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Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Gentle and Loving

Loving God, who is revealed through the simple birth of your Son Jesus, in the gentle and loving touch of Mary and the secure and protecting touch of Joseph, help us to know you this day.

May our lives find a home with you, and our families be secure under your protection. May the blessings of home, parents, family, and community be a spark of new life and profound love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. for ever and ever.

Amen.

January 1st, 2017, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God



Weekly The Rock

Thought for the Week

Happy New Year!

What is amazing about the Catholic Church is our new year doesn't begin with January 1. The Church's new year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. I can't say it begins November 27 or December 1 because the First Sunday of Advent falls on a different day each year. Just do a comparison between 2016 and 2017.

The First Sunday of Advent in 2016 was November 27th. This year the First Sunday of Advent is December 3rd, 2017. Yet, whatever day it falls upon the theme is constant - "Advent". It is about preparing and waiting.

The Church on January 1 celebrates the new calendar year with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. As we begin our new year, we invoke the intercession of Mary. We pray for peace, a new hope, and maybe even a new lease on life. So many resolutions are promised with a new year; however, we must never forget our faith. How can we challenge ourselves to grow in faith? What tools could we use to increase our faith?

Family History

It is about that time of the year to tell this story. It was a family tradition during the winter months to take a sled with skis and beginning at the top of the driveway, we would each take a turn and see how far we could go. Because our yard was on a gradual slope, there was a lot of ice and we could really go. As kids, we were always impressed that we could go down the driveway, past the shed and granary, and by the hog barn. A good accomplishment. My mother and father had a custom of getting on together. Down the driveway they would go, past the shed and granary, by the hog barn and end up out in the field. They called it aerodynamics; we as kids weren't fooled. We called it the extra weight (actually, what we called it I can't write in **Answer: B. He would be the**

this column). However, it was a great joy and memory and something we will never forget.

Question for the Week

James Drummey once composed "A Christmas Quiz." It is thirty-two questions in length and asks questions on the Christmas story. I provided the final questions for you to consider this past week. Here are the questions and answers.

Ouestion 23: What rite did Mary and Joseph have performed on Jesus eight days after His birth?

A. circumcision B. anointing C. baptism D. presentation to God

Answer: A. Circumcision

Question 24: Why did Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after His birth?

A. circumcision B. anointing C. baptism D. presentation to God

Answer: D. Presentation to God

Question 25: What sacrifice did they offer to God in the Temple in Jerusalem? A. money B. a lamb C. a pair of turtledoves D. a pair of pigeons Answer: C. or D. A pair of turtledoves

or a pair of pigeons

Question 26: Who was the man in the Temple who had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah?

A. Nicodemus B. Simeon C. Zechariah D. Caiaphas

Answer: B. Simeon

Ouestion 27: What prediction did this man make about the Blessed Mother? A. she would be famous B. she would not die C. she would go to heaven D. a sword would pierce her heart Answer: D. A sword would pierce her

Ouestion 28: What was the name of the old woman who was in the Temple that

A. Anna B. Judith C. Elizabeth D. Rebekah

Answer: A. Anna

Question 29: What prediction did she make about Jesus?

A. he would die on a cross B. he would be the deliverance of Jerusalem C. he would rise from the dead D. he would be betraved

deliverance of Jerusalem

Question 30: Why did an angel tell Mary and Joseph that they could return to their own country?

A. King Herod had died B. the Magi had come back C. they could live with Mary's parents D. Jesus was old enough to go to

Answer: A. King Herod had died

Question 31: In what town did the Holy Family settle?

A. Bethlehem B. Cana C. Jerusalem

D. Nazareth

Answer: D. Nazareth

Question 32: What do the Gospels tell us about the early years of Jesus' life on earth?

A. he was a good kid B. he was filled with wisdom and grace C. he performed miracles for his friends D. he went to Bible camp every summer

Answer: B. He was filled with wisdom and grace

A Thought to Consider

There is an exercise I use with school children called "What Makes a Church a Church"? We are all agree that there are articles found in a church unique from a doctor's office, classroom, etc.

