



[The shepherds] made known the message that had been told them about this child.... And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

LUKE 2:17, 19

## What Do You Hold in Your Heart?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**n New Year's Eve, some of my friends try to recall a significant event from each year, beginning with the most recent, and work their way back. They tell me that memories from the first couple of years, the most recent, are fairly easy to call to mind, but after that, memories get reduced to births and deaths, marriages and moves to new homes, vacations, and ultimately to not remembering anything significant for some years. It's an interesting conclusion—not remembering anything significant—given the human emotions and energies we pour into trivial disagreements, unresolved conflicts, and family issues.

The Gospel recounts how Mary reflected upon the events of her Son's birth and how she kept them all in her heart. I suspect that many of the events we might recount from that New Year's Eve exercise would end up being some of the moments we hold in our hearts. Most would likely revolve around family, all those people we keep in our hearts. Others might be about job promotions or successes, or memorable recognitions. We justifiably keep these as treasures to remember.

As Mary did, we might learn something about ourselves by pondering significant personal faith events. I doubt most of us will recall one for each year, which may say something about how seriously we take our faith lives. Yet those we do recall could be treasures of the past that will bless us in the present. ●

### Reflect

**What do the events  
you carry in your heart  
say about who you are?**



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9:30 am - 10:30 am at Cherry Church Hall  
Sunday, January 1st - Happy New Year  
Sunday, January 8th - 5th thru 8th Grades  
CCD email address is holytrinitycherry@gmail.com

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of January 2, 2023**

Monday	1/2			+ No Mass
Tuesday	1/3	9:00 am	STM	+ No Mass
Wednesday	1/4	5:30 pm	HT	+ No Mass
Thursday	1/5	9:00 am	HT	+ Jack & Theresa McCallum
Friday	1/6	9:00 am	STM	+ Doris Schwamberger

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of January 7-8, 2023**

Saturday	1/7	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Dorothy Orlandi
Sunday	1/8	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Rita Hoscheid
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Michael Bickett
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ For the Parishioners

## JANUARY 1ST - FEAST OF "MARY, MOTHER OF GOD"

On every New Year's Day, Catholics all over the world celebrate the feast of "Mary, Mother of God." In calling her the "Mother of God," we especially acknowledge one unique fact of human life: A mother is not just the source of the physical body of her child; she is the mother of that person. Being a mother is not just something biological; it's also something sacred and holy, and is part of the divine order of God's creation. Jesus was Mary's child, and this child is God. Therefore, it is logically proper to call Mary the "Mother of God."



Some people have mistakenly thought that this illustrious title was given to Mary by the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). Rather, she had been called "Mother of God" as early as the Second or Third Century. This title is an English translation of the Greek word "Theotokos." During the Third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus (431 A.D.) St. Cyril of Alexandria, along with the Fathers of the Ephesus Council, unanimously insisted on calling Mary "Theotokos" as a theological explanation for the mystery of the incarnation of Jesus, and that he had two distinct but inseparable natures: true God and true man.

### A BIG CHEERS FOR MEMBERS WHO

- gave to the toy drive
- picked up Christmas flowers
- decorated the three churches
- made church contributions for 2022  
Please note the 2023 envelopes have not arrived yet. The company has a huge backlog and we may not receive them until the end of January 2023. Meanwhile, please use regular envelopes with your name on it for weekly contributions. Again, thank you for your generosity, which keeps our three churches up and running.

**THANK YOU & GOD BLESS!**

### Growing Disciples Team:

Dear Leaders of Growing Disciples teams, after receiving your preferences with dates and times the viewing of the webinar has been set for Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm at St Thomas More Church Hall.

If you can't attend that night, let Julie know and she can send you the link to watch it on your own.

Each of the 3 teams will get together at a separate time to fill out the required surveys.

Please contact the church office with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

### LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND DEC 25TH

HT - \$1,376.00

SP - \$528.00

STM - \$1,319.00



### CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS

WILL BE SAT. JAN 7TH

10:30 - 11:15 AM AT

ST PATRICK

IN THE CHAPEL

# Dear Padre,

*I understand that all Catholics, not just priests and religious, are called to holiness. How can laypeople become holy?*

The five elements of holiness are the same for all the baptized, always in the context of their vocational calling.

**Prayer:** In the liturgy, we join our sisters and brothers to offer communal worship where we are nourished and formed by word and sacrament. In private prayer, we maintain, clarify, and nourish our relationship with God.

**Love of neighbor:** We are called to treat others with the acceptance and respect that God has for each person. Every person is our neighbor, especially people in need (Matthew 25:40).

**Living one's vocational commitment:** Being faithful to a spouse in marriage, working for family harmony, staying true to dedicated singleness in the world or in the religious community setting—all are avenues of holiness.

**Penance and self-discipline:** The Christian life demands self-denial, control, and sacrifice. Christians must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23).

**Reaching out in discipleship:** Holiness also comes from and finds its noblest expression in a life of service and ministry. Baptism initiates us into the fullness of Christian reality, which ultimately means discipleship—sharing our faith and serving others, especially the most needy.

For laypeople, the main arena of holiness is where they live, work, play, and struggle every day. It is there that they must proclaim “the kingdom of God is in our midst,” and answer their call to holiness. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves....  
Do I know how to look at people with the heart?  
Do I take to heart the people with whom I live?....  
Let us ask for the grace to live this year with  
the desire to take others to heart and to care for  
them.*

HOMILY, VATICAN, JANUARY 1, 2020

### MONDAY

January 2  
*Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*

1 Jn 2:22–28  
Jn 1:19–28

### TUESDAY

January 3  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 2:29–3:6  
Jn 1:29–34

### WEDNESDAY

January 4  
*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*  
1 Jn 3:7–10  
Jn 1:35–42

### THURSDAY

January 5  
*St. John Neumann, Bishop*  
1 Jn 3:11–21  
Jn 1:43–51

### FRIDAY

January 6  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 5:5–13  
Mk 1:7–11

### SATURDAY

January 7  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 5:14–21  
Jn 2:1–12

### SUNDAY

January 8  
*Epiphany of the Lord*  
Is 60:1–6  
Eph 3:2–3, 5–6  
Mt 2:1–12

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