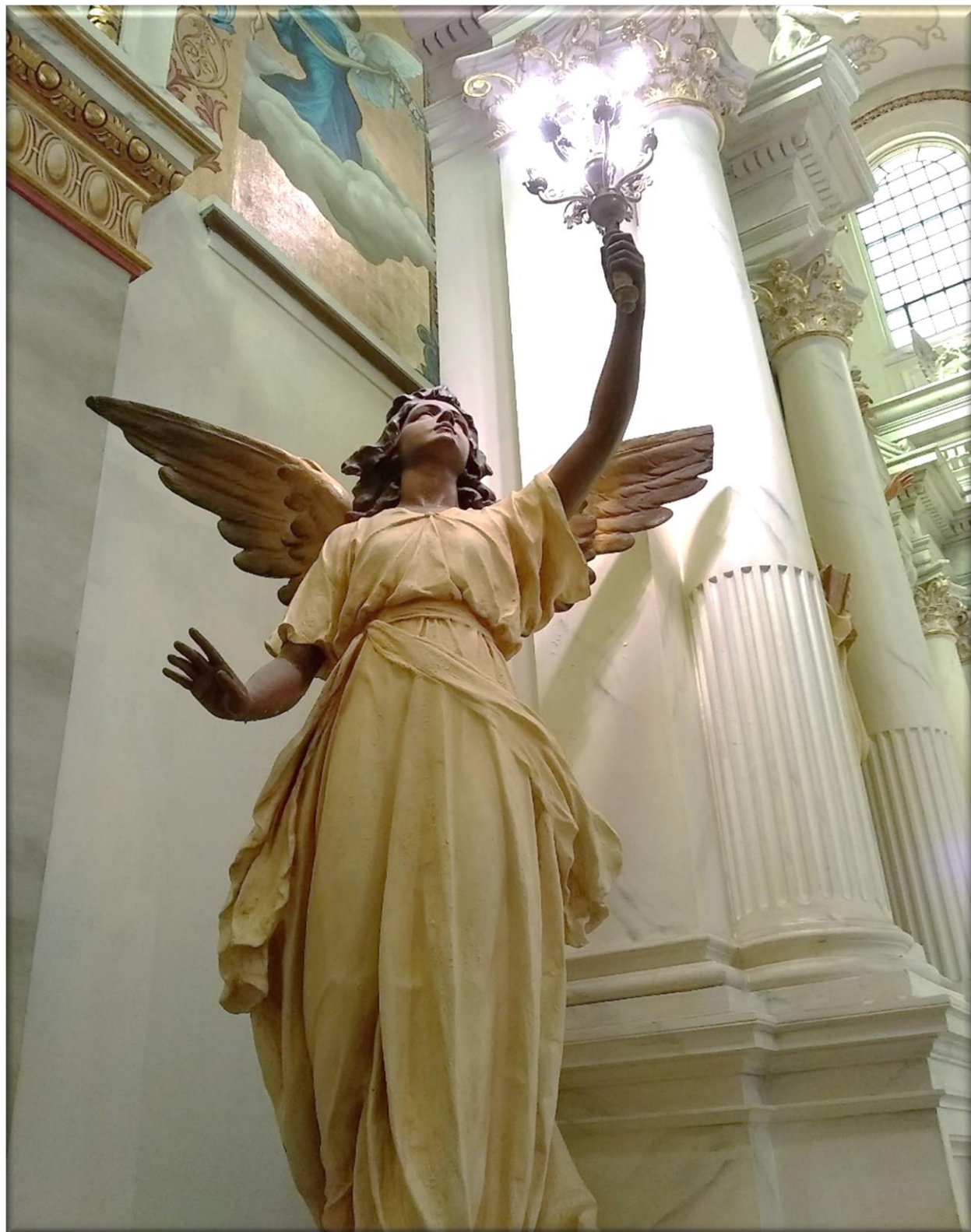

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday January 01, 2023 (A Cycle)

Mary, the Holy Mother of God





Pondering in Our Hearts - A Christian Reflection

Early on in his Gospel, Luke twice mentions Mary doing something extraordinary, namely, pondering something "in her heart." The first occasion is after the departure of the shepherds at the Nativity; the second is when she and Joseph discover the child Jesus speaking with the Temple elders. Luke's phrase is telling. For Mary to "ponder" something "in her heart," is not simply for her to remember the details or get her facts straight. Rather, it seems more a way to take in something in its totality and to let it sink down deep, into the heart, the place where it can change you.