With that in mind, here is what I want you to consider during the week ahead. What do we find in a Catholic Church which makes it different from a different Christian church (i.e., Lutheran, Presbyterian)?

For example, in most Catholic Churches you would find kneelers affixed to pews. The kneelers we use during the Eucharistic Prayer and after Communion. With this in mind, what else makes a Catholic Church unique?

I'll provide some thoughts next week.

God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster

You can listen to Fr. Schuster's Sunday homily on our website. Current homilies are posted on Monday's and his past homilies are available as well. Website is rescathroch.org.

Happy New Year! Mark and I had a chance to visit the National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C. last week. It was eye opening and inspirational. Throughout the museum meaningful quotes could be read that spoke to the heart. As we say goodbye to one president and welcome another, I would like to share these poignant words: "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or...some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." -Barack Obama

From Christmas Day to Epiphany, my boys and their families enter into the celebration of the twelve days of Christmas. When they were little boys they received small gift items like: socks, pajamas, puzzles, books, hats, etc. As the boys matured, what we do and how we celebrate these Christmas days has varied every year. One year they received a box of

Thoughts from Chervl

thank you notes and were encouraged to reach out to someone new each day and express their gratitude for their friendship or the work that they do. One year they received SMILE cards with a small monetary value included and were asked to

"pay it forward" for someone in need. One year they received all kinds of kitchen gadgets. As you can tell, each year is a surprise and they are such good sports about stretching themselves and entering into the fun of it all. We aren't always successful, but there is a willingness to give it a try. This year as I contemplated my four year old grandson, Luke, and how he might engage in the activities...I decided to send them the Twelve Adventure Days of Christmas. Each day invites them to step outside of their home and journey together to look at the world or see their homes with new eyes. Whether it is making a pine cone treat for the birds, singing Christmas carols around their neighborhood, baking cookies and bringing them to the local fire station, or donating old blankets to an animal shelter, I hope they will discover what a beautiful world they live in and how small acts of kindness can open up the world in unexpected ways. May 2017 be an adventurous year for you. Together, let us take more chances in sharing with others the greatest gift of all, Jesus!

We would like to say a special thank you to Karen Nath, who has been our Mardi Gras Chair for a number of years. This January she became the President of the Friends of the Library. This in addition to her full time job and tutoring made her realize that being the chair of Mardi Gras would be very difficult. We want to wish Karen blessings on her new leadership role and to express our appreciation for her great years of service to Resurrection. Karen has expressed her desire to help out the next chairperson in any way she can. If you are a person who likes to plan parties, pay attention to the details, enjoy working with others, please consider being Resurrection's next Mardi Gras Chair. You will have a support team. **Resurrection's Mardi Gras** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 11 to 2 p.m.** If you are interested in chairing or co-chairing this great parish event, please talk with me or come to our first planning meeting that will be on Monday, January 9 at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room. This is just the adventure you were waiting for. Come and join us.

We are still in need of more volunteers who can help with the planning of our 50th Anniversary celebration. Please take a moment to check out the areas of need and let us know where you would like to help. Thank you.

Enjoy God's embrace.

Parish News

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Fr. Schuster, Fr. Shawn and the staff want to express our gratitude for all the treats and cards we received from you, our parishioners. We are very blessed to serve you and look forward to 2017.

Our Christmas Tree came from the backvard of our parishioners, Dale and Margaret Hawker. We thank them for donating it, as well as Tom Mahon, Tom Kowalewski and Kyle Herring for cutting it down, hoisting and assembling it in in our sanctuary. This tree represents a gift from God that brings with it a gift of rejoicing, along with peace, hope and love.

Thank you to Joann Reier and all who decorated our Church for the Christmas Season.

Resurrection's 50th Anniversary, June 11, 2017. Volunteers are needed for the planning of this event. See the display in the Gathering Space for more details.

