

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
January 1, 2017**

Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart.  
— Luke 2:19



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**Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 P.M.  
Reconciliation Service at 4:30 P.M.**

**Sunday Mass at 9:00 A.M.  
Reconciliation at 8:30 A.M.**

**Daily Masses**

**Monday thru Friday, Mass at 12 Noon**

**Adoration - every 1st Friday of the month  
from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.**

**Anointing Mass - every 3rd Friday of the  
month at 12 noon.**

**CCD Classes, Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

**CYO, Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday -Thursday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

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**Message from Father Basani**

I am excited to wish you all a very grace filled New Year. The good Lord may accompany us to lead a holy, healthy and challenging Christian life.

I avail this opportunity to thank you all for your love and gifts on my birthday and also for Christmas. I am greatly indebted to you for your support and affection. I appreciate and thank all the volunteers and the Catechists who worked hard to decorate the church for Christmas. The decorations are as usual very good. This year they have changed the pattern/design and decorated very creatively. The dedication and commitment of all the volunteers is highly appreciated. Mark and Zandy Bernegger have donated the Poinsettias for our church. It is a blessing for our church. We thank them and God bless their family.

**Welcome**

We would like to welcome Tom and Janice Cooper to our Parish.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

“Octave” comes from the Latin word for “eight,” and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the “eighth day,” since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord’s Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn’t claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Collections December 24th & 25th**

Regular Collection	\$3097.00
Parishioners Needs	\$ 18.00

**Lay Ministers, January 7/8**

**Lector: Lynn Betbeze**  
**Altar Servers: Mollie Brand, Dominic Borgioli**  
**Communion Ministers: John Caskey, John Smith, Debra Brock**  
**Ushers: Paul Brand, Phillip Dimino**  
**Gift Bearers: The Mario Lemus Family**

**Lector: Kay Beggerly**  
**Altar Servers: Jonah Caskey Drake Flowers**  
**Communion: Zandy Bernegger, Kim Caskey**  
**Ushers: Paul Caskey, Mark Bernegger**  
**Gift Bearers: Charlie Dimino Family**



**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

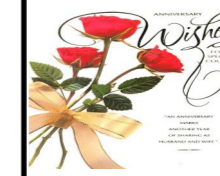
En Nicaragua y otras naciones latinoamericanas se celebra el final de un año con la “quema del año viejo”. Construyen grandes muñecos con ropa vieja, pólvora y papel que se encienden a medianoche entre los dos años. Celebrar el comienzo de un año nuevo tiene una larga trayectoria en la historia humana. Hace unos 4000 años el pueblo de Babilonia ya festejaba la llegada de un nuevo año con grandes fiestas de primavera. Los judíos, al igual que otros pueblos agrícolas, también celebraban su año nuevo durante la primavera, el primer día de Nisán (a principios de abril).

Fue Julio César quien nos dio la fecha del primero de enero como el inicio de nuestro calendario. En 1582 el Papa Gregorio XIII reformó el calendario para darnos el que actualmente está en uso. No obstante, los cristianos continuaron celebrando el año nuevo en primavera para evitar los excesos del “hombre viejo”. Hace 400 años la Iglesia comenzó a celebrar el día primero de enero buscando cristianizarlo lo mejor posible. Por eso en el calendario litúrgico este día es dedicado a María, Madre de Dios.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

*JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES*

John T. McTaggart	1	Emily Shaw	21
Rich Herschede	1	Martha Caskey	22
Carolina Lemus	5	Justice Blakeney	25
Georgia-Ann Ingram	14	Gil Lyon	26
Griffin Bristow	15	Steve Mitchener	26
Terry Swetz	15	Mary Waldrep	26
Stephanie Weeks	18	William Elliott	28
Elaine Wilbourne	.18	Jim Sebert	29
		Jerry & Margie Burns	21
		John & Barbara Elliott	24
		Armando & Isabel Ramirez	25



**Parish Events:**

**The Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 4th at 6 p.m. in the parish hall.**

**The 2nd Collection January 7th & 8th is for the Saltillo Mission in Mexico. Our diocese supports this mission. Please be generous in this collection.**

**Father Basani will be back on January 6th.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Barbara Hood.....January 9,10,11,12,  
By Mrs. Joseph Rickles**

**Barbara Hood.....January 13  
By.....Virginia Johnson**

**Barbara Hood.....January 16, 17, 18, 20, 23..  
By The Dunavan-Satterwhite Family**



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**DON'T FORGET THE POOR**