Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,

Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:5



<u>Christmas Eve</u> Saturday, December 24, 2022

Confessions 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Christmas Music Prelude: Before All Masses

Mass Times - Fr. Todd 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

<u>Christmas Day</u> Sunday, December 25, 2022

> Mass Time - Fr. Raj 9:45 a.m. only

New Years Eve - Solemnity of Mary Saturday, December 31, 2022

> 3 p.m. Confession Mass Time: 4:30 p.m.

After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and we'll pray the Rosary concluding with benediction to end the year and start the new.

New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary Sunday, January 1, 2023

Regular Mass Schedule: 8 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Most Blessed Sacrament Church Mission Statement

The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is for members to witness the real presence of the Lord in word and sacrament, and that they may live out the message from the gospel and serve one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

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- •FUNERAL: Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.
- RCIA: If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

Confession:

Confessions: Fridays 7:45 a.m., Saturdays 3:00 p.m. and Mondays 7:45 a.m.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m. Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m. except during school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

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Respect Life News...

Pregnancy Crisis Help

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Living Rosary

All are welcome to participate in a Living Rosary which will be dedicated to Life. Special intentions to the March For Life and all Respect Life causes.



Date: 1/22/2023

Time: After 11:30am Mass Place: In front of M. B. S. Church



WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

In Christ.

Merry Christmas! The Christmas celebration for the Church starts on the evening of December 24th. The celebration of the Birth of Jesus does not end until the Feast of the Epiphany, which will be celebrated on Sunday January 8th this year. While the Christmas season is brief in comparison to others, it is filled with many great feast days. There are feasts of early saints like St. Stephen the first martyr and St. John the apostle. There are also feasts related more specifically to Christmas such as the Holy Innocents (the babies killed by Herod in search of Jesus) and the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. And then there are the solemnities of Mary Mother of God and Epiphany.



Next Sunday, the first day of the year, is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. This is the celebration of one of the Church's four Marian dogmas: Mother of God, Perpetual Virginity, Immaculate Conception, and Assumption. The dogma of Mary as Mother of God was formally pronounced by the Church way back in 431AD at the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus. This is a critical teaching not because of what it says about Mary, but because of what it says about Jesus.

During the 5th century a heretical group who followed the teachings of a bishop by the name of Nestorious claimed that the Second Person of the Trinity did not truly take on the human nature. Rather they claimed that the two natures, human and divine, remained separate. Therefore, they believed that Jesus of Nazareth, the man born from the Virgin Mary, was the anointed one who lived in union with the Second Person of the Trinity, but the two can somehow be distinguished as two distinct beings. They suggested the title "Mother of Christ" for Mary, but rejected Mother of God. This was denounced by the Counsel Fathers of Ephesus as a heresy, declaring that Jesus Christ is Himself the incarnate Word of God not just by grace of adoption but by nature. The Second Person of the Trinity took for Himself the human nature and animates the body of Jesus Christ just as our soul animates our bodies as an indistinguishable being. He is like us in every way except for sin. Therefore, Mary gave birth to the Second Person of the Trinity. This means that, while she does not produce God or preexist Him, she is the bearer of God into this world; the *Theotokos*, which is Greek for Birth giver of God or Mother of God.

This dogma of Mary being the Mother of God is critical to our belief about the nature of Jesus Christ and how He brings salvation to us. Many of the Church Fathers argued that if God did not take on flesh as Jesus Christ, then it was not God who offered and who was offered in the sacrifice on the Cross. If this is not the case then the sacrifice is not an unblemished and infinite sacrifice because only God is unblemished and infinite. If Jesus Christ is not the Divine Second Person of the Trinity incarnate then His sacrifice would not be sufficient for the salvation for the world, because He would need saving Himself. And one who needs to be saved cannot be expected to be the savior of everyone else. But because Jesus was God among us, He did not need to make sacrifice for Himself, but rather offers the sacrifice of Himself for the salvation of everyone else (cf. Hebrews 10).

The celebration of Mary, Mother of God is intentionally celebrated with Christmas. We start the year off with this reminder that God has entered time not by forming for Himself a body out of nothing (which He could do if He wanted), but rather that He chose to be born into time through His relation with another person. He has chosen to take for Himself not just flesh, but a mother. This is not merely a job given to Mary, but a unique relationship He has chosen to share with her.

The solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is always a Holy Day of Obligation and doubly so by falling on Sunday this year. I hope everyone will join us to bring in the New Year by celebrating the Birth of our Lord to His mother, Mary. I strongly encourage everyone who can to come to the 4:30PM vigil Mass on Saturday for the celebration of the feast day. At the conclusion of that Mass we will have exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, pray the Rosary, and conclude with benediction. In this way we will, through Mary's intercession, thank our Lord for the year that has passed and ask for His blessing on the new one to come.