Were we to be like Mary, how might we ponder in our hearts what we ourselves have seen and heard this past Christmas season so that, before it closes, we might learn something more from it than we did the first time through? Something which might just sink down deep and somehow change us. Perhaps these questions might be of some help.

What was the best, the greatest, gift you received this year - not the brightest gift or the shiniest or the fastest or the most expensive gift, but the best gift, the greatest gift? Who gave it to you? And do they even know they did?

What was the best gift you gave this year, one that may have cost you a little or one which may have cost you a lot. And the little or a lot that it might have cost you might not have been money at all.

If there was something you did in the last several weeks which was just what someone else needed, just when they needed it, just what was it?

If there was one time when all your troubles, your cares and worries, seemed to you far, far away - what was that time? And what chased your troubles away?

If there was one glance you had of someone else that allowed you to see them fresh, as if for the very first time, yet see them as well radiant with all that they mean to you - what was that time? And who was that person?

Was there ever a time - perhaps in a crowd and surrounded with people or perhaps by yourself - that it struck you that you are a lucky, lucky person? What was that time? Who were those people around you, if people there were? And what seems to have brought that feeling on?

If you said one thing exactly right, exactly true and straight from your heart, just what exactly did you say? And to whom did you say it? And why?

If within the last few weeks you brushed a tear from your eye secretly so that no one else could see it, why did that tear come? And what did that tear mean?

When do you feel the proudest? The happiest? The most content? Indeed, the most yourself?

If you could look back over the many, many moments of this tender season now ending and pick out one moment from among them all - just one - pick the one where somehow you knew in your heart that it was all true: the angels indeed did sing, the shepherds indeed did worship, the kings indeed did bring their gifts and bow low - and all of this because at that one moment you felt almost held aloft by kind and mighty hands; and if you could take that one moment and hold it in your heart forever, take it out and gaze upon it from time to time as if to look upon a kind of snow globe, just what would that one moment be?

- Fr. Michael Graham, S.J.

Drenched in Holiness Prayer: Prayer for a New Year

Dear God,

On this day I ask You to grant this request,

May I know who I am and what I am,

Every moment of every day.

May I be a catalyst for light and love,

And bring inspiration to those whose eyes I meet.

May I have the strength to stand tall in the face of conflict,

And the courage to speak my voice, even when I'm scared.

May I have the humility to follow my heart,

And the passion to live my soul's desires.

May I seek to know the highest truth

And dismiss the gravitational pull of my lower self.

May I embrace and love the totality of myself,

My darkness as well as my light.

May I be brave enough to hear my heart,

To let it soften so that I may gracefully

Choose faith over fear.

Today is my day to surrender anything that stands

Between the sacredness of my humanity and my divinity.

May I be drenched in my Holiness

And engulfed by Your love.

May all else melt away.

And so it is.

- Debbie Ford

NOTE: We have removed the signs for social distancing on the south side of church (choir side). The north side of church is still reserved for those who want to continue social distancing. However, everyone will continue to all wear masks in the church.

Nativity Pantry News... *Thank you for all your support in the past year! We were able to support many families this year due to your generosity. Sending many wishes for a Merry Christmas holiday and an especially blessed 2023!*

Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members, neighbors, we have been blessed to have many sponsors, but as with most ministries, we are in need of more. If you and your group would like to learn more about sponsoring a meal or if you're ready to sign up, please call or email Georgia Kingsley at 586-206-2202, gfk111@aol.com.

