

Parish Bulletin

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Annunciation Church

Love in all things

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Mass & Confession Times

Annunciation Church Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 8.00 am

9.30 am (Italian)

11.00am (Family Mass)

Monday Communion Service 7.00am

Tuesday to Friday 7.00 am 9.15 am Friday

(during term time)

Saturday - Novena 8.30 am

9.00 am Mass

Public Holidays 7.00 am Confessions

9.30 - 10.30 am Saturday

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THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY **The Holy Mother of God** 01 January 2023

"Moved by God's love, we the people of Hectorville Catholic Community work for fullness of life and joy for all by living out together our love for God, each other and all God's creation."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

Numbers 6:22 - 27 1st READING:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4 - 7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:16 - 21



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus (Luke 2:16 – 21)

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



In calling Mary the "Mother of God," we especially acknowledge one fact of human life. A mother is not just the source of one's flesh, she is not just the mother of the body of her children, she is the mother of that person. Being a mother is not just something biological, it is something sacred and holy and is part of the divine order of God's creation. Jesus was her Child and this Child is God. Therefore, it is proper logic to call Mary the "Mother of God."

It's an amazing fact to think about. God has a mother! He has a particular person who carried Him in her womb, nursed Him, raised Him, taught Him, loved Him, was there for Him, and pondered who He was throughout His life. This last fact is especially beautiful to look at.

The Gospel passage says, "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." And she did this as a caring

mother. Her love for Jesus was as unique as the love of any mother. However, it should be noted that she was a mother in perfection and loved Him with a perfect love, He who was not only her Son, but was also God and was perfect in every way. What does this reveal? It reveals that the motherly love shared between Mary and Jesus was profound, inspiring, mysterious, glorious and truly sacred! The mystery of their love is worth reflecting on throughout our lives, keeping it fully alive in our hearts. She is an example for every mother and is also an example for all of us who seek to love others with a pure and holy heart.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and captivating relationship that Mary would have shared with her Divine Son. Try to fathom what this love would have been like. Imagine the deep emotion and passion that would have filled her heart. Imagine the level of unwavering commitment she would have had. Imagine the unbreakable bond that was forged as a result of her love. What a beautiful celebration this is to conclude this Octave of Christmas Day!

Dearest Mother Mary, you loved your Divine Son with a perfect love. Your heart burned with an unquenchable fire of motherly charity. Your bond with Jesus was one that was perfect in every way. Help me to open my heart to that same love you share with me. Come be my mother and care for me as you cared for your Son. May I also love you with the love Jesus had for you and with the love He now lavishes upon you in Heaven. Mother Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You

Happy New Year.

We wish you a very Happy New year and every blessing for a year filled with peace and happiness.