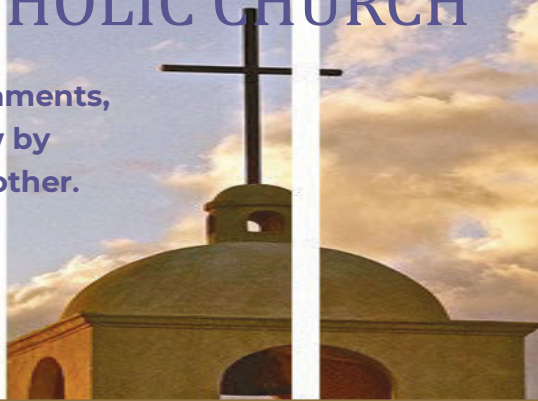


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# Weekly Schedule

## Ministry Meetings

### Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00am Spirit Fire Charismatic Rm 2

9:00am Grief Support—Rm 3

### Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:30am Respect Life —Hall

9:30am Divine Mercy —Rm 3

1:30pm Pastoral Council Mtg-Conf Rm

### Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Church Cleaning—Church

9:15am Legion of Mary—Rm 2

5:00pm RE Class Rm 2 & 3

6:00pm Adult Choir—Foyer

### Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Flame of Love Cenacle—Rm2

1:30pm Courageous Women—Hall

5:30pm American Heritage Girls—Hal

### Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Arts/Environment—Church

11:00am Patriotic Rosary—Hall

St. Steven's St. Vincent DePaul Conference  
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January 21<sup>st</sup> & January 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

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If you have any questions contact  
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## **REFLECTION ON THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD / NEW YEAR**

Congratulations my dear brethren! Today is a special day for all of us. So, happy New Year, and feast day of Mary, Mother of God. We give thanks to God for today's celebrations, both of which are great sources of blessings. First, for the gift of a new year. Second, for the gift of a precious mother to accompany, comfort, and to intercede for us throughout this year. The title "Mother of God" is from the Greek "Theotokos" (God-bearer). Through this celebration, the church reminds us of Mary's special role in God's plan. This solemnity can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. Officially, it was celebrated first in Portugal as Mary's Divine Maternity. This was with the permission of Pope Benedict IV, in 1575.

In 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church. Finally, in 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar on the first day of the year. He replaced it with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God."

About the important role of Mary in God's plan and today's solemnity, the Church teaches: "Mary, the all-holy and ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time, in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men... (CCC 721).

New Year offers us new opportunities, new ideas, and new resolutions. It is a sign of regeneration and a time of new hope. Each new year, we make new resolutions. Unfortunately, we hardly keep or fulfill them. Why? Possibly, because we are always in a hurry to make them, and consequently, do not consult God about such resolutions. So, one important thing we must do this year is to resolve to strengthen our relationship with God. Proverbs says: "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans (Pr 16, 3). Also, as the psalmist admonishes us: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He shall bring it to pass (Ps 37: 5). Therefore, this year we must develop the resilient spirit of Moses who insisted before God: "If you do not personally go with us, we shall not leave this place... (Ex 33, 15). Also, like Enoch let us walk with God (Gen 5, 27).

Our first reading today is a very important new year's blessing direct from God to us, his people. It is a sign of God's faithfulness, and His willingness to work with us this year. Hence, through His blessings, God has equipped us for the journey ahead this year. So, all we need say is a resounding amen to this blessing and walk justly with God this year.

In the second reading, Paul recounts the incarnation of God in Mary. That is, how God took flesh in the Blessed Virgin Mary. Paul reminds us of our sonship by participation, and our adoption as children of the same Father with Christ. Consequently, He also reminds us that by the same adoption, we are children of Mary, the Mother of God.

The gospel simply teaches us that Mary fulfilled her role as Mother towards her son. She conceived and nurtured him with love and tenderness. She equally accompanied him through every step and stage of his life even till his death on the cross. In other words, not only did she give birth to Jesus, Mary helped Him to accomplish God's plan for humanity. Through this, she presents herself as the epitome and model of motherhood.

**FR WILFRED YINAH, VC**



# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

"So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites,  
and I will bless them." (Nm 6:27)

## PSALM:

May God bless us in his mercy. (Ps 67)