Rosary will be recited every Saturday, at 7:30 pm. If you would like to lead the Rosary, see the information in the Gathering Space or call the office at 507-288-5528.

2017 St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available in the Gathering Space. Cost is \$4 per book.

Office will be closed, Monday, January 2nd. Daily Mass will be at 8:30 am.

Cookie Saturday/Donut Sunday, next weekend, See the sign up sheets on the display in the Gathering space to volunteer.



Thank you for your donations and items to this ministry. In January, we will be collecting cereal and our goal is to have 130 boxes delivered to their food shelf. In addition to food, the Food for Friends ministry does special projects for these

children. The latest project is "ditty bags." A "ditty bag" is a fabric bag sewn and filled with personal hygiene products. If you have 'take items' from hotels, such as combs, toothpaste/brushes, dental floss, lotion, hand soap, shampoo, Kleenex, and washcloths, please drop them off in the tubs by our display. We are blessed with your and the following businesses contributions, Family Dentist Tree, Hair Studio 52, Country Inn Suites, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn, Hilton Garden Inn, and Best Western Hotels. Bags that we pack food in each week have been donated by Shopko, Cub Foods, JC Penney's, and Fleet Farm. If the opportunity presents itself, please thank the businesses for their community support.

Liturgy Notes from Joann

Mary, Mother of Us All











Today, on this first day of the New Year, we gather to celebrate the **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**. On the Liturgical Calendar, every day since Christmas Eve has been a celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. Today is the eighth day of the celebrations and so today is also called the *Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*.

Since Christmas was on a Sunday this year, the octave of Christmas (today) also falls on a Sunday. When Christmas falls on a week day (Monday – Saturday) there is always a Sunday between Christmas and today's Solemnity – the Sunday when we usually celebrate the *Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.* This year, the feast of the Holy Family was transferred to December 30. Even though you may not have attended Mass on this day, today's Solemnity honors the Holy Family in that Mary is the Mother of this Family.

Mary is the Mother of God. Mary is the Mother of the Church. Mary is the Mother of each of us. Her motherhood is not limited to the Holy Family, but extends to all who need her guidance and care, her courage and strength, her wisdom and intercession.

The entry for today in the *Little Blue Book*, which we have been using through the Advent/Christmas season, talks about the "Black Madonna" which refers to images of the Blessed Mother in which her skin is dark. There are various reasons for her to be represented in this way, authenticity is one. Some say that the Crusaders, in their travels, saw images of Mary as a darker-skinned Mid-Eastern woman, and introduced the Black Madonna upon their return to Europe. Another reason is *Symbolic* - anything placed close to the sun turns dark. Christ is the Light of the World, so Mary, because of her closeness to him, has dark skin. The last reason, the one that speaks to us today, is that Mary is Mother to all. "Black Madonna" often refers to dark-skinned art works depicted by African or African-American artists. This is done for the same reason that people in the Far East depict her with their features or, for that matter, why this Jewish woman is depicted with European or American features. She is Mother to all.

Just as Mary pondered in her heart the mysteries that were unfolding before her, so we too must ponder these mysteries. Like Mary, we must be open to all of God's overtures to us. We must take each event - no matter how difficult or how delightful - as revealing God's plan for us. Mary is our Mother and model. She shows us how to open ourselves to God's Presence, power and possibility - all of us!

Psalm Refrain for January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord (Psalm 72: 11)

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Liturgical Ministries

NOTE: Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled. Thank you. January 7th/8th

Altar Servers

8:00 pm	Kaitlyn O'Meara, Taya Viker
8:30 am	Joe Copeland, Autumn Strauss
10:00 am	Emily Cordes, Eva Robertson
11:30 am	Emma Christofferson, Jonathon O'Connel