January DINNER SCHEDULE

January 01, 2023 – New Year's Day – NO DINNER
January 08, 2023 – St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans
January 15, 2023 – JoAnn Eder
January 22, 2023 – Parish Council
January 29, 2023 – Cardinal Mooney Basketball Team



PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

- Doris Allen
- Clara Boltman
- Anne Borushko
- Mary Canaday
- Aaron Cole
- Joey Coutu
- Maureen Coutu
- Gus Cops, OFM, Cap.
- Patricia Ellen Devine
- Simone Eder
- Vickie Figueroa
- Kalen Fortuna
- David Laverty
- William (Bill) Leto
- Michael Martin
- Jerry McFee
- Tommy Nance
- Vertis Park, Jr.
- Dr. Bob Preuss
- Charles Sheron
- Pat Sprankle
- Anna Tyler
- Rene VanZaelen
- Jerry Walker

TODAY'S READINGS

Numbers 6: 22-27
(The Aaronic Blessings)

Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 **(God Bless Us)**

Galatians 4: 4-7
(Heirs by God's Design)

Luke 2: 16-21
(The Name of Jesus)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2023

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 02: First John 2: 22-28; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 1: 19-28

Tues., Jan. 03: First John 2: 29 – 3: 6; Psalm 98: 1, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 1: 29-34

Wed., Jan. 04: First John 3: 7-10; Psalm 98: 1, 7-8, 9; John 1: 35-42

Thurs., Jan. 05: First John 3: 11-21; Psalm 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 1: 43-51

Fri., Jan. 06: First John 5: 5-13; Psalm 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mark 1: 7-11 or Luke 3: 23-38

Sat., Jan. 07: First John 5: 14-21; Psalm 149: 1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b; John 2: 1-11

Sun., Jan. 08: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

RING IN THE NEW!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

12/24 and 12/25/2022

Coming Next Week

The winning 2022 St. Charles raffle winning ticket numbers were: #69 (1st place), #50 (2nd place), and # 34 (3rd place). Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle by purchasing a ticket!

A snapshot at the cost to run our parish

December Copier Lease =	\$ 176.00
December Grounds Upkeep	\$ 813.00
Comcast Business	\$ 570.14
	\$1,559.00

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday, Jan 01, 2023
Deceased family and friends of St. Charles
- Sunday, Jan 8, 2023
Joe Vujic
- Sunday, Jan 15, 2023
**Jon Bozich
Carolyn Carson**
- Sunday, Jan 22, 2023
**Michael Ayoub
Joyce Carson**
- Sunday, Jan 29, 2023
**Monica Laske
Carolyn Alexander**

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

Ideal Steward

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." LUKE 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal **Steward**. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.



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Council Members

Steven Dearing, Rhonda Gilbert, Dan Hurley,
Joyce Hurley, Diane Simpkins, Linda Simpkins,
Alonda Walker, Paco Williams

OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

MASS TIMES

St Charles Borromeo Detroit

Mass Times
Friday 11am
Sunday 11:30am

Nativity of Our Lord

Mass Times
Thursday, 11am
Sunday 9:30am

St Augustine / St Monica

Mass Times
Wednesday, 9am
Sunday 10am

Family of Parishes Prayer Groups

Tuesday Men's Prayer Group

6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study

St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.

For Zoom link go to www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime

St. Charles Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ's Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ's ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes.

Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides "clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse," Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. "I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority," the archbishop said. "No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God's law." Pope Francis announced the new norms. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General's Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844- 324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm. aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.

SAVE THE DATE

**St. Charles Women's Retreat is the weekend of February 24-26, 2023
(St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Detroit)
"Seeking Peace: Becoming Peacemakers"**

You can register at www.stpaulretreat.org, or see Patty Gillis or Jessica Edwards at church. A \$30.00 deposit will hold your place, and you can pay whatever you can afford at the retreat. Bring a sister or friend with you--the more the merrier! For more info, call Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320.

You're Invited by St. Matthew Parish!

Celebrate the closing of the Christmas Season with a warm afternoon of carols, chanting, and cheer on **Sunday, January 8, at St. Matthew Church**, 6021 Whittier, Detroit. **St. Matthew's special Holiday Choir will lead a Christmas carol singalong in the Church at 3:30 p.m. At 4 p.m., all are invited to participate in a Vesper Service (evening prayer) for Epiphany, the Feast of the Magi, the Three Wise Men.** Immediately after Vespers, we will gather in the church auditorium for Christmas cookies, hot cider, and mulled wine for fellowship and fun. The doors to the church will be open at 3 p.m. for personal worship if so desired. If you have any further questions, please call the rectory at 313-884-4470. There is no cost for the event. Please come!

