



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

January 1st | Feast of Mary Mother of God

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday - Word & Communion Service

5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson, Vigil Mass

11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, January 8, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev.Livinus Uba

Lector :

Ministers at MGC

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel

as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor.

Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our
community.

Amen

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

January 1, 2023

Mary, Mother of God (A)

Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21



Epiphany Potluck

We will gather next Sunday January 8th following Mass to celebrate the Christmas Season as a community with a potluck. We will share food and enjoy some games and community. Please sign up for what you would like to bring.

Collections are returning

Beginning in the new year of 2023 we will begin taking up the collection during Mass again. Would you be willing to help take up the collection? Let Lori know.

Taking Decorations Down

Interested in helping to prepare the church for ordinary time? We will take decorations down on Wednesday January 11 following word and communion service. We will have a light meal of soup and bread.

Diocesan Laudato Si Commission

A newly-released feature documentary film on humanity's power to stop the ecological crisis, The Letter tells the story of some of the world's frontline leaders journeying to Rome to discuss the encyclical Laudato Si with its author, Pope Francis. The film can be found on YouTube and other streaming services. Just enter Pope Francis or The Letter into the search field. For more information please visit <https://theletterfilm.org>.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The Diocesan Annual Appeal 2022 - Providing for Our Presence. Congratulations to our parish on reaching and exceeding our goal for 2022. The total of gifts pledged in 2022 is \$8272 and the current paid gifts is \$6742.

Becoming Catholic

We will continue on with our formation of those who will be joining the church with our Becoming Catholic Classes on Tuesday January 10 in the evening from 7 to 9 pm.

Religious Education

Regular religious education classes will resume on January 8th 2023. Additionally during the spring semester the parish will be offering a first communion class for students who are baptized and older than 7 years old on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in this class for your child, please contact Lori and fill out registration forms for this special class.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves....
Do I know how to look at people with the heart?
Do I take to heart the people with whom I live?....
Let us ask for the grace to live this year with
the desire to take others to heart and to care for
them.*

HOMILY, VATICAN, JANUARY 1, 2020

All About Mary

Want to learn more about Mary and who she is and what the church teaches about her. Take a look at this resource from Dayton University to learn more - <https://udayton.edu/imri/mary/index.php>

GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual giving statements will be emailed out in January. If you need to update your email or confirm the email we have on record for you contact Lori. If you prefer a paper copy to be mailed or presented in person please let Lori know of your request.

Divorced. Catholic. Now What?

Journey of Hope
for Divorced/Separated Catholics

A peer ministry of the Family Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington

**Wednesday evenings (7 - 9 pm)
February 1 through April 5, 2023**
The Catholic Center (1310 W. Main St. in Lexington) Cost: \$50 (scholarships available)

Register on-line by 1/27/23 at cdlex.org/JOH.
For info, email lexjourneyofhope@cdlex.org or call/text Ellie is (859) 806-3959.

No one should suffer through divorce alone.

Are you feeling lost, sad, or angry; or wondering how to move forward with your life because of divorce or separation? Join others in your Catholic community finding God's love, forgiveness, and healing.

Journey of Hope, a 10-week divorce recovery course led by Catholics who have walked through divorce themselves, offers hope, healing, and guidance on important and sometimes misunderstood issues that result from divorce. The emphasis on prayer, scripture, and the teachings of the Catholic Church leads to healing and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Events

- 1/4 - Rosary & Word & Communion Service
- 1/8 - Epiphany Potluck
- 1/10 Becoming Catholic 7-9 pm
- 1/11 - Word & Communion Service & Soup and Preparation for Ordinary Time

What Do You Hold in Your Heart?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

On New Year's Eve, some of my friends try to recall a significant event from each year, beginning with the most recent, and work their way back. They tell me that memories from the first couple of years, the most recent, are fairly easy to call to mind, but after that, memories get reduced to births and deaths, marriages and moves to new homes, vacations, and ultimately to not remembering anything significant for some years. It's an interesting conclusion—not remembering anything significant—given the human emotions and energies we pour into trivial disagreements, unresolved conflicts, and family issues.

