

# *The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

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### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

I made a little video memory for my nephew this Christmas. Apparently, he got engaged a few weeks ago. Uh huh. His dad and we adoring aunts and uncles happened to see it on Facebook, where we also read about the party that followed, where “all our friends and family came to congratulate us.”

Hmm. Apparently this sweet, generally thoughtful kid forgot about his side of the family. Hence the video memory, where he can see photographs of his relatives going back nearly to the Civil War, and lots of pictures of himself with his dad and us, through every Christmas of his life.

As I look at these pictures, and read today’s gospel, I’m especially touched by Mary, who, after the shepherds left, “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” In Mary’s heart I see my darling mom, proudly holding each new baby, attending every game, standing with us at every milestone. Like Mary, I know my mom “reflected in her heart” about each of her children as we grew into adults. So many parents today are walking through great times of crisis for their children. Their beloved kids are experiencing the heartbreak of divorce, or debilitating mental illness. Many of them, despite all their Facebook “friends,” are lonely and isolated. And no, even though new studies show that church attendance can be better for your heart rate than skipping church and running a marathon, this health-conscious generation isn’t interested in participating.

Today, on this World Day of Peace and the Solemnity of Mary, we place all our children, and their children, into the heart of God. That’s an infinitely safer place than Facebook.

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La Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios

Le hice un pequeño video de recuerdo a mi sobrino esta Navidad. Aparentemente se comprometió para casarse hace unas semanas. Aja. Su papa y nosotros sus tíos y tías que lo adoramos lo vimos en

el Facebook, donde también leímos acerca de la celebración que le prosiguió, donde “todos nuestros amigos y familiares vinieron a felicitarnos.” Mmm. Aparentemente este dulce, y generalmente atento niño se olvidó de este lado de su familia. Y por eso le hice el video, donde podrá ver fotografías de sus familiares, que datan hasta casi la guerra Civil, y muchas fotos de él mismo con su papá y nosotros, durante todas las Navidades de su vida. Mientras que veo estas fotos, y leo la escritura del evangelio de hoy, me siento especialmente conmovida por María, quien, después que se fueran los pastores, “guardó todas estas cosas, reflexionándolas en su corazón.” En el corazón de María veo a mi querida madre, orgullosa de sostener a cada uno de sus nuevos bebés, asistiendo a cada juego, parada junto a nosotros en cada logro. Como María, yo sé que mi mamá también “reflexionaba en su corazón” acerca de cada uno de sus hijos mientras nos convertíamos en adultos. Hay tantos padres hoy en día que atraviesan tremendos momentos de crisis con sus hijos. Sus amados hijos experimentan lo que es el sufrimiento de un divorcio, o una debilitante enfermedad mental. Muchos de ellos, a pesar de tener tantos “amigos” de Facebook, están solos y aislados. Y no, aunque nuevos estudios muestren que la asistencia a la iglesia es mejor para tu ritmo cardíaco que dejar de ir a la iglesia e irte a correr un maratón, esta generación tan consciente de la salud no está interesada en participar. Hoy, en este Día Mundial de la Paz y la Solemnidad de María, ponemos a todos nuestros hijos, y a sus hijos, en el corazón de Dios. Ese es un lugar infinitamente más seguro que Facebook.

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### **Readings for the week of January 1, 2016**

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

**Monday** 1 Jn 2: 22-28//Jn 1: 19-28

**Tuesday** 1 Jn 2: 29-3:6//Jn 1: 29-34

**Wednesday** 1 Jn 3: 7-10//Jn 1: 35-42

**Thursday** 1 Jn 3: 11-21//Jn 1: 43-51

**Friday** 1 Jn 5: 5-13//Mk 1: 7-11

**Saturday** 1 Jn 5: 14-21// Jn 2: 1-11

# *Around the Parish and the Community*

## **FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION**

**Jan 03 6:30pm**

\*Confirmation Classes resume

**Jan 04 7:00pm**

\*RCIA Classes resume

**Jan 08 10:15am—ALL RESUME—**

\*Children's Faith Formation Classes

\*Secrets of Scripture

\*Parent Session #4—*Family Life and the  
Dignity of the Human Person*

(English in Community Room,

Spanish in School Cafeteria)

## **BAPTISM CLASS**

Our next Baptism class is Sunday, January 22, 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend. Please contact Laurie Lopez at 303.778.1397 for more info or to register. Class registration forms can also be found at [www.srl-denver.org/forms](http://www.srl-denver.org/forms). But please contact the office to assure a spot in the class.

## **Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—**

Jenny Martinez, Gilbert Suazo, Roy Martinez, Barbara Deaguero, Annie Martinez, Isabel Guzman, Raymundo Pimentel, Deacon Jerry Kotas, Clarita Rubio, Regan Capps, Jana Purdy

Community Ministry needs—**Canned Fruits** for the month of January. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday**

4:00pm

**December 31**

+Epifanio Vigil by Andy & Anita Archuleta

**Sunday**

9:00am

**January 1**

+Clementine Begler by Carol Jones

11:30am

People of the Parish

**Monday**

8:30am

**January 2**

Communion Service

**Tuesday**

8:30am

**January 3**

+Clementine Begler by Carol Jones

**Wednesday**

8:30am

**January 4**

+Elmer Parnell by family

**Thursday**

8:30am

**January 5**

+Ida Smith by family

**Friday**

8:30am

**January 6**

+Lee Duran by family

**Saturday**

4:00 pm

**January 7**

+Lloyd Greenwood  
by Frieda Greenwood

**Sunday**

9am

**January 8**

deceased members of the Holy  
Name Society

+Viola Anguiano by Rudy Anguiano

11:30am

People of the Parish

**SPECIAL NOTICE--At 10:15am, January 15, in the Rose Room**, there will be a meeting and You are invited!

The Holy Name Society is hosting a meeting for all church leaders-members-parishioners. To discuss and share ideas and find ways to work together and to break barriers for a closer community for Saint Rose of Lima Parish and Academy. Coffee and donuts will be served.

**A la 10:15 en la mañana, 15 de enero en el Salon de la Rosa**, el Sociedad de Santo Nombre está organizando una reunión por los líderes de la iglesia-miembros-feligreses. Todo en la sala de Rosa. Para discutirán y compartan ideas, para encontrar maneras de trabajar juntos, y para romper las barreras. Por una comunidad más cerca por Santa Rosa de Lima Parroquia y Escuela. Café y donuts se servirá.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT**—Saint John Vianney Seminary, January 22, 10am—5pm. Register at [www.DenverSeminarians.org](http://www.DenverSeminarians.org)

**Prayer in the SQUARE**—January 7, 10am, Ruby Hill Park Pavilions—to pray for the Sanctity of Human Life and an End to the Persecution of Christians worldwide.