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11:30 am	Emma Christofferson, Jonathon O'Connell				
Eucharistic Ministers					
8:00 pm	Rick & Jane Haeflinger, Patricia & Walter Max, Debbie Olson, Judith Pelowski, Theresa Root, Patricia Schoenfelder				
8:30 am	John Paul Becker, Marcie & Joseph Becker, Anne & James Gilles, Ellen Harford, Denise Koster, Mary & Michael Lose, Beverly Sanders, Mary Schwalbe				
10:00 am	Diane Beiswanger, Margaret Beiswanger, Esther Connelly, Jerome & Elaine Garry, Douglas & Melody Hudson, Aida & Joseph Kostick, Andrew Thilges, John Wurst				
11:30 am	Tim Fague, Janet Helgren, Janice Larson, Lynette Lenoch, Jackie O'Connell, Michelle Ouh, Carrie Plumlee, Rebecca Woodcock				
Lectors					
8:00 pm	Kim Shimak-Hansen				
8:30 am	Tom Brownlow, Ramona Kleist				
10:00 am	Elizabeth Burke, Jim Burke				
11:30 am	Arlys Leitzen				
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8:00 pm	Kirt & Diane Grantner, Rita Strickland		
8:30 am	Lorraine Mitchell, Dianne Plager, Gary & Mary Plank		
10:00 am	Jim & Rae Ann Vigen		
11:30 am	Anne Wright		
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Ushers	
8:00 pm	Richard Clark, Greg Hansen, Randall Schoenfelder
8:30 am	Tom Brown, Eric Ladin, Francis Mueller, Scott Schwalbe
10:00 am	Alejandro Rueda, Jim Sinn, William Sullivan, Bob Voss
11:30 am	Brett Parks, Karen Reopelle, Kilian Schotzko

About the Parish

Weekly Bulletin deadline is Monday before noon. General Email: communications@rescathroch.org; General Office Email: officemgr@rescathroch.org

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Parish Office Hours

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday 8:00 pm Sunday 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am Daily Mass 8:30 am Monday - Friday

Rosary, Prayer and Devotions

Rosary: 8:10 am Monday-Friday Saturday: 7:30 pm (starting January) Adoration Chapel: 24 hours, 7 days

Parish Registration

We warmly welcome new parishioners and request that they register by calling the parish office.

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Communion for Shut-ins

Each First Friday and upon request. Call the office for assistance.

Hospital Visitation

Please notify the parish office if any parishioner is confined to a hospital and would like a visit from a priest.

Calvary Cemetery

Joseph Vroman 288-1770 www.calvarycemeteryrochester.org

Rochester Catholic Schools

RCS Office 507-424-1817

Rite of Christian Initiation of **Adults (RCIA)** For those considering

becoming Catholic contact Joann Reier: 288-5528.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 6:45 - 7:45 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism preparation is held the second Tuesday of each month. Consult the Parish Office for the Pre-Jordan class and to schedule a baptism.

First Communion

First Communion/Reconciliation is usually in second grade.

Confirmation

Confirmation is a two year program starting in ninth grade with Confirmation being at the end of the tenth grade.

Marriage

Please make arrangements with the parish at least six months prior.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 2nd

Mass 8:30 am Office Closed

Wednesday, January 4th

Food for Friends Backpack 4:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-10, 6:00pm & 7:30 pm

Adult Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 5th

Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Friday, January 6th

Fusion 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 7th

Society of Divine Mercy Monastery Prayer Group 6:30 am

Carmelite Group 8:30 am KC Rosary 7:30 pm Cookie Saturday following Mass

Sunday, January 8th

Donut Sunday after Masses RCIA 9:30 am Sunday School 8:30 am & 10:00 am Core Team Meeting 9:30 am

St. Francis School News

School resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd.

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:15 a.m.

Friday, January 6th is the first Friday of the month and will be a non-uniform day.

