mary Elen Fox; Magdolma O'Brien; Marietta Riney; Honora Hannan

For those who have recently died:

Carla Scudellari; Stella Sabatelle; Cynthia Pearl; Janette Saich; Robert Jette, Jr.; John Melehan; Colette Lackovic; Wesley Hogan; Bill Norquist; Isabel Heil

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



**JANUARY 3 & 4
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Schedule not available at press time

ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY - Did you know we have a bible study group that meets every other Thursday 9:30am - 11am? We are currently studying Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson's program on the bible. Feel free to drop in whenever you have time. Please check the parish calendar for the schedule.

ST. MARY SENIORS - If you are free the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us in Hofmann Center at 12 noon for a meeting of social activity and service to our parish. Bring a sack lunch.

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Junior High Library.



Visit us at stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Tim O'Rorke at tj@timororke.com.

ST. MARY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP - Tuesday mornings at 10:15am in Hoffman Center. We pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary and meditate on a reading from daily Mass. We pray for the intentions of the school and parish. All are welcome!

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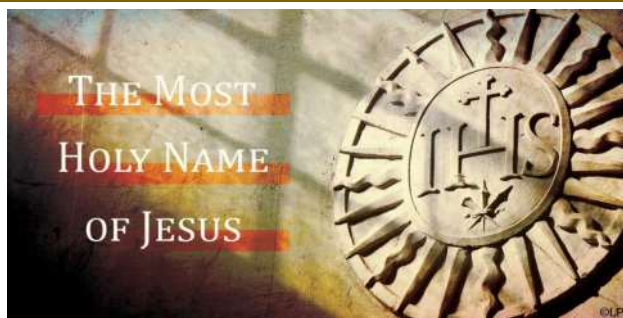
THE STORY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Although Saint Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus “that name that is above every name” (see 2:9), this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan.

Bernardine used devotion to the most holy name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century.

In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office of the Holy Name for the Franciscans. In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church.

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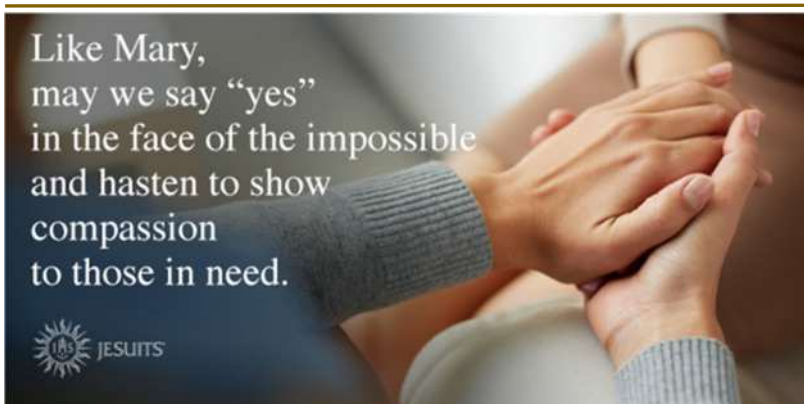
Throughout the history of the Church, Jesus' name has been invoked as an instrument of personal faith in the Son of God, especially to command demons or simply to pray to Jesus in a repetitive and personal way. The liturgical Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus has been celebrated by the Church for many centuries, especially within various religious orders. In the fifteenth century, Saint Bernardine of Siena, a Franciscan friar, went on a preaching mission promoting devotion to the Most Holy Name. He encouraged people to revere Jesus' name by placing the first three Greek letters of His name on their doors: IHS. Today, this Greek monogram of Jesus' name is commonly seen in churches on tabernacles, altars, and in stained glass windows. In the sixteenth century, Saint Ignatius of Loyola had such a strong devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus that he adopted it as his seal as general of his newly founded order of the Jesuits; that monogram remains the Jesuits' official seal today.

There is great power in the spoken name of Jesus. Repeating His name prayerfully or speaking it aloud brings Him close and gives you strength, provided you recite His name in faith. The name of Jesus casts out fear, arouses trust, and unites your heart to His. Sadly, the Most Holy Name of Jesus is so holy that the evil one often tempts people to invoke it as a curse when angry, without even considering what they are doing.

As we celebrate this holy memorial today, ponder the prayer below that is attributed to Saint Bernardine of Siena, the Franciscan who spoke so fervently of Jesus' name. Also, take time to close your eyes and prayerfully repeat His name over and over. As you go about your day, anytime you feel anxious or fearful, speak the name of Jesus. Know and believe that the divine name of our Lord brings Him close to you and bestows His grace in abundance.

Prayer: *Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love, and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To You our devotion aspires; by You our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating You. O Name of Jesus, You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.*

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MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.





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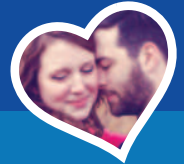
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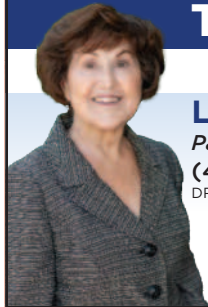
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