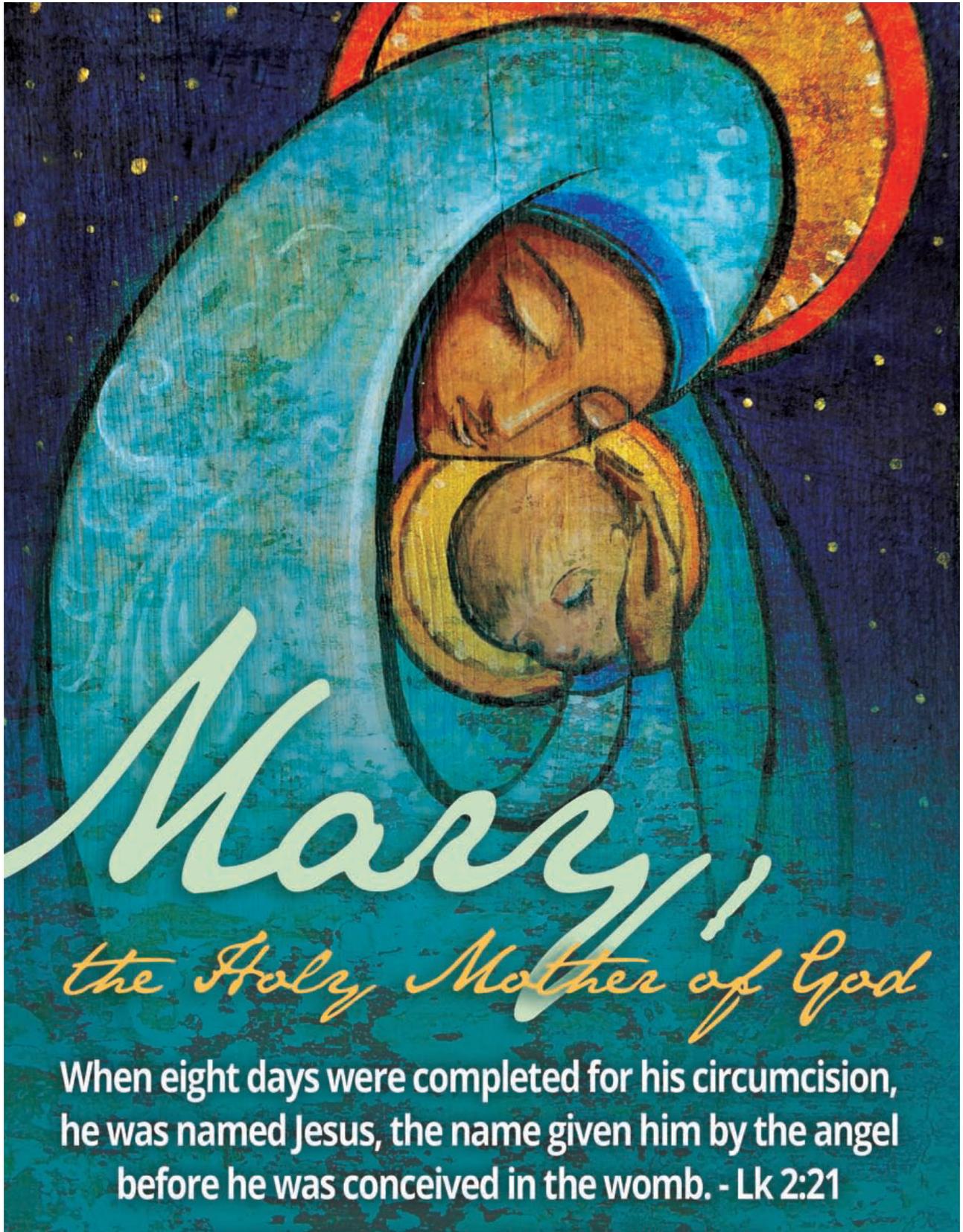


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Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

When eight days were completed for his circumcision,
he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel
before he was conceived in the womb. - Lk 2:21

MASS INTENTIONS (\$10.00)

Jan 3rd – Jan 8th

Tuesday	1/3	11:00 a.m. Mass
Wednesday	1/4	8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Thursday	1/5	8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Friday	1/6	9:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday	1/7	5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday	1/8	8:00 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. For the Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

James Brown, Patricia Lightner, Barbra Cowlin, Pam Curnutt, Sandy Byers, Pauline Thompson, Chris Arnis, Bernard Offley, Debbie Medeiros, Leon Frappier, Ronald Schaumberg, Leo Carina, Bill Jauron, Marie Anderson, Joey Bates, Geri Noble, Patty Lowe, Dick Wall, Lloyd Ebert, JoAnn Evans, Rodney Mann, Jim Fery, Ted Hile, Craig Chabala, Marvel Brown, Sherry Elder Baker, and Martin Scheer Sr.

From July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 the weekly need is \$3,885. This does not include Religious Education, Youth Ministry personnel, which could account for \$16,000 or more, nor does it include the Capital Campaign.

