



Holy Spirit Parish

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 31, 2017) Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1, 2018)

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Pope Francis, Homily from January 1, 2017:

“Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart!” (Lk 2:19). In these words, Luke describes the attitude with which Mary took in all that they had experienced in those days. Far from trying to understand or master the situation, Mary is the woman who can treasure, that is to say, protect and guard in her heart, the passage of God in the life of his people. Deep within, she had learned to listen to the heartbeat of her Son, and that in turn taught her, throughout her life, to discover God’s heartbeat in history. She learned how to be a mother, and in that learning process she gave Jesus the beautiful experience of knowing what it is to be a Son. In Mary, the eternal Word not only became flesh, but also learned to recognize the maternal tenderness of God. With Mary, the God-Child learned to listen to the yearnings, the troubles, the joys and the hopes of the people of the promise. With Mary, he discovered himself a Son of God’s faithful people.

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Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017

Feast of the Holy Family

10:00am and 12:00pm: Mass,

Feast of the Holy Family

1:00pm - 5:00pm: Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm: Mass, Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)*

10:00am: Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018

8:30am: Mass

7:30pm: Knights of Columbus
meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018

8:30am: Mass

7:00pm: Hospitality Ministry
orientation

Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018

8:30am: Mass

Friday, Jan. 5, 2018

8:30am: Mass

9:00am-12:00pm: Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018

11:00am - 12:00pm: Confessions

1:00pm: Wedding

5:00pm: Mass, The Epiphany of
the Lord

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00am and 12:00pm: Mass

1:00pm: Baptisms

1:00pm - 5:00pm: Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm: Mass

(Pope Francis, continued)

In the Gospels, Mary appears as a woman of few words, with no great speeches or deeds, but with an attentive gaze capable of guarding the life and mission of her Son, and for this reason, of everything that he loves. She was able to watch over the beginnings of the first Christian community, and in this way she learned to be the mother of a multitude. She drew near to the most diverse situations in order to sow hope. She accompanied the crosses borne in the silence of her children's hearts. How many devotions, shrines and chapels in the most far-off places, how many pictures in our homes, remind us of this great truth. Mary gave us a mother's warmth, the warmth that shelters us amid troubles, the maternal warmth that keeps anything or anyone from extinguishing in the heart of the Church the revolution of tenderness inaugurated by her Son. Where there is a mother, there is tenderness. By her motherhood, Mary shows us that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong. She teaches us that we do not have to mistreat others in order to feel important (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 288). God's holy people has always acknowledged and hailed her as the Holy Mother of God.

Celebrating the feast of the Holy Mother of God makes us smile once more as we realize that we are a people, that we belong. [...] We are children; we are family; we are God's People.

— *Pope Francis, January 1, 2017*

