

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Homily 2019
The Obedience of Mary

We began Christmas, with the imagery of the bookends of God's love for us. The first bookend is Christ child in the crib in Bethlehem with his hands and arms wide-open, saying to all of us: "pick me up, hug me and love me." The second bookend is Jesus on the Cross with hands and arms out-stretched saying: "Hug me, love me and follow me. What I have done for you is paid the price for you and everyone for Heavenly Peace."

The windows our parish church here at St. Mary's on one side depict Christ Jesus and on the other the Blessed Mother. As we notice with Mary, her arms and hands are outstretched in three of them and the other two have her cradling them and pointing to her Immaculate Heart.

We admire and honor Mary for her obedience to the blessing and light of God into her life.

We celebrate the patronal feast of our parish today, as we enter the New Year of Grace 2019!

May we follow the witness and example of Mary, the Mother of God in total obedience to what God calls us to do in our lives and always pray for peace to be present in family and parish life. May we continue to be open handed and cradle and receive Jesus into our lives and invite others to do the same by all that we say and do.