



**Healing Service**

Friday January 27, 6:00 pm.  
Holy Family Church, **Lewiston**

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Saturday January 7, from 10 am. to 6:00 pm.  
Sacred Heart /St. Dominic Chapel, **Portland**

**RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Saturdays, 4:00 pm  
St. Peter and Paul Church, **Lewiston**

*Manuel Salgado and Alma Tamayo were married on Dec. 17, at the Mass celebrated by Father Michael at St. Peter and Paul Basilica, Lewiston. Congratulations!!*



*On Dec. 23, Maria Mendez received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation at the Chapel of St. Peter and Paul in Lewiston. Congratulations !!*

**Spanish Masses**

**Augusta**

Every Saturday, 5:30 pm.  
St. Monica Chapel - 5 Kendall St.

**Brewer**

Every Sunday, 8:00 am.  
St. Teresa Church - 425 South Main St.

**Cherryfield**

1st Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm.  
St. Michael Church - 51 Elm St

**Lewiston**

Every Saturday, 6:00 pm. – Live- Stream  
Chapel Riviere – Holy Cross Church  
1080 Lisbon St.

**Pittsfield**

1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 12:00 m.  
St. Agnes Church - 238 Detroit Street

**Portland**

Every Sunday, 1:00 pm.  
Sacred Heart Church - 65 Mellen Street

**Sanford**

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, 5:00 pm  
Holy Family Church - 66 North Ave.

**Skowhegan**

Sundays to be noted, 9:30 am  
Conference Room  
Kyes Motel - 137 W Front St



*Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 10 Basilica St. Peter and Paul - Lewiston*



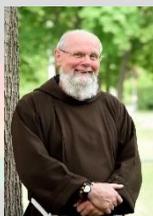
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**Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

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**Baptism of the Lord- January 9**

This day commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. On this occasion, Jesus entered His ministry and got His first disciples, St. John proclaimed Christ the Lamb of God, whose way he had prepared, and the nature of the Trinity was manifested. At His baptism, "the heavens were opened" that Adam's sin had closed; and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit as a prelude to the new creation.



**Sunday Readings**  
**January 2023**

**Sunday 1/1/2023– Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27  
 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
 Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7  
 Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

**Sunday 1/8/2023– Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**Sunday 1/15/2023– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
 Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
 Gospel: John 1:29-34

**Sunday 1/22/2023– Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3  
 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**Sunday 1/29/2023– Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13  
 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

**Feast of the Epiphany**  
**January 6**

Epiphany means "manifestation." Jesus makes himself known. Although Jesus made Himself known at different times to different people, the Church celebrates as epiphanies three events: His Epiphany before the Wise Men (Mt 2: 1-12) His Epiphany to Saint John the Baptist in the Jordan His Epiphany to his disciples and beginning of His public life with the miracle at Cana. The Epiphany that we celebrate most at Christmas is the first.



**Our Lady of Altagracia**  
**January 21**

It is a Catholic Marian advocacy considered to be the "protective and spiritual mother of the Dominican people". Its patron saint's feast is January 21, a public holiday/non-working day in the Dominican Republic where many faithful devotees of the Virgin attend from all over the Dominican territory to the Basilica of Higüey, in the province of La Altagracia.

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**Saint Agnes**  
**January 21**

Patron saint of young people, brides, promised marriage, purity and gardeners, is celebrated. In relation to the saint, the custom of the white lambs arose, whose wool is used to make the palliums of the Archbishops. Its Latin name is "Agnes", associated with "agnus" meaning lamb. According to the most famous legend, St. Agnes was a beautiful young woman, rich and courted by many Roman nobles. She did not accept any of them, arguing that she was already engaged to Christ, and she was accused of being a Christian.



**Solemnity Of Mary,**  
**The Holy Mother Of God**  
**January 1**

The Divine origin of Christ does not come to him from Mary. But since Christ is a person of divine and human natures, Mary is both the mother of man and the mother of God.



Mary is the Mother of God, because she is the Mother of Christ who is God man.

In the dictionary we find that "mother" is the woman who begets. She is said to be the mother of whom she begot. **If we accept that Mary is the mother of Jesus and that He is God, then Mary is the Mother of God.**

Do not confuse between time and eternity. Mary, obviously, was not the mother of the Son eternally. She begins to be the Mother of God when the Eternal Son wanted to enter time and become man like us. To become a man he wanted to have a mother.

Galatians 4:4: *"When the fullness of time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman."* **God became man without ceasing to be God, therefore Mary is the mother of Jesus, God and true man.**

So, Mary is the Mother of God, not because she begot him in eternity but because she begot him 2000 years ago in the Incarnation. God did not need a mother but He wanted to have one to approach us with infinite love.

God is the only one who could choose his mother and, to the dismay of some and the joy of others, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary who is and will always be the Mother of God.

The dogma of Mary Mother of God contains two truths: **Mary is truly mother:** This means that she contributed in everything to the formation of the human nature of Christ, as every mother contributes to the formation of the child of her womb.

**Mary is truly the mother of God:** She conceived and gave birth to the second person of the Trinity, according to the human nature He assumed.