



Living Christ Together...

Hail Mary

Dear Friend in Christ,

This second week of Advent we reflect on the gift of Peace. Anyone who prays the Hail Mary, always pronounces the name of Jesus. The two names go together: “Hail Mary,” we say; then come the words of Elizabeth: “blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.”



Jesus has always been called “the Son of Mary.” His identity is intertwined with hers, as is hers with His.

Long ago grace prepared her womb to receive Him. Our hearts are made ready to do so too. This Advent season “let the peace of Christ control your hearts,” St. Paul tells us. As we pronounce the name of Mary and let it rest in us for a moment, isn’t it true that we experience the peace of her Son along with it?



In Christ Jesus,

Bishop Liam Cary

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