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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 14th January 2024

**'Come and see'**

Today's readings conclude the feast of Christmas and begin the new season of Ordinary Time.

In the First Reading we hear the Lord's dramatic call of Samuel, and how Samuel fails to hear and discern it properly at first.

The young Samuel might well have grown up praying with words like those in today's Psalm. We can easily imagine him, in the Temple, offering a prayer of commitment to follow the Lord's will.

In the Second Reading, St Paul, writing to the Church at Corinth, reminds the people that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. All that they have and all that they are is gift, a gift purchased at great price.

The Gospel continues the story of Jesus's Baptism. John the Baptist, having recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God, points two of his own followers to Jesus. The scripture texts of today's liturgy depict stories of call and response. During the coming week, let's ponder God's call in our own lives, and reflect both on the level of our attentiveness and on the depth of our response.

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### MASS TIMES

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday 9 am & 5 pm  
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

#### Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday  
& Thursday - 9 am  
Tuesday & Friday - 7 pm

#### Sacrament Of Confession

Saturday 9.30 am - 10am  
4 pm - 4.30 pm  
or by appointment

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

#### Tuesday To Friday

10:00am - 4.30pm  
Lunch Break 12pm - 1pm

#### Saturday

10.00am - 12:00 noon

Office is closed on  
Monday



In his intention for January 2024, Pope Francis prays:  
"In January, we pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of the different rites within the Catholic Church."

## Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

### Altar Servers Ministry

### Be The Light Ministry

Coordinator: Noli Pangilinan

### Catechetical Ministry

PREP Winnie Bernardo

### Catholic Women's League

President : Cecile Cartago

### Knights Of Columbus

Robert Yang

### Legion Of Mary

Fidel Carolino

### Ministry Of Hospitality

Coordinator: Jose Cruz

### Ministry Of Lectors

Coordinator: Armando Cordova

### Music Ministry

Dr. Audrey Zylmans  
Ana Marie Avendano  
Noreen Nicolas

### Project Advance Team

Art & Violet Tonido  
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### Building Committee

Theo Vanden Hoven

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## SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

**BAPTISM:** Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Course. This is for parents and godparents. It is held every 1st Saturday of the month from 1pm to 3pm. Baptism is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1pm

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements are to be made through the pastor at least six months prior to your wedding date. A marriage preparation course is a requirement of the Archdiocese. Secure a spot at all Marriage Prep courses. Go to registration webpage: <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>

**CONVALIDATION:** If your marriage was not celebrated as a Sacrament and you wish your marriage to be recognized by the Church, then call the parish office to make an appointment to see **Fr. Jack**

**ANointing OF THE SICK :** Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

**FUNERALS:** Please contact the office before making any arrangements with the Funeral Home.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Did you know, Catholics can "offer" Mass?

We do so for multiple reasons such as thanksgiving, for another person/s such as a birthday, graduation or wedding anniversary or as is most common, for the repose(peace) of the soul of someone who has died. Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church

## Parish Events

### 1. Seeking Volunteers for 2024 for The Parish

The parish is always seeking volunteers for the various Ministries operating within the parish.

We are especially encouraging young people to become altar servers. The only requirement is that they have received their First Holy Communion.

Anyone who is interested in any of the Ministries, or would just like more information, please talk to Fr. Tomson or the Ministry coordinator.

### 2. Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly meeting next Sunday, January 14th, at 2:30pm in the Parish Centre.

### 3. 2024 Sunday Offering Envelopes

A Reminder to please pick up your 2024 Sunday Offering Envelopes and calendar located at the back of the Church next to the side door. Your envelopes number will be different from this years number, please start using your new envelopes on January 1st 2024.

## Archdiocesan Events

### Coping With Post Holiday Grief

[Register For Free](#)

#### About this Event

Grief can be unpredictable. It comes and goes, sometimes in waves. It affects our sense of well-being and changes us forever.

Christmas is a time for family, but if we have lost someone it can be a particularly difficult time. Everything has changed. We can keep busy during the holiday season but what happens afterwards?

**LocationDate and Time** All Saints Parish Hall (Meeting Rooms 2 & 3)

Saturday, Jan 20, 2024 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

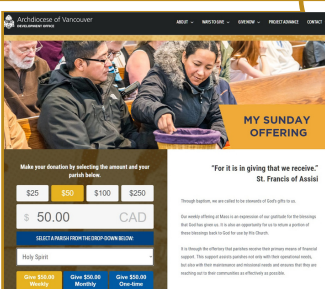
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## A Mother's Love - January 1, 2024 Pope Francis

"Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart!" (Luke 2:19). In these words, Luke describes the attitude with which Mary took in all that they had experienced in those days. Far from trying to understand or master the situation, Mary is the woman who can treasure, that is to say, protect and guard in her heart, the passage of God in the life of his people.

