

December 31, 2023 | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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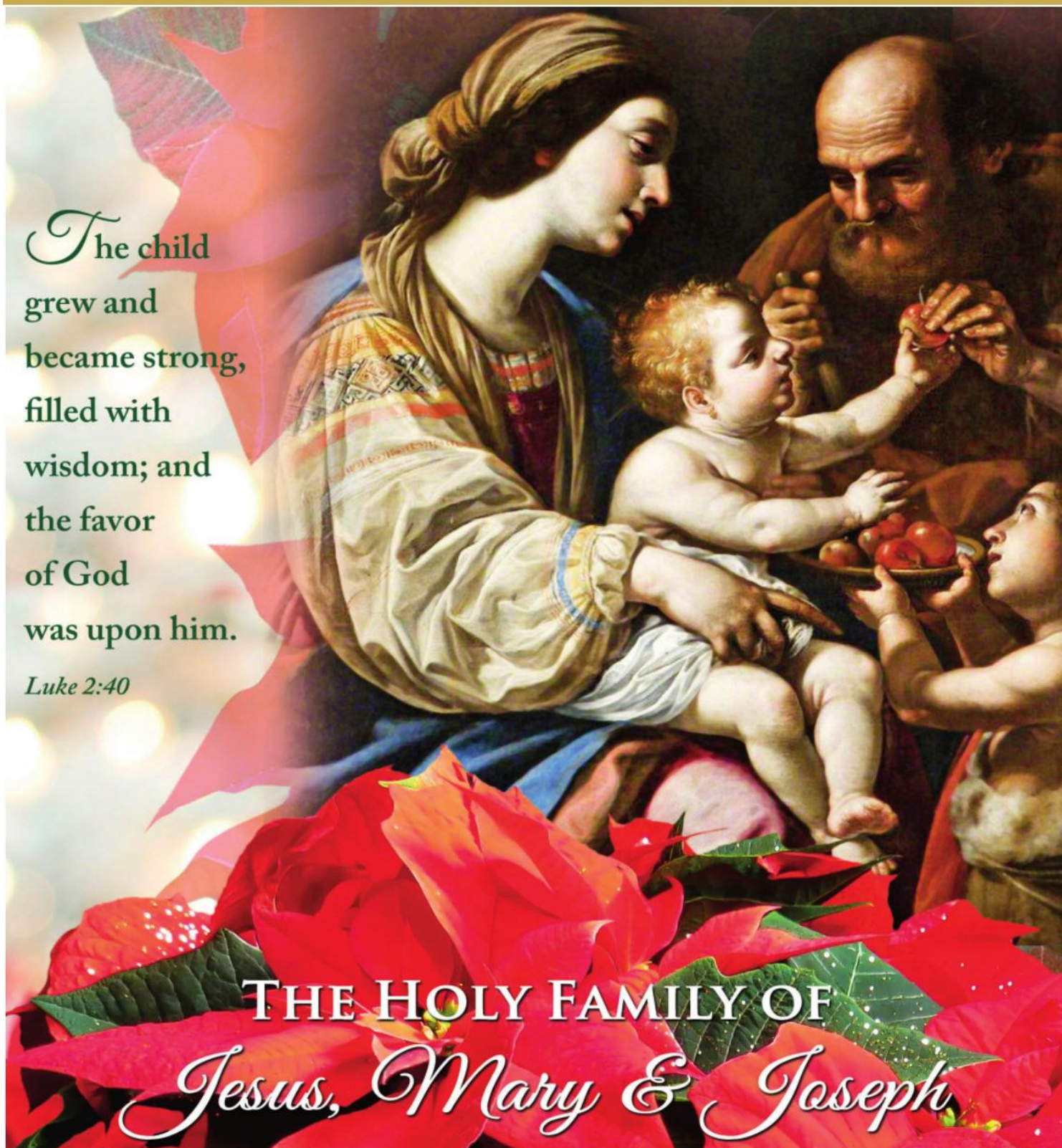
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*The* child  
grew and  
became strong,  
filled with  
wisdom; and  
the favor  
of God  
was upon him.

*Luke 2:40*



THE HOLY FAMILY OF

*Jesus, Mary & Joseph*



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Sunday 8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

12:00pm Misa

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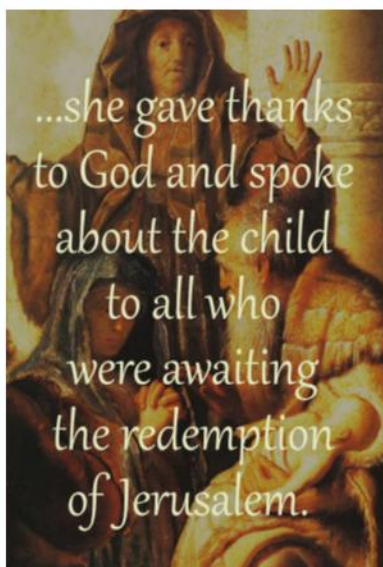
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John Flores 210-748-3072

### Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 31, 2023

Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40
Monday	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday	Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday	Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday	Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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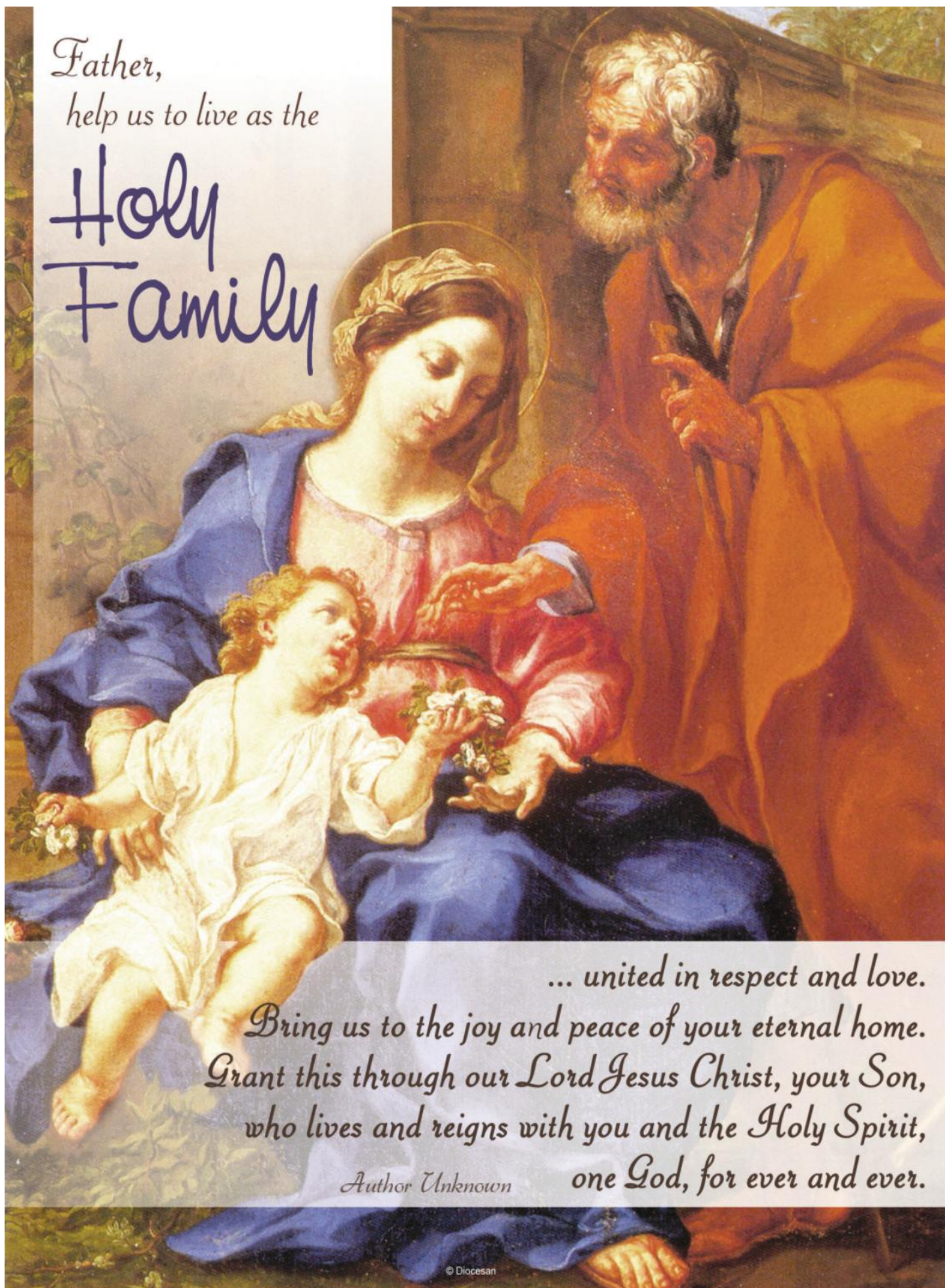
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*Father,  
help us to live as the*

# *Holy Family*



*... united in respect and love.  
Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.*

