



## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

# MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:17-19



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God  
01-01-2023

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sat	12/31	5:00 pm	B-day remembrance †Hedy Slovak, offered by Debbie Champion
		7:00 pm	Por las animas del purgatorio, offered by Angelica De La Torre
Sun	01/01	8:00 am	†Jovita Buentello, offered by Familia Vela †Jose Garcia, offered by M.A.
		10:00 am	†Juan Tobias Gallegos, offered by M.A.
		12:00 pm	Por el aniversario de bodas de Paulino Espriella y Eva Nieto, offered by M. Mijares †Jordan Alvarado
Tues	01/03	8:00 am	†Julian Perez, offered by M.A.
Wed	01/04	8:00 am	†Ninfa Garcia Gallegos, offered by M.A.
Thurs	01/05	6:30 pm	†Teofilo Andrade, offered by M.A.
Fri	01/06	8:00 am	†Petra Zapata, offered by Familia Vela †Donald Laws, offered by Trudy Iannucilli

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	English	5:00 PM
	Español	7:00 PM
Sunday	English	8:00 AM
	English	10:00 AM
	Español	12:00 PM

### Daily Mass Schedule

Tues.-Wed. & Fri	English	8:00 AM
Monday	Español	8:00 AM
Thursday	Español	6:30 PM

Anointing of the Sick the 3rd Thursday & 3rd Saturday of the month after the mass.

Due to early submissions upon holidays, donations will be posted on the January 8, 2023 bulletin. Thank you!

For Online donations of Sunday offering and Building Fund visit: [www.stfrancislancaster.org](http://www.stfrancislancaster.org). Thank you all for you continuous support!

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### Liturgical Calendar 2022-2023

#### December

12/31 New Year's Eve  
5:00pm Holy Mass  
7:00pm Santa Misa

#### January

01/01 New Year Day:  
Solemnity of St. Mary, Mother of God  
8:00am Holy Mass  
10:00am Holy Mass  
12:00pm Santa Misa



### Readings for the week of January 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4- 7/Lk 2:16-21  
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42  
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11  
Next Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### Observances for the week of January 1, 2023

Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace  
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 Sun: The Epiphany of the Lord ©LPi

Please keep the sick members of our Parish family in your prayers: Diana Diaz, Lorena Quinones, Reggie Green, Jose M Vasquez, Lourdes & Silvia Vela, Gloria Perez, Rachel Ranney, Janet Marusak, Diana Avalos, Beatrice Palacio, Steve Iannucilli, Simona Garza, Angela Copeland, Tillie Beltran, Jose Cordero, Molly Teague, Francis Miramontes, Johnny Martinez, Pete Romero, Thomas & Yolanda Diaz, Raquel Baiza, Richard Oishei, Kenny Gunderman, Jesus Aguilar, Rosendo Lopez, Julia Lopez, K C Pena, Leah Pena, Lillie Munoz, Isidra Reyna, Enemencio Jaso, Alveno & Ruby Dickson, Mary Brown, Catalina Gonzalez, Brianna Dean, Osvaldo Mendoza Jr., Abigail Renata, Jerry Donoho, Abraham Perez, Luis Maldonado, and all those who are not listed and still are in need of our prayers. If you have a person to add on this prayer list, please call the office at 972-227-4124. You can also write the names of your sick loved ones in the notebook on the stand in the Narthex.

**St. Vincent de Paul Help line—972-218-6605**  
**Food Pantry open**  
**Thursdays 9:30 am to 11 am.**  
**Please stay in your car and your food will be brought out to you. During months where there is a 5th Thursday the Pantry is closed.**

### St. Francis Knights of Columbus

Our mission is to give back to our parish community and aid wherever we can to help those in need. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday, of each month at 7:00 PM. Please contact Grand Knight Ray Alva or any of our fellow Knights for more info.

VNA—Meals on Wheels needs you!

To volunteer email [volunteer@vnatexas.org](mailto:volunteer@vnatexas.org) or call 214-689-2685 to donate email [friends@vnatexas.org](mailto:friends@vnatexas.org) or call 214-689-2265.

### SFA C.R.E.W Youth Group St. Francis

Youth Group is for teenagers that are currently in grades 9th through 12th. Meetings are every Wednesday in the parish hall at 6:30pm.

### 2nd Collections

**January 1, 2023 Mary Mother of God**

Confessions are on Thursdays 5pm-6pm  
& Saturdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

**2023 Church Calendars are now available for pickup. Calendars are limited and will only be issued one per family. For more info please contact parish office.**

### The Sacrament of Infant Baptism

Parents & Sponsors must be active member of the church to be able to baptize.

English & Spanish baptism classes will be every other month. Next session will be in February 2023, registration prior to the class is needed to attend.

**Please contact the parish office for more info**  
**972-227-4124**

## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

1 de enero de 2023

María, la Santa Madre de Dios

“Señor Dios, que das origen y plenitud a todo bien, concédenos que, al celebrar, llenos de gozo la solemnidad de la Santa Madre de Dios, así como nos gloriamos de las primicias de su gracia, podamos gozar también de tu plenitud” (Oración Colecta). “Cumplidos los ocho días, circuncidaron al niño y le pusieron el nombre de Jesús, nombre que había indicado el ángel antes de que su madre quedara embarazada”. (Lucas 2,21). Celebramos el inicio de un año nuevo y lo celebramos con la alegría de tener una Madre que nos ama. Ella, como Madre de Dios nos bendice y protege. ¡María Madre de Dios ten piedad de nosotros! “Es mediante María que el Hijo asume la corporeidad. Pero la maternidad de María no se reduce a esto: gracias a su fe, Ella es también la primera discípula de Jesús y esto “dilata” su maternidad. Será la fe de María la que provoque en Caná el primer signo milagroso, que contribuye a suscitar la fe de los discípulos. Con la misma fe, María está presente a los pies de la cruz y recibe como hijo al apóstol Juan; y finalmente, después de la Resurrección, se convierte en madre orante de la Iglesia sobre la cual desciende con poder el Espíritu Santo en el día de Pentecostés” (Papa Francisco). ¿Qué guardaba María en su corazón en esos días? ¿Qué guardas en tu corazón en estos días de Navidad? ¿Crees que esos sentimientos buenos que llevas dentro estarán presentes durante todo el año? Dialoguemos con María nuestra experiencia de Navidad, y como los pastores, alabemos a Dios por lo que hemos visto y oído durante esta Navidad.©LPi

