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ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 5:10 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thursday: 3:30-5:30 pm



"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38



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THE HEART OF MARY

By Lucinda M. Vardey

Today's scripture recounts Mary's reaction to the words the shepherds heard from the angels, that she treasured and pondered them in her heart.

During our parish's Magdala seminar on feminine theology in Rome last year, French theologian, Anne-Marie Pelletier, helped us more fully understand what we could glean about Mary's spirituality from these few words in Luke's gospel. Because of the fact that Mary speaks rarely in all the gospels, she has been more widely portrayed as docile, meek and humble.

But Prof. Pelletier claimed that Mary's reserve is evidence of an interior life of prayer within a heart whose intelligence was capable of "contacting the invisible depths of reality where God is present and working, creating and re-creating." Mary's silence was necessary to be able to piece together the parts of the mystery unfolding through each moment of her life.

These moments were writing the course of salvation history: from the conception of Jesus after the angel Gabriel's encounter, his birth in a stable, the loss of him as a young boy in Jerusalem and the finding of him in the temple, and all the many sorrows Mary experienced throughout her son's earthly ministry. Everything changed with Mary's motherhood. Her family changed, Israel changed, the world changed and we changed.

This feast celebrating Mary's motherhood on the first day of a new year invites us to also ponder in our hearts the wisdom of God. The Holy Mother, who bore the hardships to birth our salvation, is not only accorded our devotion, but intercedes for us that we may have faith when we do not know and the courage to accept with love whatever God gives us.

Above all else, Mary teaches that accepting the unfolding of God's plan for each of us enables grace to work more freely within our hearts. As we treasure what has been given us, and ponder

the significances of our experiences (especially in the year just passed) we open ourselves to be taken forward as more abled servants of the Lord.

Sunday's Readings:

Numbers 6.22-27

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 2.16-21

CALLING ALL 6-9 YEAR OLDS

We are now accepting registration for children ages 6-9 interested in participating in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. **The program begins Sunday, January 22 from 11:40-1:00pm and includes the children's participation in the Liturgy of the Eucharist (during the 12:00pm Mass).**

For more information or to register your child please contact the program coordinator: Mariann Dusmore at cgsMariann@gmail.com.

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

The **first collection of 2017 will take place next weekend**. Please note that due to renovations downstairs, we have an inability to store pantry items, **and can only accept monetary donations so that we may restock our pantry once regular outreach programs resume.**

On January 2, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Basil the Great, our parish's namesake and patron of the Basilian Fathers.

Who is St. Basil the Great?

St. Basil was born in Cappadocia in 330. Basil was a gifted orator who studied philosophy and law. He later became a monk and opened a monastery in Pontus, eventually writing a monastic rule popular in the East. In 370, Basil was made a Bishop of Caesaria. Basil's scholarship and acts of service, which greatly advanced the theology and mission of the early church, earned him the title "Great."

St. Basil the Great, pray for us!

January 1 is the World Day of Peace!

The theme for Pope Francis' annual World Day of Peace message for 2017 is "Non-Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace." His message urges us to practice active nonviolence and work to prevent conflict by addressing its causes, building relationships, and facilitating healing and restoration.

You may read Pope Francis' entire World Day of Peace message by visiting the following link:
<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace.index.html>.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Let us pray . . . O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored.

You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required . . . "Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Mi 6:8).

Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others. Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities.

Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will. Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity.

Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Therese Wilson-Favors

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

2017 is going to start with a lot of work in St. Basil's as lower level work continues and we begin to restore the organ and paint the church. Beginning January 3, crews will start mobilizing in the church to remove the organ pipes and put up scaffolding. Scaffolding will take place during the weekdays from Jan 3-Jan 20. Obviously, it will be quite noisy. Please follow all signage as our goal is to keep the church as open as usual, though some parts will be restricted. Our goal is to complete all construction, in the church and below, by March 31.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, December 25, 2016
Total not available by submission deadline

MASS INTENTIONS



January 1st - 7th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm-	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Felipe Macalino (+) Pro Populo Corazon Bueno (liv.) <i>*There is NO 4:30pm Mass today.</i>
Monday 9:00am-	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen Mr. Brennan Masterson (liv.) <i>*There is no 12:10pm Mass or confessions today.</i>
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	The Thalheimer Family Theresa P. Chochla (+)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Sister Victoria Schneider, IBVM (+) Edward Rigato (+)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint André Bessette Vocations
Saturday 5:00pm-	Saint Raymond of Penafort Brian Cutt (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, and Hai Luen Liu.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Anita Lee, and Thomas Aquinas Boyle.

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