*Author Unknown*

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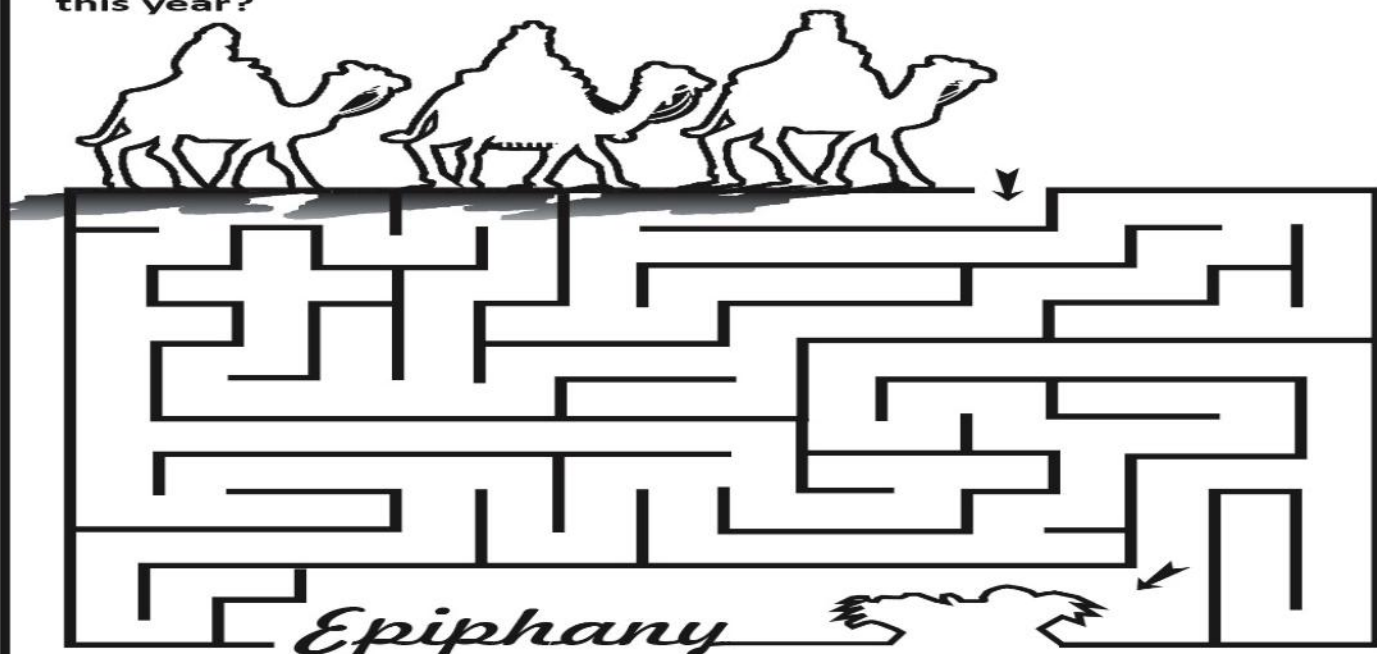
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### Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?**



### The Sorrows of Mary

"Your sufferings, accepted and borne with unshakeable faith, when joined to those of Christ take on extraordinary value for the life of the Church and the good of humanity". (Message of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II for the First Annual World Day of the Sick, 5)

As the mother of Christ, one of Mary's many titles is "Our Lady of Sorrows". Fittingly, the name "Mary" has roots in the Hebrew word "marah" meaning "bitterness". Commonly depicted in art with a sword piercing her heart, today's Gospel introduces us to the first of Mary's Seven Sorrows: "And you yourself a sword will pierce". The Holy Family went through many trials together but Mary in particular endured, steadfast in her fiat and never once wavered in her devotion to God, although she was exposed to so many trials.

Saint John Paul II declared: "[T]he Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross... uniting herself with a maternal heart with His sacrifice" (*Lumen Gentium*, 58). In her apparitions as Our Lady of Kibeho in the 1980's in Rwanda, Mary asked that we pray the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows for repentance, and also noted that we must "bear our sufferings every day" if we want to be with Christ in Heaven. If we imitate Mary's faith, we too will survive whatever wounds this hard world inflicts on us and one day rejoice with God's Holy Family. What suffering in your life is God using for His glory?

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

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## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Remember, Reflect, Respond

This feast has had several names through history. Most recently, it was called the Feast of the Circumcision and then the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church finally settled on a more ancient title, Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It also has a secondary title of the Octave of Christmas, the secular title of New Years Day, and an honorary title of World Day of Prayer for Peace. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one.

When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son Jesus is also the divine Son of God. We honor Mary because God honored her by choosing her to be the mother of Jesus. In her humble response of "let it be done to me," she agreed to be part of God's plan for our salvation. And so today's Gospel records one simple action of Mary: to keep these things in her heart.

Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of being a disciple. Like Mary, we need to both keep, or remember, what God has done, and to reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures? How well do we know God's actions in Church history? And how much do we remember of the personal graces given us by God? Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times God has forgiven us?

Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God's goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Am I more generous to others? Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God's help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting.

Tom Schmidt



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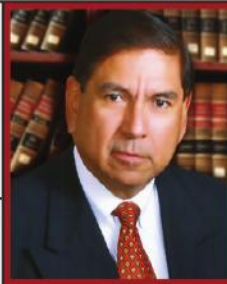
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