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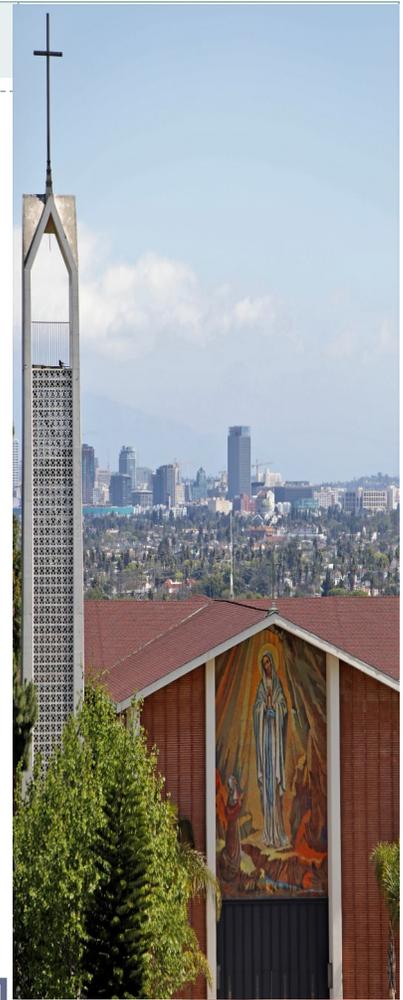
Holy Mary, the Mother of God ?

The controversy over Mary’s title as “Mother of God” was addressed in 431 A.D. at the Council of Ephesus.

Be aware, more was at stake than simply defending Mary’s title. The Christian teaching about Christ’s two natures was the real issue. The Church wanted to settle just one question: Was Jesus one person or two? Rejecting the teaching of the heretic Nestorius, the Church declared that Jesus is one divine person, with two natures—his mother’s human nature and his Father’s divine nature. Mary did not give Jesus his divine nature or his divine personhood—those He possessed from all eternity as the only begotten Son of the Father. She also



did not just give Him His flesh: She gave birth to the whole person. She gave birth to Jesus Christ, both God and man. We confess this every time we say the Apostles’ Creed. Calling Mary “Mother of God” states a truth which must be stated in order to protect an essential truth about Christ. She is a sign of her son’s legitimacy. She is the link between his Father, the former rightful king, and her son, the present rightful King. Likewise, Mary as the virginal “Mother of God” is the link between her Son’s humanity and divinity. She is the sign He is both God and man.



The Octave Day of Christmas?

Each year during the Christmas and Easter seasons we hear references to “Octave Days.” We know the term octave means “eight,” but just what exactly are Octave Days, and why are they part of the Church’s liturgical calendar?

The Church long ago realized we need more than one day to contemplate the sublime mysteries celebrated in the chief feasts of our faith; mysteries such as the Virgin Birth and the empty tomb. We must have time to reflect on and experience in our hearts what God is revealing to us.

Centuries ago the Church began the custom of prolonging the celebration of certain major feasts, including Easter and Christmas, across eight days. The feast day itself is the first day of the octave, and the eighth day is called the “Octave Day.” The term octave can refer both to the eighth day alone and to the entire period of eight days taken as a whole.

Today, the Octave of Christmas contains several other holy days: the feasts of the Holy Family, St. Stephen, St. John the Evangelist, the Holy Innocents, St. Thomas Becket and Pope St. Sylvester. Each of these celebrations points us in its own distinctive way to the Nativity of Our Lord, helping us to ponder the implications of the Word made flesh who came to dwell among us.



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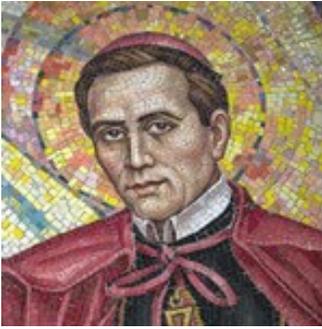
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***MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 31, 2022 – JANUARY 06, 2023**

Saturday 4:00 PM.....All Parishioners
 Sunday 10:00 AM.....All Parishioners
 Monday 8:00 AM.....All Parishioners
 Tuesday 8:00 AM.....All Parishioners
 Wednesday 8:00 AM.....All Parishioners
 Thursday 8:00 AM.....No Mass Celebrated
 Friday.....No Mass Celebrated

*Donations for Mass Intentions are accepted and appreciated

Saint John Neumann, Bishop (March 28, 1811—January 05, 1860)



John Neumann was born in, what is now, the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. He continued missionary work in Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, where he became popular with the Germans.

At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time.

Gifted with an outstanding ability for organization, he attracted many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Brothers into the city of Philadelphia. During his brief assignment as vice provincial for the Redemptorists, he placed them in the forefront of the parochial movement.

Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia. Neumann took seriously our Lord's words, "Go and teach all nations." He was **devoted to education and was the first ecclesiastic to organize a diocesan school system in the United States**. He is the Patron Saint of teachers and educators.

Join us for Bible Study

1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM

1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472

Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441

7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
Passcode: 6FuFf7

Contact:
Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962



Do Catholics Celebrate New Years???

In the early centuries of the Church, January first was considered to be a pagan celebration, so in 567 AD the Council of Tours abolished the January date. In 1582, the Gregorian calendar reform restored January 1 as New Year's Day. In 2023 January 1 will fall on Sunday and is the Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.



St. Bernadette Prayer Group
Join Us!
Every Friday
12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM
In the Parish Office

Mass Intention Requests



Mass Intentions are always welcome.
Your request should indicate:
If it is for an individual? or family?
Is the person Living? Deceased?
Name of the individual requesting the Mass?
Contact person's name? Phone? Mailing address? Requested date of Mass?
Please note if the intention is for a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary or a healing.



Join us for Coffee and Donuts

**After 10:00 Mass
Every Sunday!**

In the Hall



Holy Habits: 10 New Year's Resolutions

1. *Give a return on your gifts.* When using a gift, say a prayer for the giver.
2. *Commit random acts of prayer.* Pick someone to pray for throughout your day.
3. *See Jesus more often.* Make a weekly appointment to visit Jesus in the tabernacle.
4. *Bounce-back.* Think of God telling us: "I'm God, and I made you; whatever you do for others comes back to you."
5. *Become invisible.* Look for invisible ways to do good.
6. *Read the Word.* Put a Bible somewhere convenient, and open it up once a day.
7. *Call the manager and praise an employee.* When you've been given good service, call the manager and report it. Double Down. Say a prayer for them.
8. *Ask God to arrange your seating and conversations.* I know people (and myself) who have had amazing experiences asking God to direct who we sit next to at events or on planes and to direct our conversations
9. *Fast daily.* To integrate fasting into a daily sacrifice, take something out at meals. Skip the fries or ketchup, or don't put butter on your bread.
10. *Enjoy the wait.* What do you do while waiting for the microwave or while waiting for someone to answer their phone? Turn inconsequential moments into prayers of consequence.



Calling All Men!!!

St. Bernadette Men's Retreat Jan 27-29, 2023

Passionists Retreat Center

"Who Is Jesus Christ? Who Am I?"

Finding the Divinity Within."

The retreat focuses on ways to discover where Jesus Christ resides in us and the complex relationship we have with Him. Don't miss out!

The retreat begins Friday evening with a buffet supper and concludes early Sunday afternoon after Mass. The retreat weekend offers inspirational talks on the theme as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, Confession, and Stations of the Cross; perfectly suited for **spiritual renewal and growth.**

For more details. Contact Gilbert Wright at 310.849.5710



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church through The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday, January 02, 2023

8:00 am

**Communion Service
(Adoration to Follow)**

Tuesday, January 03, 2023

8:00 am

**Communion Service
(Adoration to Follow)**

Wednesday, January 04, 2023

8:00 am

**Communion Service
(Adoration to Follow)**

Thursday, January 05, 2023

Liturgy of the Word (recorded)

Friday, January 06, 2023

Liturgy of the Word (recorded)

Saturday, January 07, 2023

Confessions 3:00 pm

Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 08, 2023

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts

following Mass

Other Sacraments

(as Scheduled)

Mass Intentions

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1 Corinthians 15:58

Oh Lord, help every worker to work wholeheartedly for the church. Help them to remember the work they do in the church is not in vain as Your Word declares Your work is never wasted.



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What are the Limits on Deducting Charitable Contributions to our Church?

The IRS sets a limit on how much you are allowed to claim as a charitable deduction. But the 2022 charitable contribution rules have reverted back to no more than **60% of your AGI** for cash contributions to the most common charities like churches, schools, and hospitals. The limit is 30% of AGI for non-cash contributions (for example, donating shares of stock). It is still one of the most generous deductions available - a couple with an AGI of \$200,000 can deduct up to \$120,000 of cash donations to charity in a given year. But any charitable donations above those amounts are not eligible for a tax deduction.



Interesting Saints

St. Bernardino of Siena was so well known for his crowd-pleasing public preaching in the early 15th century he is now considered the patron saint of advertising and public relations.

You know the 10 Commandments...

Do you know the 6 Truths???

To be known and believed by all.

- 1) There is one God, who created, who preserves and governs all things.
- 2) God is a just Judge, who rewards the good and punishes the wicked.
- 3) In God there are three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- 4) The Second Person, Jesus Christ, became man and died on the cross to save us.
- 5) The soul of man is immortal.
- 6) Grace is necessary for salvation.

Did you know?

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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"**

