



## May – Month of Mary, Mother of God

The Blessed Virgin Mary is to be given a higher degree of honor than any of the angels or saints. This is so because she is the mother of God. Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate that stupendous event on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25). This is known as the Incarnation. On Christmas Day (Dec. 25) we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is God. Mary conceived Jesus in her womb; she bore him in her womb for nine months; she gave birth to him. She is the mother of him who is God. She is the mother of God. She is to be recognized and honored as such.

When Mary visited Elizabeth her cousin Elizabeth recognized Mary as Mother of God. She said: "Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43) At the Annunciation the angel Gabriel addressed her: "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." He addressed her as the object and recipient of the fullness of God's grace. Mary, by a special privilege and favor of God, was preserved from Original Sin at the first moment of her conception (Immaculate Conception) and thereafter was preserved from all sin. She was "full of grace" from her conception in the womb of her mother and throughout her life. This was because she was chosen by God to be the mother of God the Son, Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity.

## Receiving Holy Communion Worthily

"As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession...." - *Guidelines For The Reception of Communion* (see inside of front cover of Missalette for full Guidelines)

## Pray the Rosary Daily

"After World War II, Austria was enslaved by Russia. A certain priest traveled the country of Austria, encouraging people to respond to Our Lady of Fatima's request of *prayer and sacrifices, especially the daily rosary.*

Time passed. Russia continued to occupy the country with soldiers and armament, *but, a few years after the war, Russia suddenly released Austria to the free world.* Troops and military armament was mobilized, over night, to leave the country in peace. They were not visibly forced from the country. They offered no explanation. **But they retreated.**

Theresa Neuman, the Bavarian stigmatist, said 10% of the Catholics in Austria had taken to heart in their lives and had granted Our Lady of Fatima's requests for prayer and sacrifices.... *and thus the Lord had given them freedom.* (10% of the people had ransomed ALL of the people of Austria !!! *Could not at least 10% of the world's Catholics respond to Our Lady of Fatima's requests for prayer and sacrifice; including the rosary - TO RANSOM THE WHOLE WORLD ???*) *Are we of so little Faith that we won't even try? WOULD WE RATHER DO NOTHING TO CONTINUE TO HAVE NOTHING BUT WAR!"*

- Catholic Quote

## First Holy Communion

The children who have been preparing over that past two years for the reception of their First Holy Communion will receive that sacrament on May 6<sup>th</sup>. They will receive Christ the Lord himself, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. May they often receive Him worthily throughout their lives. We congratulate them on receiving this Sacrament of Sacraments. We compliment their parents for having brought them thus far in their Catholic formation. We thank their teachers who have instructed and prepared them and thus helped their parents, who are before God the primary educators and formers of their children in coming to know, love and serve God here on earth so that they may be happy with Him forever in heaven.

The annual celebration of First Communion Sunday invites each of us to reflect upon the Most Holy Eucharist as sacrifice (Mass) and sacrament (Holy Communion).

## Devotions

("So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour?" - Mt. 26:40):

Mon–Fri (8:00 am):

Daily Mass

1st Sat (8:00 am):

First Saturday Mass

Mon (5:15-6:15 p.m.):

Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thurs (4:00- 6:00 p.m.):

Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

# Being A Catholic “in Good Standing”

Being A Catholic “in Good Standing” requires one to observe the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church. The Precepts of the Church are:

1. “You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.”
2. “You shall confess your sins (grave, i.e. mortal) at least once a year.”
3. “You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist (worthily) at least during the Easter season.”
4. “You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.”
5. “You shall provide for the (material) needs of the Church.”
6. “If married, it shall be in conformity with the requirements of the Church for valid marriage.”

- see *Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2042-2043.*

## Catholic Radio and Television

By listening to Catholic Radio you can participate in the celebration of the Mass, pray the Rosary, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, hear instructional and inspiring talks and discussions. Immaculate Heart Radio can be heard locally at KIHM Reno 920 AM, 92.7 FM, 93.3 FM, or on the Internet at [www.ihradio.org](http://www.ihradio.org). On EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) you can watch many of these same and like programs. To view EWTN in this area you need a satellite dish.

## Pray for the Sick

Bill Brady	Jay Di Benedetto	Mary Ellen Elsnore
Marge Faia	Gabriel Jensen	Tom Jensen
Albert Juarez	Joey Kenney	Emily Killian
Joanne Lemus	Don Mashbir	Helen Mathis
Doug Peterson	Mary Margaret Rankin	Joseph Recchia
Barbara Schmidt	Joan Velo	Rosalie Wampler

For Prayer Requests, please call the Parish Office at 583-4409

## Parish Meetings

Parish Finance Council;

Monday, May 7, 6:30 p.m., Parish Center

Parish Pastoral Council;

Wednesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., Parish Center

Parents (Sacraments Preparation Children);

Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m., Parish Center

## Greetings from Calcutta

Patricia Lebreton, a parishioner and teacher of our students preparing for Confirmation is presently in Calcutta, India, with the Missionaries of Charity (Mother - Blessed - Teresa of Calcutta's Sisters), helping them as they minister to “the poorest of the poor.” The following is her first report:

I just wanted to share with all of you who are dear to me that my dream of many years (holding one of Mother Teresa's orphaned children) has come true today! I can't believe it! I have been assigned to teach toddlers (3 and 4 years old) as there is a shortage of teachers (normally one has to stay one month at least to be assigned that “job”).

You should have seen me with 12 little Indian kids running around wanting to be hugged and calling me auntie (the way they call the volunteers)! I went to a bookstore today to buy books with nursery songs in English! (I know very few.) It is challenging to keep these little ones busy!! I then helped them change clothes and eat their lunch (they, as I expected, are in need of so much attention.) I cannot believe this is happening! It is all and more than I ever could expect to find here.

I also had a chance to attend Mass with the sisters (at 6am so I have to get up at 4:30am to get there on time!) and Adoration. Also I spent time praying at the tomb of Mother Teresa (it is in the Mother House). I have a greater admiration than ever for what she's done as being in Calcutta is very, very hard physically (the heat, very high humidity, non-stop noise of honking taxis, rickshaws, motorcycles, bicycles, people yelling, the very high density of population—China feels under populated in comparison!!! And of course the extreme poverty forcing many, many people to live in the street.) It has taken me a few days to adjust...

I am keeping all of you in my prayers, please keep me in yours that I may be worthy of the gift God is giving me. Also, please feel free to sent this message on to the people who would be interested to hear from me.

With Love from Calcutta, in Christ always, Patricia

**Church Restoration and Repair** Work completed: Queen of the Snows restoration and repair. Cost \$207,493.<sup>89</sup>

Work in progress: Queen of the Snows: handicap access ramp construction and restroom configuration to handicap access status (required by Placer County); replacement of underground water drainage pipe (installed at time of construction of church in 1959, which had become occluded) with surface rock-lined ditch to prevent flooding and ground erosion. Cost: \$190,144.<sup>76</sup>

Work in prospect: evaluation of Corpus Christi church for structural integrity, repair as needed, and painting. Rectory & Mulligan Hall: Painting.

Funding Status: Goal: \$300,000 to be reassessed after evaluation of work required at Corpus Christi; Income to date: \$323,483.<sup>90</sup> Expenditures to date: \$407,058.<sup>77</sup>

Thanks to all who support the restoration and repair of our churches, our parish buildings and grounds.