

*Mass Intentions***MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022** Mark 2:18-22

St. Anthony Abbot

8:30am Private Intention

12:10pm Private Intention

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022** Mark 2:23-28

8:30am Bishop Robert Brennan &amp; Family

12:10pm Private Intention

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022** Mark 3:1-6

12:10pm Millie Calderone

Eugene Murphy

George Fox

7:30pm Rev. Eric Fasano &amp; Family

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022** Mark 3:7-12

St. Fabian; St. Sebastian; martyrs

8:30am Juana Gonzalez

12:10pm William T. Cregg

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022** Mark 3:13-19

St. Agnes, Virgin &amp; Martyr

8:30am Private Intention

12:10pm Private Intention

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022** Mark 3:20-21

8:30am Luis Lizana

5:00pm Dr. Conrado &amp; Isabel Mata

Elaine Bringas

Anna Marracello

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022** Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

7:45am Anna &amp; Michael Apollo

9:00am Bishop John Barres &amp; Family

Jacqueline Val

Wayne Craft

11:00am John &amp; Theresa Oliveto

The Manini Family (Living)

Sean Reilly

1:00pm Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary

*Next Sunday's Liturgy-Jan. 23***Readings for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time****1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10** Recognition of their failures causes the people to weep, but their leaders call them to rejoice.**Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15** The word of God brings Spirit and life with their wisdom, clarity, and justice.**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30** God places each part of the body with deliberation for its usefulness.**Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21** Jesus begins his ministry in Luke's gospel by announcing the fulfillment of God's word.**FOCUS: God intends to make each one of us a new creation in Jesus Christ.**

Isaiah encourages the people, giving them hope for the future and reminding them of God's love for them.

We can take encouragement from these same words, especially since Christ has come for us. The Lord longs to breathe his divine life into each of us, making us new whole.

**Music for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time****Entrance Song: #543** All Creatures of Our God and King  
**Presentation of the Gifts:**

#591 Companions on the Journey

**Communion Song: #349** The Supper of the Lord**Concluding Song: #127** Holy, Holy, Holy*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**"Can you not spare one hour for me?"*

You are invited to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday following the 12:10pm Mass, until 6pm. and every Saturday from 7pm - 8pm.

*Presider Schedule for Masses***Saturday, January 22, 2022**

5:00 pm Fr. Edmund Ani

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

7:45 am Fr. David Regan

9:00 am Fr. David Regan

11:00 am Fr. Edmund Ani

1:00 pm Fr. Jose Tenas

*Presider  
Subject  
To  
change*

We ask that all parishioners (2 years of age and older) comply with the state and Diocesan requirement to wear a mask while inside our Church. This State requirement is currently in effect through February 1, 2022. On this occasion we have the duty, and also the privilege, to put into practice the mandate of the second of the two great commandments identified by Jesus; to show the same care and concern for our neighbor that we have for ourselves.

The basis of Christianity is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christians rejoice in the Resurrection, because it is the victory of life not only for Christ but for each person who believes in Him. Christ's rising from the grave means that we too will rise from the grave!

The victory of life is also the victory of love. From the first page of Scripture to the last, it is clear that love leads to life. These two realities cannot be separated, because they are rooted in the one God, who cannot be divided. Scripture tells us that God is love (1 Jn. 4:8). Scripture also tells us that God is life (Jn. 14:6). Love and life always go together.

We see this in creation. Where were you 100 years ago today? You were nowhere; you did not exist. So why are you here today? How were you rescued from that nothingness you were once in? Certainly, you did not ask to be born. You weren't there to do the asking. Certainly, you did not earn it because you weren't there to do anything that could earn it. What accounts for the fact that you are here? We can say that your parents came together and you were conceived and born, and that is true. But that doesn't fully answer the question of why you are here. When your parents came together, there could have been millions of possible people conceived and born, who would have been your brothers or sisters. It didn't have to be you!

The only ultimate explanation of why you are here is that God loves you. He chose you to be! In fact, at each moment He is literally loving you into existence. If He stopped loving you for one instant, you would fall back into the nothingness you were in 100 years ago. Love leads to life.

This is clear also in the mystery of salvation. St. John tells us, "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his only Son into the world that we might have life through him" (1 Jn 4:9). Christ's love for us brought Him to the cross, and this led to the victory of life. The crucifix is the best symbol of love. Love is self-giving for the good of another person. Christ gives His life for us, without complaining and without counting the cost. His concern is that we might have life.