## SECOND READING:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,  
born of a woman. (Gal 4:4)

## GOSPEL:

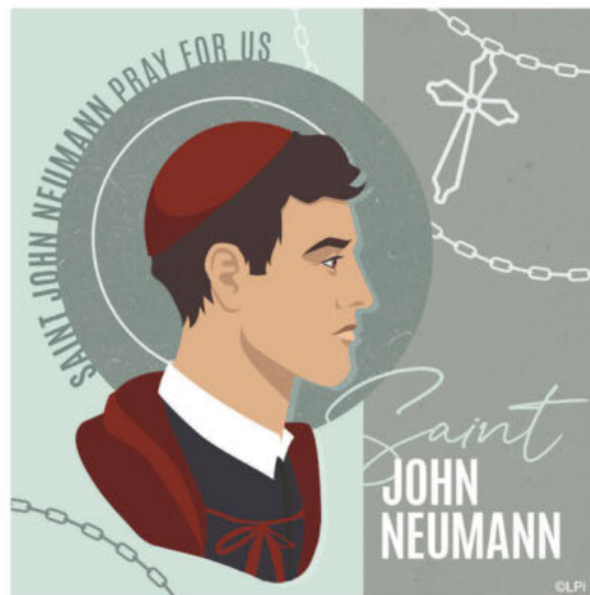
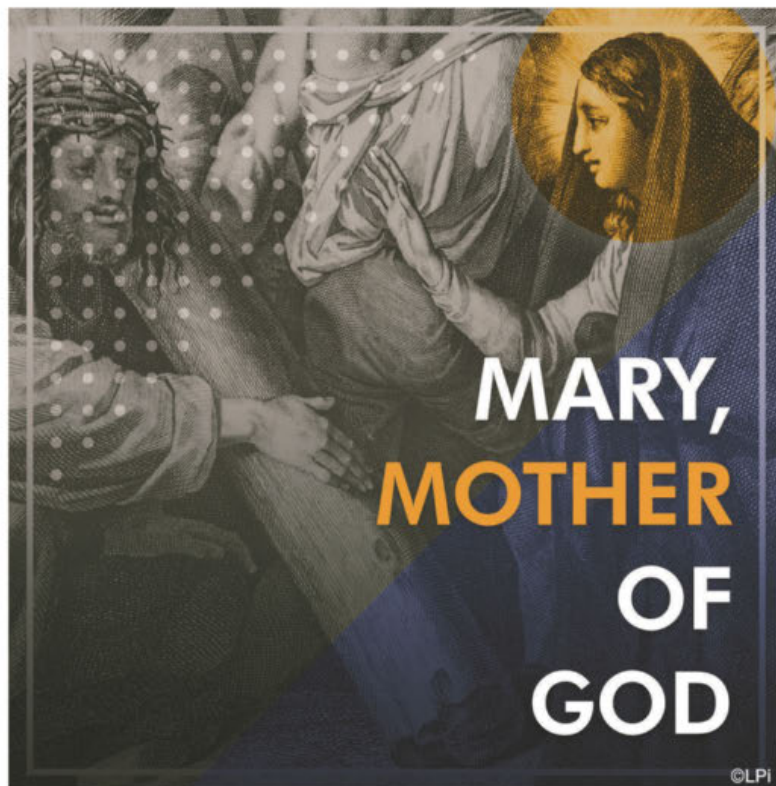
The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem  
and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in  
the manger. (Lk 2:16)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

Sunday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day
Monday:	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Tuesday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Thursday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Friday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Saturday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord



## Saint of the Week

St. John Neumann, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages!

## Prayer

Prayer for St. John Neumann's intercession

O St. John Neumann, your ardent desire of bringing all souls to Christ impelled you to leave home and country; teach us to live worthily in the spirit of our baptism which makes us all children of the one Heavenly Father and brothers of Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the family of God.

Obtain for us that complete dedication in the service of the needy, the weak, the afflicted, and the abandoned which so characterized your life. Help us to walk perseveringly in the difficult and at times painful paths of duty, strengthened by the Body and Blood of our Redeemer and under the watchful protection of Mary our Mother. May death still find us on the sure road to our Father's house, with the light of living faith in our hearts.

(Prayer Source: <https://stjohnneumann.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Prayers-to-St.-John-Neumann.pdf>)

## MASS INTENTIONS & CELEBRANTS

### Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup> [THE SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD]

4:00pm ✦ Mary Holmquist.....Fr. Wilfred  
6:00pm ✦ Bernard "Buss" Nicholaisen.....Fr. Wilfred

### Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> —[SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD]

8:00am ✦ Ron Watras .....Fr. Wilfred  
10:00am For the People of St. Steven's.....Fr. Wilfred



### Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> —[Memorial— Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church]

8:00am ✦ Dana Sloan ..... Fr. Wilfred

### Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> —[Optional Memorial—The Most Holy Name of Jesus]

8:00am (S.I.) Bill Mariner..... Fr. Wilfred

### Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> —[Memorial— Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious]

8:00am ✦ Thomas P. McMullen ..... Fr. Wilfred

### Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> —[Memorial—Saint John Neumann, Bishop]

8:00am ✦ Robert Golembiewski..... Fr. Wilfred

### Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> —[Optional Memorial— Saint Andre Bessette, Religious]

8:00am ✦ Arlene C. Krysiak ..... Fr. Wilfred

### Weekend of January 7<sup>th</sup> to January 8<sup>th</sup> —[THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD]

4:00pm For the People of St. Steven's ..... Fr. Wilfred  
8:00am ✦ Dave & Debbie Dingeldine ..... Fr. Wilfred  
10:00am ✦ Frank Carnese ..... Fr. Wilfred



# 1st Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

On January 6<sup>th</sup> We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Steven's  
following the 8am Mass until 5pm with confessions from 3:45pm - 4:45pm  
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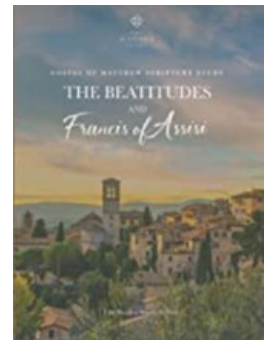
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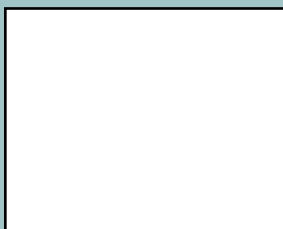
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