Community News

Join us at St. Pius X in Rochester for another Trivia Night! Teams of 8 will compete against each other in a battle of wits through several rounds of themed trivia, but that's not all! Your ticket price includes pizza, beer, wine, pop, snacks, door prize drawings and more! This year's event is Friday, January 13th and tickets are on sale now. You may register as a team or individually and we will place you with a team. The cost is \$15/person (or \$120/table). You may reserve your tickets by going to www.piusx.org, or by contacting Ginny Amundson at 289-2357. All proceeds from this event go to support our St. Pius X summer youth trips.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Hours of Need



Could you not spend one hour with Me?" Matthew 26:40

Life changes when we spend time with Jesus face to face. Prayerfully consider committing to one hour a week before Him in Eucharistic Adoration. Call Tim Fague at 507-288-6578 to sign up. Any hour is welcomed.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9 pm*	9 am*	1 am	11 am	12 pm	3 am*	5 am
	11 am	3 am*	8 pm*	1 pm	5 pm*	8am*
		9 am*		7 pm*	2 pm	2 pm
					4 pm*	9 pm
					·	10 pm

* We are looking for a second adorer in these hours.

Rest In Peace

May the eternal Light shine upon them



*John Neylon*Survived by his wife, Shirley



Archie AslesonSurvived by his wife, Marjorie

Mass Intentions

Mon.,	Jan., 2nd	8:30 am	For the Priests in the Diocese
Tues.,	Jan., 3rd	8:30 am	†James Medvic
Wed.,	Jan., 4th	8:30 am	†Linda Dee
Thurs.,	Jan., 5th	8:30 am	†Lorraine Ryan
Fri.,	Jan., 6th	8:30 am	†Viola Schuchart
Sat.,	Jan., 7th	8:00 pm	†Souls in Purgatory
Sun.,	Jan., 8th	8:30 am	†Chris Mulvihill
		10:00 am	†Ray Hemann
		11:30 am	For the Parish

Dedication Candles Dec 31st/Jan 7th

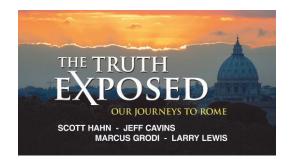


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Readings for the Week of January 1, 2017

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or

3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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Faith Formation

News from Sheila, Sunday School dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x101







<u>Iesse Tree Activity:</u> Thank you to all who participated!



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5 dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x108 **Grades 1-5: Happy New Year!** Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Ask your children to tell you everything they know about Mary and then tell them what you know about Mary. Go online to search for the many images and names of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pray the Rosary together as a family. Even our first graders know the words to the Hail Mary

Virtues in Practice: January's virtue is *fortitude*, which means being brave and strong in the face of trials. Saint Bernadette, please help me to be brave like you. Help me to love Our Lady and to

stay close to her, especially when I am afraid. Saint Bernadette, pray for us. Our Lady of Lourdes, please ask God to heal all those I love who are sick. Amen.

First Communion: Parent-only meeting for children preparing for First Communion is on Monday, January 16 at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall. Only one parent needs to attend the meeting and remember to bring your calendars to enter our learning center dates and other important information.



News from Rosemary. Grades 6-10 dre6to10vm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x104 **A New Year's Prayer** from Loyola Press: "God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. *Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.*

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. "

Wednesday classes resume January 4th.

Second year Confirmation (10th grade) Retreat: Meet us at the Founder's Hall at Iron Springs Christian Ranch at 10:30am. Don't forget to bring appropriate clothing for snow tubing! The retreat will end with Mass at 4:00pm in the Founder's Hall. The retreat replaces the January faith sharing group meetings.

First year Confirmation (9th grade): Parent & candidate meeting 2:00pm on January 29th in the Fr. Zenk Hall. Faith Sharing Leaders Needed for the first year Confirmation groups. Pleases contact Rosemary if you would like more information or to volunteer.



News from Georges, 288-5528 x116 dre11to12yam@rescathroch.org

Fusion Event Jan. 6th, 6pm-7:30pm: "Q&A with Fr. Shawn"

Social Squared: Thank you for making Christmas special for the residents of Golden Living East and Madonna Towers. We are participating in Project Community Connect Friday, January 27th 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mayo

High School. Contact Georges if you'd like to be part of the Team. **RCTC**: Rock Climbing is back! Contact Georges for information.

