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September 6, 2020
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English
Sun. 9:00 am English
11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm
Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am
10:30 - 10:50 am
or upon appointment

Baptism:

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office After Hours for **Emergencies Only**
780-645-9749.

The Story of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8)

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety.

According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.



Reflection

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large. (Franciscan Media)



Gratitude to all our Parish Volunteers

We would like to express our gratitude to all our volunteers in helping the Church as readers, ushers, coordinators and sanitizers. The ministry that you extend to the Church is the reason why we can continue to celebrate Liturgy. May the Good Lord continue to bless you and your family.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

| Day | Time | Mass Intention | Feast |
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| Sept 5 Saturday | 5:00 pm | RIP Joe Kierse – Meriem & Girls | 23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| Sept 6 Sunday | 9:00 am | RIP Roseanne Longpre - Claudette & Alan Borle | |
| | 11:00 am | For Parishioners | |
| Sept 8 Tuesday | 8:30 am | Special Intention | |
| Sept 9 Wed | 6:00 pm | RIP Alice Kerckhof – Joe & Diane McDonald | |
| Sept 10 Thursday | 6:00 pm | RIP Isabella Holterhus – Wilfred & Rogelle | |
| Sept 11 Friday | 8:30 am | RIP Robert LeBlanc – Octave & Annette Himschoot | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Emilienne Dostie, Braden Rowland, Colette Klein. All those who are sick or struggling and who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.

First Friday Adoration

On the **First Friday of September** we will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between **9:00 am** to **11:00 am** and everyone will be able to come for longer or shorter period of time to spend with Eucharistic Jesus. We begin with Mass at 8:30 am, then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and prayer. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church so that at least 2 people sign for each hour to make sure there is always someone present in the church with Blessed Sacrament exposed.

We invite everyone to come during a day to spend some time with our Lord.

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| COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES | August 30 th \$ 2115.00 Restoration \$ 120.00 | THANK YOU! MERCI! |
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