

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

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Theotokos **Mother of God**



Mary - Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

963 Since the Virgin Mary's role in the mystery of Christ and the Spirit has been treated, it is fitting now to consider her place in the mystery of the Church. "The Virgin Mary . . . is acknowledged and honored as being truly the **Mother of God** and of the Redeemer. . . . She is 'clearly the mother of the members of Christ' . . . since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church, who are members of its head."

964 Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. "This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death"; it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion:

Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: "Woman, behold your son."

*... A Happy New Year's Resolution***Twelve Biblical Reasons For Wanting To Spend One Hour With Jesus
In The Blessed Sacrament**

1. He is really there! -- "I myself Am the Living Bread come down from Heaven." (Jn 6:35)
2. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of his Infinite love for you! -- "Behold I will be with you always even to the end of the world," because "I have loved you with an everlasting love, and constant is My affection for you." (Mt 28:20; Jer 31:3)
3. The specific way that Jesus asks you to love Him in return is to spend one quiet hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. -- "Where your treasure is, there is your heart..." "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mt 6:21)
4. When you look upon the Sacred Host, you look upon Jesus, the Son of God. -- "Indeed, this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day." (Jn 6:40)
5. Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will increase His Divine Life within you and deepen your personal relationship and friendship with Him. -- "Whoever remains in Me and I in Him shall bear much fruit because without Me, you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)
6. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart. -- "Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." "Cast all of your anxieties upon the One who cares for you..." "My Peace is My Gift to you." (Mt 11:28; 5:7; Jn 14:17)
7. Jesus will give you all the Graces you need to be happy! -- "The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water." (Rev 7:17)
8. Jesus is infinitely deserving of our unceasing thanksgiving and adoration for all He has done for our salvation.
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor, glory and praise." (Rev. 5:12)
9. For Peace in our country! -- "When My people humble themselves and seek My Presence... I will revive their land." (2Chr 7:14)
10. Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will leave your soul everlastingly more beautiful and glorious in heaven! -- "They who humble themselves shall be exalted..." "All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into His very image." (Lk 18:14; 2Cor 3:18)
11. Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. -- "Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe..." "Faith can move mountains..." "What is needed is trust..." "Behold I come to make all things new." (Jn 20:29; Mk 11:23; Mk 5:36; Rev 21:5)
12. Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to His Sacred Heart! -- "My joy, My pleasure, My delight is to be with you." (Prov 8:31)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR December 29, 2008 - January 4, 2009

Monday	12/29	08:00 AM	Sister M Reynita, B Weakland	<i>Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas</i>
Tuesday	12/30	08:00 AM	Debra Shuma, John, MaryJo & Jo Hanson	<i>Sixth Day in Octave of Christmas</i>
Wednesday	12/31	08:00 AM	Robert Moses, Wife Fran	<i>Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas</i>
Wednesday	12/31	04:30 PM	Raymond F McCall, Children	<i>Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas</i>
Thursday	1/01	10:00 AM	City of Altoona	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</i>
Friday	1/02	08:00 AM	Theresa Bruno, Tom, Pat & Kerry Byrne	<i>Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishop</i>
Saturday	1/03	04:30 PM	Josephine Copolla, M/M Joseph Ianniello	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>
Sunday	1/04	09:00 AM	Bill Stitt, Mirian, Wife & Family	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
Sunday	1/04	11:00 AM	Pearl Riggleman, Family	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>