



January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Collection December 24, 2022

Regular Collection	\$735.00
Maintenance	50.00
Catholic Charities	20.00
Attendance	57

January 8, 2023

Lector: Wesley Young
Commentator: Charlotte Phillips
Ushers: Owens family

Readings for January 8, 2023

Reading 1	Isaiah 60:1-6
Reading 2	Ephesians 3:2a, 5-6
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12

Information about St. Edwards- Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, and other information can be found on our webpage at:
<https://stedwardpulaski.org>

Outreach chair person still needed- The pastoral council is in need of a person to chair our outreach program. If interested and willing to help out, please see Sally Warburton for more information.

Prayer List - Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Bill Jennings, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Jim Trowbridge, Orlando LoMascolo, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Caroline Jewell, Joy McComb, Jack Thompson, Kent Miller, Danny Harriman, Raegan Ray, Stephanie Tedesco, John Millard, and Father Bernie.

Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions.

Bishop's Visit- If you haven't yet sent an RSVP to Gaby and Stan or signed up on the sheet in the Hall to attend Mass in Wytheville on Feb. 5, please do so ASAP. We need a number count for planning purposes. Everyone is welcome.

SAM Sunday- Next Sunday, January 8th, we will have SAM Sunday. In recognition of Epiphany, our theme will be International foods. Bring a dish and plan to stay for our monthly meal. Hope to see you there.

January Birthdays

Brenda Lessard	Jan. 1
Larry Riffey	Jan. 3
Jessi Williams	Jan. 8
Cora Wojciechowski	Jan. 18



January Anniversaries

Bill & Jean Jennings Jan. 13

Happy New Year to each of you and praying for 2023 to be a year filled with love, peace, and good health!

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Daily Prayer This Week

This second week of the Christmas Season can be a great help for our daily connections with our Lord. We have the full and wonderful Solemnity in honor of Mary, in her role as "Mother of God." We can ask her to be our guide all week as we desire to grow closer to her Son. We can read Pope Francis' words for the World Day of Prayer for Peace and ponder them from time to time this week.

As we go through our daily, and often very busy lives in these days after Christmas, we can continue a sense of this brief season by continuing to ask that our Lord come to us in the ways we still need light and healing and peace. For some of us, this will be an easy prayer this week. Waiting faithfully can continue into the Christmas Season.

A special grace to ask for this week would be the gift of celebrating our Lord's presence with us. We can ask for it every morning, as we get going and we can enter into brief conversations with our Lord, in the background, as we encounter some of the places in our life in which we can see more hope, more of an opportunity for peace. This week, we might hold up each member of our family, close friends and neighbors, and those we might work with, seeing and celebrating how our Lord is manifest in them. For some of us, there may be real epiphany moments, when we see what we haven't been seeing, feel what we haven't been feeling or experience a call we haven't felt before. Being watchful for and open to these special post-Christmas moments of grace is very important.

For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, these days are short and darkness comes early. Perhaps we can light a candle every evening this week at dinner just to celebrate the Light of Jesus that comes into the darkness of our lives. In the Southern Hemisphere, there is so much light, we can rejoice with it.

Second Week of Christmas

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Sunday, January 1st this year, New Year's Day, is the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**. In addition, it is a celebration of the **World Day of Prayer for Peace**.

Monday is the **Memorial of Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church**. Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**. Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint John Neumann**.

The Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on January 6th in most of the world. It is celebrated on Sunday, the 8th in the U.S. The light has come into the darkness of the world and our salvation was made known to the Gentiles. **Matthew's Gospel** brings us the story of the Magi and their encounter with Herod on the way to "do homage" to the newborn King of the Jews.

The first reading during the week continues from the **First Letter of John**, encouraging us to make our home in the one who makes his home in us. In Jesus, we have eternal life and we are called to love one another.

The Gospels for this week show Jesus manifesting himself in his life on earth, following **John's Gospel**, from the testimony of John, to the calling of Jesus' disciples from their everyday lives.

Sunday is the celebration of the **Epiphany of the Lord in the U.S. It is the Baptism of the Lord in the rest of the world**.