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BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1ST 2023

'Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart'



Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith.

MARÍA SANTÍSIMA, MADRE DE DIOS ÉNERO 1ERO 2023

'María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas y las meditaba en su corazón'

La lectura de hoy es una continuación del Evangelio proclamado en la Misa de Navidad a medianoche. En él los pastores actúan sobre el mensaje que reciben del ángel y van a buscar a Jesús en el pesebre de Belén. En su visita al pesebre, los pastores encuentran las cosas tal como les había dicho el ángel. La visita de los pastores, por tanto, es un momento de plenitud, manifestación y comienzo de la salvación que recibimos por medio de Cristo.

En el contexto de la Solemnidad de hoy, esta lectura también nos ayuda a centrarnos en María como Madre de Dios. La lectura nos dice al menos tres cosas sobre María como madre. Primero, se describe a María como una persona reflexiva, que guarda en su corazón los informes de los pastores. En segundo lugar, se nos recuerda cuán obediente fue María a Dios cuando nombró al niño Jesús como el ángel Gabriel le había indicado. Tercero, esta lectura muestra a María y José observando fielmente su tradición judía al circuncidar a Jesús.

La fidelidad de María a Dios es evidente en estas tres cosas. Su reflexión sobre los acontecimientos de su vida indica que era una persona de oración. Esta oración hizo posible su obediencia a Dios y la voluntad de Dios, incluso si el resultado no estaba claro. Finalmente, su fidelidad a una comunidad de fe cimentó su relación con Dios y la capacitó para participar en el plan de salvación de Dios.

Debido a la fidelidad de María a Dios, pudo recibir el don del Hijo de Dios y aceptar su papel en el plan de salvación de Dios. Al hacerlo, nos modela el camino del discipulado y también es llamada Madre de la Iglesia.

Nuestro llamado al discipulado también incluye estos tres aspectos. Primero, el discipulado significa oración y reflexión sobre los eventos de nuestras vidas para que podamos ver la presencia y la obra de Dios en nuestras vidas. Segundo, el discipulado significa obediencia a Dios ya la voluntad de Dios. Tercero, el discipulado incluye la fidelidad a una comunidad de fe.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Was born on August 28, 1774, of a wealthy and distinguished Episcopalian family. She was baptized in the Episcopal Church and was a faithful adherent of it until her conversion to Catholicism. In 1794, she married William Seton and they raised five children amid suffering and sickness. Elizabeth and her frail husband traveled to Italy, and there William died. While in Italy she became acquainted with Catholicism and in 1805 she made her profession of faith in the Catholic Church.



She established her first Catholic school in Baltimore in 1808; in 1809, she established a religious community in Emmitsburg, Maryland. After seeing the expansion of her small community of sisters to New York and as far as St. Louis, she died on January 4, 1821 and was declared a saint by Saint Paul VI on September 14, 1975, becoming America's first native-born saint.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **First Friday Adoration:** This coming Friday Jan. 6th 2023 its a First Friday. There is a sign-up sheet for Eucharistic Adoration in the back. Please consider spending some quiet time in adoration of our Lord.

- **Updated parish picture directory** Our Parish will be celebrating the 70th Anniversary of our Dedication on March 11th of this year. To commemorate this joyful occasion, we will be publishing an updated parish picture directory. More information will be coming in the next few weeks so stay tuned!

- **The annual Respect Life** Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Daniel E. Garcia will take place on Saturday, January 21st, at 11:00 AM at Madonna del Sasso Pro-Cathedral, 320 E. Laurel Dr, Salinas, CA 93906. Bishop Garcia invites all parishioners in the Monterey Diocese to come and attend this annual mass.

- **Parish bulletin advertisements:** If any of you own a local business or know of one that might benefit from very reasonable advertising rates that are published 52 weeks a year, please call the office for more information.

- **There will be no Spanish Masses** on Sundays at 5pm on January 1st, 8th and 15th 2023

SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English, 5:00 PM in Spanish

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:

10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

“At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service.” St. Teresa of Avila

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions Dec. 31st – Jan. 6th 2023

Sat. Dec. 31st 4:30pm: + Donald & Edna Waddell

Sun. Jan. 1st 9:00am : + Jim & Betty Smith

11:15: + Joe Ortman

NO 5PM SPANISH MASS

Wed. Jan. 4th 12p, + Nicholas & Alice Marasco

Thurs. Jan. 5th 12pm: + Joseph Galluzzo

Fri. Jan. 6th 12pm: + Margaret Pike

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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December 24-25, 2022

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- **First Communion:** Jennifer Bodner (1st year), Marilyn Margadinho (2nd year)
- **Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (1st year), Alondra Klemek and Brisa Cabrera (2nd year)
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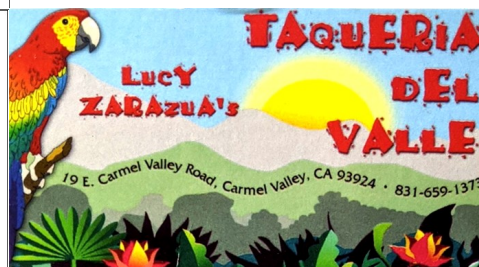
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