NOTICE:

YOU HAVE ENTERED A NEW YEAR. BAGGAGE FROM LAST YEAR SHOWING EXCESSIVE WEAR AND TEAR MAY BE SENT TO THE REPAIRS DEPARTMENT FOR EVALUATION. ANY ITEMS BEYOND REPAIR WILL BE SENT TO RECYCLING FOR USEFUL ZIPPERS, BUTTONS, OR OTHER ITEMS OF CLOSURE.

ANY POSSIBILITIES FOR PERSONAL GROWTH SHOULD BE NURTURED IMMEDIATELY. THOSE LIVING IN FROST ZONES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE PARTICULARLY WARM TO THEMSELVES: WATER DAILY, FEED AS NEEDED, AND REAP WHEN RIPE, FOR SOMETIMES WHAT'S SOWN IS WONDERFUL.

SHOULD THE NEW YEAR FEEL LIKE THE OLD YEAR, THE COMPLAINTS DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO ASSIST YOU! THE LINE IS GENERALLY LONG. YOU MAY WANT TO BRING READING MATERIAL. WE SUGGEST A COMPLETE SET OF ENCYCLOPEDIAS, SEVERAL PHILOSOPHICAL TEXTS, A COMEDY, FANTASY & SCI-FI (for the imagination), AND A BLANK JOURNAL TO JOT THOUGHTS AS THEY COME.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR NEW YEAR RESPONSIBLY. BE MINDFUL OUT THERE.



HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS

a free Sunday Speaker Series on Human Trafficking

Facts, Witness and the Fight

It's closer than you think. Learn the facts, how you can protect your kids & grandkids, & how organizations are fighting human trafficking right here in our own backyard.

Featuring a Survivor Leader from Sanctum House, a sanctuary for women survivors of human trafficking.

Monetary, grocery & gas gift card donations for Sanctum House are greatly appreciated.

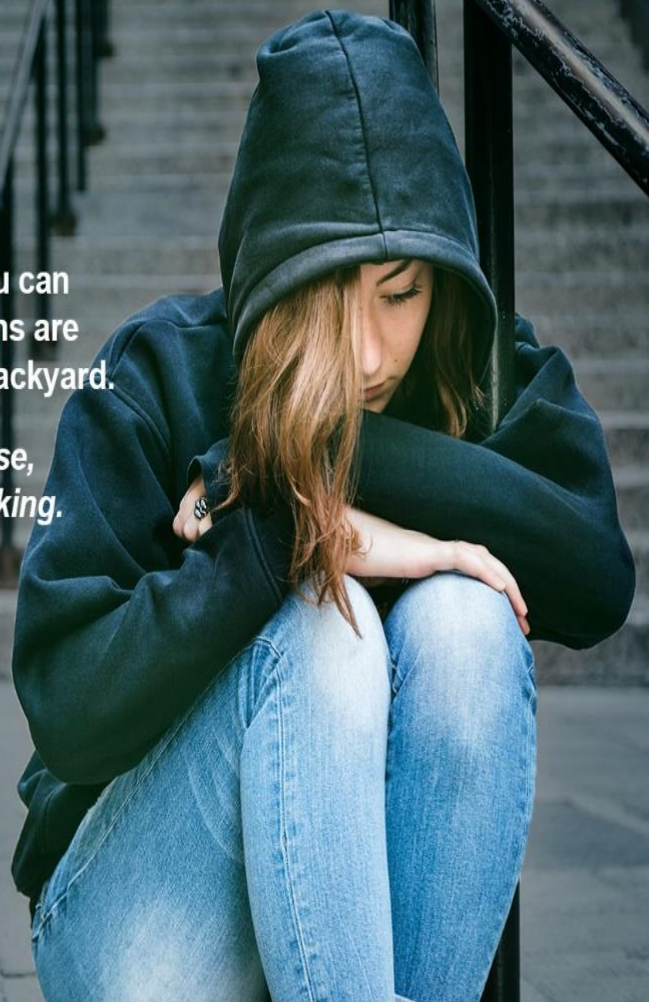
January 29, 2023 1-3pm

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church St.

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Amen.



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