

Mary, Mother of Mankind Church

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January 2, 2022

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Holy Days: see bulletin

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am
(The Rosary is prayed
prior to Daily Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

M-T-W-Th. 9:00 am-1:00pm

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

From Fr. Varghese's Desk



Well, it's that time again—time for New Year's Resolutions. Here are ten challenging suggestions drawn from quotes of our Holy Father Pope Francis (5 this week, and 5 next week)—I pray one of them will stir you:

1. Don't gossip. For Pope Francis, gossip is one of the vilest activities. He says when we gossip, "we are doing what Judas did. . . We begin to tear the other person to pieces. Every time we judge our brother in our hearts or worse when we speak badly of them with others, we are murdering Christians. There is no such thing as innocent gossip."

2. Don't throw leftover food away. Pope Francis wrote, "We should all remember... that throwing food away is like stealing from the tables of the poor, the hungry! I encourage everyone to reflect on the problem of thrown away and wasted food to identify ways and means that, by seriously addressing this issue, are a vehicle of solidarity and sharing with the needy."

3. Make time for others. Despite his busy schedule, Pope Francis takes the time to call or send notes to strangers. "If the Pope can find time to be kind to others, if he can pause to say thank you, if he can take a moment and make someone feel appreciated, then so can I. So, can we," wrote Fr. James Martin, who received a note of thanks from the pope.

4. Choose the 'humbler' purchase. Our Pope warns against materialism: "Certainly, possessions, money, and power can give a momentary thrill, the illusion of being happy, but they end up possessing us and making us always want to have more, never satisfied. 'Put on Christ' in your life, place your trust in him, and you will never be disappointed!"

5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'. "It is not enough," wrote Pope Francis, "to mediate this commitment through institutions, which obviously help because they have a multiplying effect, but that is not enough. They do not excuse us from our establishing personal contact with the needy. The sick must be cared for, even when we find them repulsive and repugnant. Those in prison must be visited. Charity that does not change the situation of the poor isn't enough." Great food for thought from our Holy Father. Stay tuned for 5 more challenges next week.

Have a Good Week and God Bless

Father Varghese



Saturday, January 1-The Octave Day of the Nativity Of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:00 am Francisco Ferreira

Sunday, January 2-Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Anthony P. Neri

10:30 am Jacqueline McMullen

Monday, January 3-Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am Ken O'Grady

Tuesday, January 4-Saint Elizabeth

8:00 am All Doctors and Nurses

Wednesday, January 5-Saint John Neumann

8:00 am Mary Pendergast (healing)

Thursday, January 6-Saint Andre Bessette

8:00 am Imelda Ormonde

Saturday, January 8-Christmas Weekday

4:00 pm Florence Patriarca (birthday remem)

Sunday, January 9-Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

10:30 am Angelo & Edith Lapati, Catherine & Daniel O'Grady and Richard Manning

Sanctuary Candle, Altar

Candles & Altar Bread

Candles will burn from 12/30 thru 1/6

The *Sanctuary Candle* will burn for:

Father Varghese

The *Altar Candles* will burn for:

Mary Pendergast

The *Altar Bread* is offered for:

Dorothy Bianchi

(Cost of the Sanctuary Candle, pair of Altar Candles or Altar

Bread is \$10 for a living or deceased remembrance)

Please call the Rectory at 231-3542 to reserve yours

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Weekend of December 19th
Offertory Reports**

Weekly Offering \$5,430.00

On-Line Giving \$1,048.00

Helping Hand Fund \$ 143.00

Thank you for your support!



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
No Classes. January 2nd
Classes will resume Jan. 9, 2022.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
There will be a meeting on Thursday January 13, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.



Bible Study will take place Monday, January 3rd at 7:00 PM

HOUSE BLESSING FOR EPIPHANY

The Blessing of Homes at Prayer of Blessing Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. After the prayers of the blessing are recited, the initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors of the home with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".) Example: 20 + C + M + B + 22

ALL ARE WELCOME

If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly.

If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely –

with unconditional love. If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry.

If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace. If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you. We are happy you are here and want you to stay.

We would like to share our lives with you. Come join us each week so we can worship God together.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week?

Children: What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?

SUNDAY SMILE



A little girl and her mom are walking past the graveyard. "Mommy," the little girl asks; "do they ever put 2 people in the same grave?" "Normally, no" the mom answers; "why do you ask?" "Because," said the little girl, "that headstone over there says 'Here lies a lawyer and an honest man'".

Please remember Mary, Mother of Mankind Church in your will or estate.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS AND ALL INTERESTED:

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN
With Fr. Varghese; October 19 - 29, 2022. Highlights include Bethlehem, Nazareth, Basilica of the Annunciation, Cana, Mount of the Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Via Dolorosa, Petra, Madaba, Church of the Holy Sepulcher and other special places of interest within the origins of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Daily Mass is also included at key religious sites. Please call the rectory 401-321-3542



To all who donated gift cards for DCYF. Your kindness is greatly appreciated in making families have a wonderful Christmas



Grateful for God's Providence

As you may recall, our parish's goal is \$353,427.00. Per the latest update report, out of our more than 1100 registered families, 91 families made one-time gifts or pledge that totaled \$185,000.00.

Please fill out your family's pledge card today and place it in the offering basket or hand it to our pastor! No down payment is necessary to make your pledge.

To submit a prayer request for our 'Prayer Chain' please contact Alexandra P. (300-2062) or Pauline N. (231-8012)



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