Totus Tuus, Fr. Todd Lloyd





Date: January 22, 2023

Time: After 11:30 a.m. Mass

Place: In front of M. B. S. Church

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New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary Sunday, January 1, 2023

Regular Mass Schedule: 8 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

January 1st, Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace". further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

SUNDAY READINGS

9-14

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) *Vigil Mass:* Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5,

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 & 8AB, 16BC & 17; Mt 10:17-22

<u>Tuesday</u> Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8;

<u>Wednesday</u> Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

<u>Thursday</u>1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

<u>Friday</u> Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4 -5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

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Just a reminder that many parishioners are faithful supporters of M.B.S. through regular Stewardship of Offering/Financing. Many use the Automatic Bank Draft service, Stewardship envelopes, and some unidentified cash contributions. These and the 1st Sunday of the Month Building/Development Fund are so necessary for operations and some future building projects being studied now. Just like many of you, the M.B.S. family circumstances have changed. If loss of employment and personal finances have hit you hard, it is understandable that adjustments to Stewardship Offerings may change for the time being. If you're able to continue your regular giving and even after prayer feel called to greater generosity, here are some helpful recommendations now or when you return to attending Mass:

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- 3) The MBS automatic draft signup. You may access through the website and clicking on <u>Forms</u> in upper right hand corner. Choose either Regular Auto-Debit or Fwd In Faith Capital Campaign Auto-Debit and send in to church office.

Thank your for your stewardship to MBS parish!



Mass Schedule and Intentions		
Sat. Dec. 24	8:00 am	
	4:00 pm	Jennifer & Carol Gauthier William Bailey, III Thelma & Bill Bailey, III Norman & Norma LaBorde Randy McNemar Edwina "Putt" B. Schexnayder Harry J. Schexnayder Butch Golson Gary T. Simms Peter & Josephine Lombardo Ciro & Annie Gulino Angelina Barthel Dennis Esteve Fred S. Young Louis & Inex Fox Deceased members of the L.A. Cannon Family Michael McKey
	6:30 pm	Will Lorino Warren & Doris Naquin Grace Gary Rosalene Sanzone Don Fontaine Vita & Gene Taylor The Henry Digirolamo Family Lea & Jimmy Arceneaux Henry Tolusso Doug Woolfollk The Hymel Family Lynn Matherne Clemelia Marcel Leon Marcel George & Mary Pecoraro Jervis & Rena Daigle Ethel Duffy Vfita & Gene Taylor The Henry Digirolamo Family Lea & Jimmy Arceneaux Carlton & Janice Sweeney Scott Keagle
	11:00 pm	Chad Fontenot Jessie Fontenot

Sun. Dec. 25	9:45 am	The Arthur Aucoin fmly John, Margaret, and Blair Rinaudo Herbert Roussel, Sr. Nelson, Clamilla and Anne Morris Doris & Bates Macgowan Gary T. Simms Joseph Hayden Tucker Frank J. Bravata Rosemary L. Day Peter & Verdie Couvillion James & Betty Ewing Cleveland & Audry Banquer Family of N. Boudreaux, Sr. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Mrs. Daisy C. Allen Judy Hartmann Bubba Sanders Sam C. Barbera, Jr. Sam C. Barbera, III Ronny Amoroso, III Tom Virnich
Mon. Dec. 26	8:45 am	
Tues. Dec. 27	8:45 am	
Wed. Dec. 28	8:45 am	
Thurs. Dec. 29	8:15 am	
Fri. Dec. 30	8:45 am	

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Masses- December 24-25, 2022	4:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	9:45 a.m.
Celebrant - Subject to Change	Fr. Todd	Fr. Todd	Fr. Todd	Fr. Raj
	Deacon Don	Deacon Mark B	Deacon Mark R	Deacon Mark B

December 24-25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas			
	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 pm	N Huff, A Loya	C Bourgeois, L Tabary	D Brown, E Yurik, S Daugherty, E Daugherty
6:30 pm	L Leger	A Fields, G Aubert	M Leger, M Duplantis
-	L Eaton, E Reynaud	K Gora, S Menard	S Reynaud, T Fox, C. Garbutt, M Vermaelen
9:45 am	L Eaton, S LeBlanc, Z LeBlanc	T Schexnayder, T Cormier	M Taffaro, B Shedlof, C Rabalais, W Rabalais
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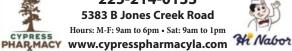
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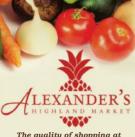
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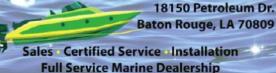


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