



The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found

MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE INFANT LYING IN THE MANGER.

Luke 2:16

January 1, 2023 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

SHALOM

A Hebrew word that many people are familiar with is *shalom*, commonly translated into English as “peace.” However, the word is much richer, deeper, and broader than that. As a matter of fact, when the blessing in today’s first reading concludes with *shalom*, it serves as a summary of the entire blessing: *shalom* is God’s wholeness, well-being, longevity, harmony, as well as God’s peace. Perhaps Mary prayed this blessing while she found herself in the midst of angels, shepherds, and—quite likely, thanks to the shepherds—inquisitive neighbors who had been told of the wondrous birth. Perhaps she prayed for God’s *shalom* not only for herself, but also for her child as she reflected on his birth. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we can likewise pray this blessing, with Mary as our example, pondering the mysteries of Christ in our hearts, praying for the richness, depth, and breadth of God’s *shalom*.

MARY THE CAREGIVER

At some point in time, most people will find themselves needing to watch over another person. This is true for parents and children of course; for others, perhaps an aging parent or spouse; a friend or neighbor living alone after surgery. At these times, along with the caregiving of the moment, there is often a focus on the future, a wondering about what will come. Quite naturally for the new mother Mary there is this future focus, with many possibilities for her to hold in her heart. She reflects quietly in the midst of the very hectic series of events that follow the birth of her child: hurrying shepherds who go and tell the wondrous news to others, then those others sharing their amazement. Luke tells us that Mary keeps all of this, and reflects on it in her heart. Mary is watching over Jesus as mothers do, watching over each and every moment.

GOD THE CAREGIVER

As Mary watches over her child, so did Israel pray for God to watch over them and one another, to bless and keep them, as Mary kept and reflected on things in her heart. Mary’s face surely shone upon the infant Jesus, as Israel prayed for God’s face to shine upon them with that graciousness we also know in her whom we call “full of grace.” At the conclusion of the blessing in today’s first reading is a prayer for God to look on us in kindness and, even more, to grant us peace. It may be in this final line of the blessing that we see God most at work in the face and the care of Mary, gazing gently on her child, wishing the fullness of God’s *shalom* for Jesus and his future. Our mission as disciples is to show the divine care we hear in the blessing prayer, and to live out the care-giving we see today in Mary.

TODAY’S READINGS

Numbers 6:22–27
Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4–7
Luke 2:16–21

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Tuesday—Mass (English) 8:00 a.m.

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Sunday/Domingo: 8:00 a.m. Español

10:00 a.m. English

12:30 p.m. Español

Saturday/Sabado: 5:00 p.m. Español

THE WORD OF GOD FOR YOU, YOUR LIFE, YOUR HOME

THE WORD OF GOD READINGS OF THE WEEK

LA PALABRA DE DIOS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes/Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Martes/Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Miércoles/Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Jueves/Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Lc 4:14-22a

Viernes/Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mc 1:7-11 o Lc 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sábado/Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; 2:1-11

Domingo/Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Jn-John; Lc-Luke; Is-Isaiah; Ef-Ephesians; Mt-Matthew

Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.— Luke 2:19

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!
(Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalms — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas y las meditaba en su corazón. — Lucas 2:19

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Que el Señor te mire con benevolencia y te conceda la paz (Números 6:22-27).

Salmo — Que Dios sea misericordioso y nos bendiga (Salmo 67 [66]).

Segunda lectura — Dios envió a sus corazones el Espíritu de su Hijo, que clama “¡Abbá!” (Gálatas 4:4-7)

Evangelio — Los pastores se volvieron a sus campos, alabando y glorificando a Dios por todo cuanto habían visto y oído (Lucas 2:16-21).

Mass Intentions—Sunday January 1 2023

8:00 am

- †Adam O. Martinez
- †Alejandro Quintero
- †Santiago Vasquez
- Pobres almas en el purgatorio
- ☉Angel Mateo Quinones y hombres y mujeres en la militar (SI)

10:00 am

- ☉Alphiene & John & Family (SI)
- ☉Roger & Lydia Gonzales (SI)
- ☉Louis Hernandez (H)
- ☉Elizabeth Arroyo

12:30 pm

- †Maria del Socorro Gonzalez
- †Ruperto Gomez
- †Noberto Moreno
- †Pauline Moreno
- †Jaime Sotello
- †Pedro Sotello
- ☉La Familia Gomez (SI)

Mass Intentions

Tuesday January 3—Friday January 6 2023

Tuesday, January 3 8:00 am

- †Carmen Menchaca
- ☉Yolanda Casias
- ☉Amel & Rey W. (H)

Wednesday, January 4 8:00 am

- ☉Paul P (H)
- ☉Angel Mateo Quinones (SI)
- ☉Hombres y mujeres en la militar (SI)

Thursday, January 5 8:00 am

- ☉Adel (H)
- ☉Angel Mateo Quinones (SI)
- ☉Hombres y mujeres en la militar (SI)

7:00 pm

- †Darell Denham
- †Josie Munoz
- †John Denham
- †Norma Casias & Family

Friday, January 6 8:00 am

- †Maria Maciel
- †Marcelino Maciel
- †Hope Casias
- †Campos, Louis & Wilfred Family

Reparación al Sagrado Corazón

Pobres almas en el purgatorio

- ☉Angel Mateo Quinones (SI)

- ☉Hombres y mujeres en la militar (SI)

Saturday, January 7 5:00 pm

- †Maria Maciel
- †Marcelino Maciel
- †Jose B. Sosa
- †Carmen Horton
- †Hope Casias & Family
- Reparación de María Inmaculada
- ☉Robert Rodriguez
- ☉Teresa Gomez
- ☉Lizzy A. (H)



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From the Pastor:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May Mary, Mother of God, guide you ever deeper into the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

May the Lord bless and keep you; may He make His Face shine upon you and be merciful to you; may He turn His Countenance toward you and give you His Peace! (Numbers 6:4-26) Amen!

Del Párroco:

¡FELIZ AÑO NUEVO! Que María, Madre de Dios, te guíe cada vez más al interior del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús.

El Señor te bendiga y te guarde; te muestre su faz y tenga misericordia de ti. Vuelva su rostro a ti y te dé la paz. (Números 6:24-26) Amen!



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Estamos verdaderamente bendecidos con este hermoso regalo a la parroquia.

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