

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**

Music & Responses

Entrance Antiphon &
 Scripture Readings: Page 56
 Entrance Chant: #84 Joy to the World
 Gloria: #899
 Responsorial Psalm: **May God bless us in His mercy.**
 Hymn of Preparation: #688 There is Nothing Told
 Holy, Holy, Holy #902
 Mystery of Faith: #905
 Amen: #906
 Lamb of God: #907
 Communion Chant: #695 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
 Sending Forth: #85 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, December 30, 2019: 1 JOHN 2: 12-17/
 PSALM 96: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ LUKE 2: 36-40

Tuesday, December 31, 2019: 1 JOHN 2: 18-21/
 PSALM 96: 1-2. 11-12. 13/ JOHN 1: 1-18

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020: Solemnity of Mary,
 The Holy Mother of God:** NUMBERS 6: 22-27;
 PSALM 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8; GALATIANS 4: 4-7; LUKE
 2: 16-21

Thursday, January 2, 2020: 1 JOHN 2: 22-28;
 PSALM 98: 1-4; MATTHEW 23: 8-12

Friday, January 3, 2020: 1 JOHN 2:29-3:6; PSALM
 98: 1, 3-6; JOHN 1: 29-34

Saturday, January 4, 2020: 1 JOHN 3: 7-10; PSALM
 98: 1, 7-9; JOHN 1:35-42

**Sunday, January 5, 2020: The Epiphany of the
 Lord:** ISAIAH 60: 1-6; PSALM 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
 EPHESIANS 3: 2-3a, 5-6; MATTHEW 2: 1-12

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
 In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:11

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, The Biddulph Family, Maria Bridge, Shonnie Carroll, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Levie Edmond, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, Antionette Hilyard, Diane Hollis, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, Matekenya Family, Patrick Moore, Mary Lou O'Leary, Donald Paradis, Marianna Porter, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, Mary Stella Summers, Scott Trice, Richard Wassels, Jonathan Webb, Joan Williams

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S

Tuesday, December 31, 2019	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED / FOOD PANTRY CLOSED; 5:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God <i>(+Harvey C. Eckert req. by the Nowark Family)</i>
Wednesday, January 1, 2020	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God <i>(All Souls in Purgatory)</i>
Thursday, January 2, 2020	DAILY MASS RESUMES; 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Adoration; 9:30 AM Mass; 7:00 PM Food Pantry; CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Mary, Mother of God, Year A

January 1, 2020

Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Whenever the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared — such as in Guadalupe in 1531, Lourdes in 1858, Fatima in 1917 and elsewhere — she has reminded us through the seers of parts of the Gospel that either we and the seers have forgotten or inadequately grasped and lived. And so we need to examine and take to our prayer the message Our Lady gave to Adele Brise, a message that calls us to the heart of the Gospel, which has no expiration date. What Mary called Adele to do in 1859 and beyond, she calls us to do in 2020.

The first thing Our Lady indicated is the importance of praying for the conversion of sinners. Mary revealed not only was that she was praying for sinners to repent, but that she was asking Adele to join her in that act of praying for mercy. It's noteworthy that when Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in Lourdes and to the three shepherd children in Fatima, she likewise asked them to pray and do penance for sinners. This is a fundamental aspect of the Gospel. Jesus instructed us to pray, "Forgive us our sins." He told us to be merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful. He taught us from the Cross to pray that the Father may forgive those who did not know what they were doing, a prayer imitated by St. Stephen at his stoning and so many other Christian martyrs. In a world, however, that has in many places "lost an awareness of sin," to use Pope John Paul II's words, many of us in the Church have lost an awareness of the importance of praying for the conversion of sinners. Since many erroneously believe that salvation is easy and practically automatic and that Hell is basically an invention of Dante's imagination rather than a real possibility described repeatedly by Jesus himself, we can treat praying for the conversion of sinners as a superfluous vestige of earlier and less enlightened days. In her appearances to Adele, to Bernadette, and to Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, the Blessed Virgin has been calling us back to this heart of our co-redeeming mission as Catholics, lest those who do not convert tragically perish.

The second thing the Mother of God reveals is that it's not enough merely for us to be in communion with God and in the state of grace. Like Adele, we "must do more." As we see in the Gospel, the Lord Jesus calls us to more than being holy disciples; he also wants us to be zealous apostles, going out to cooperate with him in making true disciples of others, by teaching them what we have learned and introducing them into a continuous encounter with Jesus the Master. He calls us to focus not just on our salvation but on the salvation of others, loving our neighbor and desiring his salvation as much we love ourselves and desire our own.

Thirdly, the Blessed Virgin focuses on the importance of our teaching the faith. Like at the time of 1859, there are so many children who don't know the basics of the truths about God, themselves, and what God is asking of us. These children are found not just in forests and isolated farms, but in the center of populated cities. Adele protested initially to the Blessed Mother that she, being uneducated, was unfit to be a competent teacher of the faith. Our Lady replied that she wasn't asking her to teach about the mystery of *perichoresis* (divine indwelling) but rather to teach children how to pray, to make the sign of the Cross, to prepare to receive her Son well in the sacraments — all things Adele well knew and already was doing — and help them walk along the path that leads to eternal salvation. She's calling us by this apparition to do the same.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this Christmas have been given as memorials to
**THE HONOR AND GLORY OF OUR RISEN SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD
IN MEMORY/HONOR OF**

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