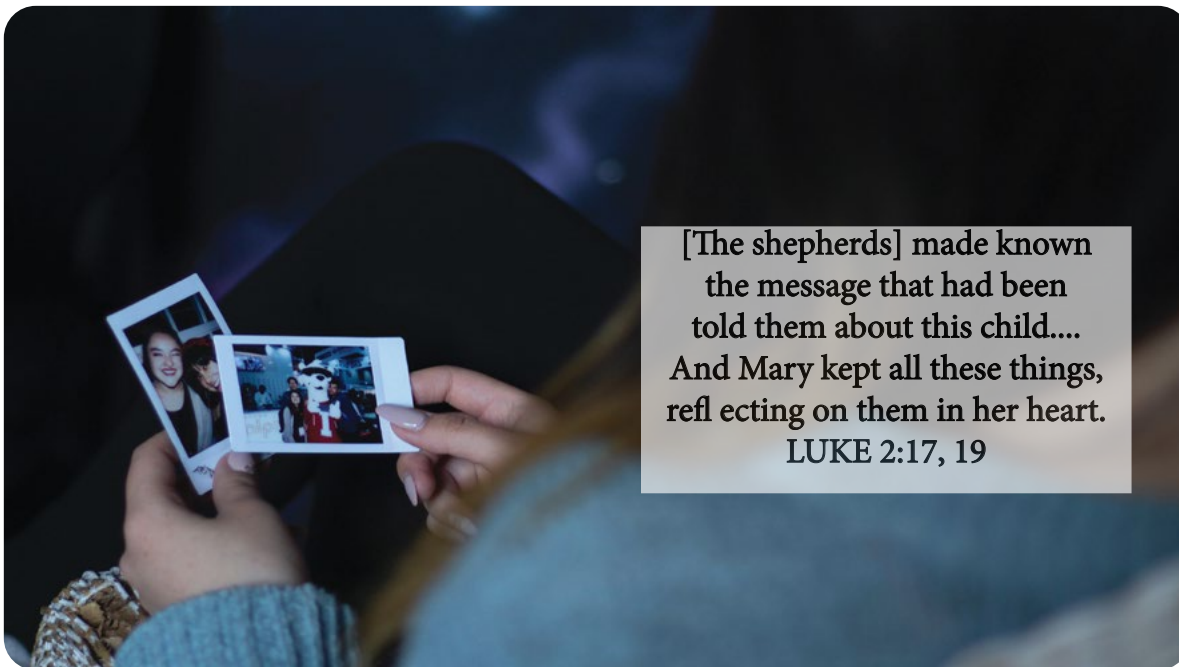
The Gospel recounts how Mary reflected upon the events of her Son's birth and how she kept them all in her heart. I suspect that many of the events we might recount from that New Year's Eve exercise would end up being some of the moments we hold in our hearts. Most would likely revolve around family, all those people we keep in our hearts. Others might be about job promotions or successes, or memorable recognitions. We justifiably keep these as treasures to remember.

As Mary did, we might learn something about ourselves by pondering significant personal faith events. I doubt most of us will recall one for each year, which may say something about how seriously we take our faith lives. Yet those we do recall could be treasures of the past that will bless us in the present. ●

Reflect

**What do the events
you carry in your heart
say about who you are?**

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**[The shepherds] made known
the message that had been
told them about this child....
And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.
LUKE 2:17, 19**



Readings for the Week

Monday

January 2
Sts. Basil the
Great and Gregory

Nazianzen,
Bishops and
Doctors of the
Church

1 Jn 2:22-28

Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday

January 3
Christmas
Weekday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6

Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday

January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10

Jn 1:35-42

Thursday

January 5
St. John
Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21

Jn 1:43-51

Friday

January 6
Christmas
Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13

Mk 1:7-11

Saturday

January 7
Christmas
Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 2:1-12

Sunday

January 8
Epiphany
of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12



Dear Padre

January 1, 2023

I understand that all Catholics, not just priests and religious, are called to holiness. How can laypeople become holy?

The five elements of holiness are the same for all the baptized, always in the context of their vocational calling.

Prayer: In the liturgy, we join our sisters and brothers to offer communal worship where we are nourished and formed by word and sacrament. In private prayer, we maintain, clarify, and nourish our relationship with God.

Love of neighbor: We are called to treat others with the acceptance and respect that God has for each person. Every person is our neighbor, especially people in need (Matthew 25:40).

Living one's vocational commitment: Being faithful to a spouse in marriage, working for family harmony, staying true to dedicated singleness in the world or in the religious community setting—all are avenues of holiness.

Penance and self-discipline: The Christian life demands self-denial, control, and sacrifice. Christians must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23).

Reaching out in discipleship: Holiness also comes from and finds its noblest expression in a life of service and ministry. Baptism initiates us into the fullness of Christian reality, which ultimately means discipleship—sharing our faith and serving others, especially the most needy.

For laypeople, the main arena of holiness is where they live, work, play, and struggle every day. It is there that they must proclaim "the kingdom of God is in our midst," and answer their call to holiness. ●

— *The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

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Our Weekly Offering

for 12/18/23

Loose: \$0

Envelopes : \$295

Retired Religious: \$25

Online: \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$1365

for 12/25/23

Loose: \$100

Envelopes : \$120

Christmas: \$335

Online: \$

Total Weekly Offering: \$

Birthdays

1/4 : Christina Elsoueidi

1/5 : Cassidy Turner

Prayer Family

Alita Vogel



Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Monica Spare, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, Maria Hall, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Julie And Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham and Abby Turk.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intentions for January

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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