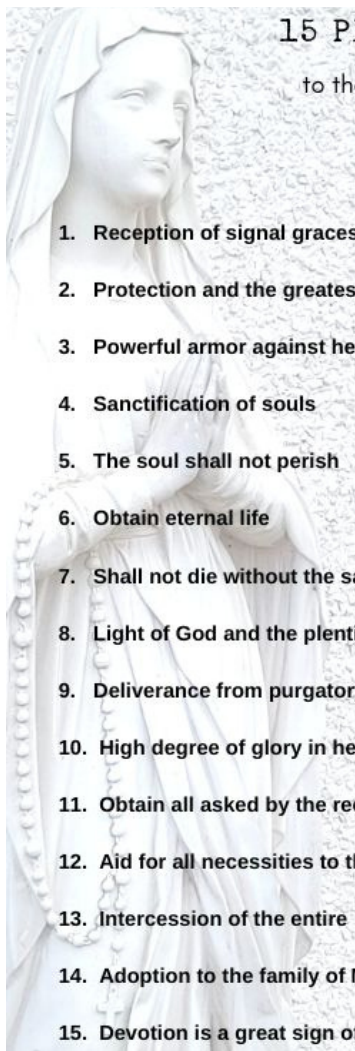
Deep within, she had learned to listen to the heartbeat of her Son, and that in turn taught her, throughout her life, to discover God's heartbeat in history. She learned how to be a mother, and in that learning process she gave Jesus the beautiful experience of knowing what it is to be a Son. In Mary, the eternal Word not only became flesh, but also learned to recognize the maternal tenderness of God.

With Mary, the God-Child learned to listen to the yearnings, the troubles, the joys and the hopes of the people of the promise. With Mary, he discovered himself a Son of God's faithful people. Mothers, even at the worst times, are capable of testifying to tenderness, unconditional self-sacrifice and the strength of hope. I have learned much from those mothers whose children are in prison, or lying in hospital beds, or in bondage to drugs, yet, come cold or heat, rain or draught, never stop fighting for what is best for them. Or those mothers who in refugee camps, or even the midst of war, unfailingly embrace and support their children's sufferings. Mothers who literally give their lives so that none of their children will perish.

Where there is a mother, there is unity, there is belonging, belonging as children.

—from the book *The Peace of Christmas: Quiet Reflections from Pope Francis*  
by Diane M. Houdek

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### 15 PROMISES OF MARY

to those who faithfully recite the

### HOLY ROSARY

1. Reception of signal graces.
2. Protection and the greatest graces
3. Powerful armor against hell
4. Sanctification of souls
5. The soul shall not perish
6. Obtain eternal life
7. Shall not die without the sacraments
8. Light of God and the plenitude of his graces
9. Deliverance from purgatory
10. High degree of glory in heaven
11. Obtain all asked by the recitation of the rosary
12. Aid for all necessities to those who propagate the rosary
13. Intercession of the entire celestial court in life and in death
14. Adoption to the family of Mary and Jesus
15. Devotion is a great sign of predestination

## Saints for January

January 1

### Mary, Mother of God

Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan.

Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4). Paul's further statement that "God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'" helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Some theologians also insist that Mary's motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

The precise title "Mother of God" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form Theotokos (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin Theotokos. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: "Praised be the Theotokos!" The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times.



### Reflection

Other themes come together at today's celebration. It is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God's children.

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### THE SEVEN GIFTS of the Holy Spirit

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Fortitude (*Courage*)  
Knowledge  
Piety (*Reverence*)  
Fear of the Lord (*Wonder & Awe*)



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### Mission

### Vision

- Holy Spirit Parish is a**
1. **We see a parish that is diverse, Spirit-filled community demonstrating and vibrant, joyously worshipping together.**
  2. **We see a parish generously caring for each other with our time, treasure and talents.**
  3. **We see a parish with relevant, active and well-led ministries that are mission-oriented.**
  4. **We see a new parish hall built in the next 3-5 years that serves as a gathering space for parishioners to learn, connect, grow and celebrate our faith.**
- that God is known and loved through living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ taught by the Roman Catholic Church and service with certain hope that all who repent and believe will have eternal life**





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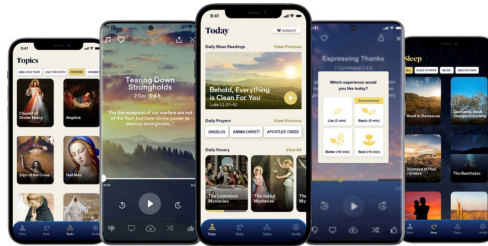
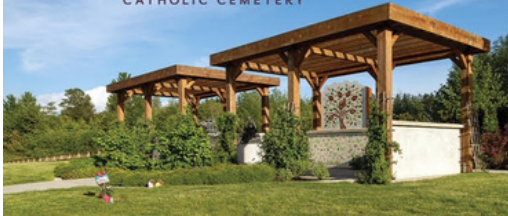
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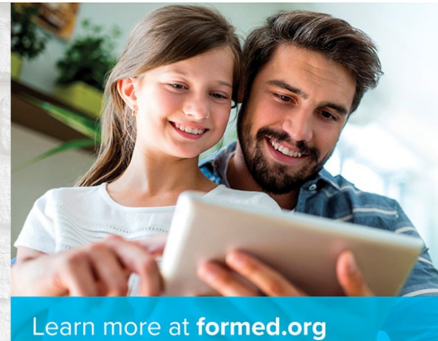
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