<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,885.00
<u>Collection</u> Dec 24 th & 25 th	\$ 3,031.81
	\$ -853.19
Christmas	\$ 1,895.00

Attendance

Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m.	151
Midnight		58
Christmas Day	10:00 a.m.	83

BULLETIN DEADLINE Information for the January 14th/15th bulletin needs to be emailed or brought in to the office by Friday, January 6th.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 20-22, 2017 please call 503-225-9191 or visit <http://www.helpourmarriage.org>.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Supernatural communication was nothing new for Mary. The angel Gabriel had already appeared and spoken to her when she agreed to bear God’s Son. Her husband Joseph also had a kind of divine intervention in the dream where the angel told him to go ahead and marry her. When she was first pregnant, her cousin Elizabeth had been led by the Holy Spirit to know the secret that Mary was *“the mother of my Lord”* (Lk 1:43). Now, Jesus has just been born and a crew of earthy shepherds appears at her door with a message from heaven: that the Savior has been born. And Mary believed them. She did not doubt their sincerity or the authenticity of their message. She took the words to heart, and meditated upon the meaning of it all.

What might strike us as peculiar in all of this is that God chose to speak to Mary in a variety of ways. This holy and immaculate woman, this Mother of God, did not *always* receive direct communication from on high. Sometimes, God chose to speak to her through other people. Sometimes, he revealed himself to *them* in order to reveal himself to her. And God does the same with us.

It’s easy to daydream about having our own personal revelation from God, to hear his voice loud and clear, directing, encouraging, and supporting us in our times of need and confusion. But this isn’t the standard pattern of God’s operation. Mary was tuned in enough to *hear* God’s voice all around her instead of expecting it to always sound the same. We can imitate this same kind of openness by seeking to discover how God may be speaking to *us* through the voices of others.

Cycles of Faith

Instructions for Online Giving

Instructions for online giving are in the vestibule.

Pick up your copy today.

We seek the same faith and courage that Mary possessed as she accepted the tremendous responsibility of being the Mother of God. Life often requires great and heroic things of us and we often wonder how and if we are able to meet those challenges. Mary did not doubt that God was with her, giving her everything needed to complete the task before her. Because of her Son’s special relationship with his Father, we too can cry out “Abba, Father” and draw strength from the infinite and generous love God bestows upon us.

Week Day Mass Schedule

Please check the bulletin or the front page of the website for each week’s weekday Mass schedule.

Readings for the week of January 1st, 2017

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Christmas Bazaar Booth Breakdown

<i>Blankets/Quilts</i>	\$ 634.50
<i>Plant Sales</i>	\$ 179.00
<i>Various Raffles</i>	\$ 854.00
<i>Kitchen</i>	\$ 524.00
<i>Crocheted Items</i>	\$ 212.00
<i>Wreaths</i>	\$ 908.00
<i>Jams & Jellies</i>	\$1,026.00
<i>Baked Goods</i>	\$ 622.00
<i>Crafts</i>	\$ 958.10
<i>Surprise Package</i>	\$ 952.00
<i>Quilt Raffle</i>	\$ 870.00
<i>Cashier</i>	\$ 397.00
<i>Other</i>	\$ 100.00

Ways to Serve, Play, Relax, and Pray this Winter as a Family

Serve—visit a retirement community and play games with the residents

Play—surprise your spouse with a romantic date

Relax—watch old home videos or a classic movie as a family

Pray—say a Novena as a family for a special intention

Visit Archdiocese of Portland's Family Life Office at <http://familife.archdpdx.org> for more ideas.

MARRIED COUPLES

The Portland Archdiocese has partnered with Worldwide Marriage Encounter to recognize the longest married couple in each parish for the purpose of honoring their love and commitment to each other. They are a visible sign in the Church of the power of love that a man and woman share in God's precious gift of marriage. To nominate a couple go to <https://familife.archdpdx.org/longest-married-couple>. Nominations must be received no later than January 5th, 2017. To learn more about **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** or register for the February 17th - 19th, 2017 WWME weekend at Mt. Angel Abbey go to www.rediscoverthespark.org. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

Pray for a Seminarian, pick up a Book Mark in the entrance of the church.

RCIA

We missed a class in December so we will be making that class up on January 3.

Interested in learning more about your Catholic faith? We meet on Tuesdays at 7 :00 p.m., in Room 5, and all are welcome to come for subjects that interest them. Upcoming topics include:

1/3—Communion of Saints

1/10—Why do I need the Church?

1/17—Our Eternal Destiny (4 last things) + Purgatory

Religious Ed Classes

If public school is cancelled due to weather, Religious Ed will also be cancelled.

Pre-K through 6th grade after 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center will resume January 15th.

Sacramental Prep Reconciliation and First Communion classes will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Youth Group is on Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.



ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!

El Tapatio

We would like to thank El Tapatio for placing an ad in our bulletin.