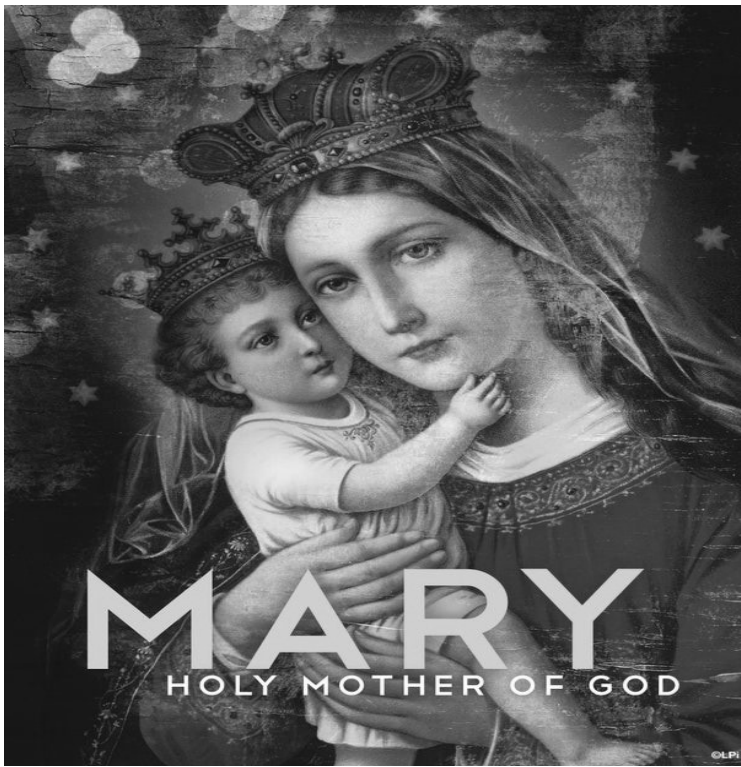
**Question:** What is the history of the rosary? Where did this prayer come from? **Answer:** Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means “garland of roses”) was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 “Our Fathers” to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office. The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913. In the apostolic letter *On the Most Holy Rosary*, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: “The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary’s prayer, her perennial Magnificat ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love” (no. 1).©LPi

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 1, 2023

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they’ve experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, “When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.” When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, “Mangia? Mangia?” I didn’t speak Italian and thought, “Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?” My friend said, “Mangia means eat. They’re hungry.” That’s when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat. See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn’t cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That’s the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too. — Father John Muir ©LPi



## Religious Education



**January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God– Holy Day of Obligation:** *The full of grace, by assuming in her womb the Infant Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, becomes the Mother of God, giving all of herself to her Son Jesus. That is why Mary is a model for every Christian who seeks every day to reach his sanctification. In our Mother Mary, we find the sure guide that introduces us into the life of the Lord Jesus, and to be able to say as the Apostle, "I live but not I, it is Christ who lives in me."* ©Aciprensa

**1 de enero, Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios– Dia de Precepto:** *La llena de gracia, al asumir en su vientre al Niño Jesús, la Segunda Persona de la Trinidad, se convierte en la Madre de Dios, dando todo de sí para su Hijo Jesús. Es por ello, que María es modelo para todo cristiano que busca día a día alcanzar su santificación. En nuestra Madre Santa María encontramos la guía segura que nos introduce en la vida del Señor Jesús, y poder decir como el Apóstol "vivo yo más no yo, es Cristo quien vive en mí".* ©Aciprensa

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### Holy Day Schedule 2022

January 1  
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary Mother of God  
English Mass 8:00 AM  
English Mass 10:00 AM  
Santa Misa 12:00 PM

**The office will be close in observance  
of the Christmas & New Year's  
holidays from  
December 23 to January 2.**

**In case of emergency call this number:  
(972) 762-6638**

*Las oficina parroquial estará cerrada del  
23 de diciembre hasta el 2 de enero  
en observación del las festividades de  
Navidad y Año Nuevo.*

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numero:  
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PRAYING GOD GIVES YOU A  
**year of favor**

FULL OF HIS UNENDING LOVE.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...  
PSALM 90:17a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios**

12/31/22 Mass Schedule 5 PM Eng. & 7 PM Español  
1/1/23 8 AM & 10 AM Eng. 12 PM Español

\*Jan 1 - NO Sunday classes/No hay Clases  
\*Jan 3 - NO Tuesday classes/No hay Clases  
\*Jan 4 - NO Wednesday classes/No hay Clases

**\*Jan 8 & 15 - No Sunday Classes-CRHP Retreats-  
8:30 AM Students must attend  
10 AM Mass  
& 10:50 AM Students must  
attend 12 PM Mass.**

*\*Enero 8 y 15 -No hay clases dominicales  
Retiros CRHP- los estudiantes de 8:30 AM  
deben asistir a la Misa de las 10 AM & los de las  
10:50 AM deben asistir a la Misa de las 12 PM.*