Having shown His love for us in this way, He instructs us, "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn. 15:12). He does not say, "Love one another in whatever way you want," but rather, "as I have loved you." We are called to love in a way that brings forth new life. We are called to give ourselves, without counting the cost, that others may live.

Parents, therefore, cooperate with the work of God when their love for each other becomes a new human being. The child they bear belongs to God first. Only God can create. Mother and father are participating in the work of God. Parents do not own their children; God does. In fact, parents do not own themselves. Many people today say, "This is my life, my body, my choice." But we are not our own masters. We belong to God. "Nobody lives as his own master and nobody dies as his own master" (Rom. 14:7). "You are not your own" (1Cor. 6:19).

The choice to be a mother or father is not merely a human choice. It is God's choice first. Our Lord tells us, "It is not you who have chosen Me. I have chosen you, to go forth and bear fruit" (Jn. 15:16). A parent becomes a parent before she/he knows it. One is a father or mother as soon as his/her child begins to exist, and the child begins to exist at the moment of conception. (This is not a matter of opinion or religious belief, but a matter of verifiable and established scientific fact.) Parents discover that they have become parents several weeks after the fact. A pregnant woman should not say, "I'm expecting a child." The child already exists. Nor should she say, "I'm going to be a mother." She already is. And the man is already a father.

There is nothing comparable to having a child. Everything that a person owns is less valuable than himself. Even if someone owns a multimillion dollar corporation, all that money is ultimately a pile of rocks. Even gold will eventually fade away into nothing. But a child, given an immortal soul and the call to eternal life, will never go out of existence. For all eternity, as long as God is God, the child, the person, will always exist. A child is equal to his/her parents. He is not equal in age, nor in knowledge (thought he often thinks so), nor in experience, but the child IS equal in dignity, in value, in worth as a person created in God's image and redeemed by Christ. Every person is equal in this way, whether in the womb or outside the womb, no matter how young or old, healthy or sick, big or small, famous or obscure. Were one to take all of the galaxies in the universe, with their hundreds of billions of stars and incalculable beauty and power, they would not add up to a fraction of a fraction of a fraction of the worth of one, tiny human child.

A parent is called to love his/her children as Christ has loved us. "Greater love than this no one has, than to lay down his

life for his friends" (Jn. 15:13). A mother who demonstrates this in a particularly striking way is Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, who died in 1962 and was declared "blessed" by Pope St. John Paul II on April 24, 1994 [and canonized on May 16, 2004]. She was a doctor and mother of three children. When she became pregnant with her fourth, it was discovered that she had a tumor near her uterus. She made it very clear to her doctor and her family that she wanted everything done to save the life of her baby. The baby was born healthy but despite efforts to save her, Gianna died several days later at the age of 39. "This is absurd," some may say. But look again at the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ. "Greater love than this no one has, than to lay down his life for his friends" (Jn.15:13).

Most parents will not be called to face what Gianna Molla faced, but all parents, and all Christians, are called to lay down their lives for the sake of others in so many ways every day. Let us pray especially for mothers who are afraid of, and who are tempted to abort their children. Let us pray that they accept the grace to love as Christ has loved us. God will never place an obligation before us without also giving us every ounce of strength we need to carry it through. Let us praise Him for His grace, for His love, and for the victory of LIFE!

*Fr. Regan*



### PRAYER FOR LIFE by JOHN PAUL II

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life:

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen!



# Defending the Unborn

**Holy Hour for the Protection of the Unborn**

(Bi-Lingual)

**Friday, January 21**

**8 P.M.**



**Mass for the Protection of the Unborn**

**Saturday, January 22**

**3 P. M.**

Followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

# Defendiendo al nonato



**Hora santa para la protección de los no nacidos**

(bilingue)

**Viernes 21 de enero a las 8 p. m.**

**Misa para la protección de los no nacidos**

**Sábado 22 de enero a las 3 p. m.**

Seguida de la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

### *HNM School Registration*

Join in the Spirit at Holy Name of Mary School, an AdvancEd Accredited School. To register your child for Nursery (full day, age 3), Pre-K (full day, age 4), Kindergarten (full day, age 5) or Grade 1 through 8, contact our School Office to make an appointment at 516-825-4009, or visit [www.hnomschool.org](http://www.hnomschool.org) for registration materials and details. Before and after school care is available for all registered students. Follow Holy Name of Mary School on Instagram and Facebook @ hnomschoolvalleystream.

### *Baptism Schedule*

Baptisms in English are scheduled on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 3pm. Baptisms in Spanish are scheduled on the second Saturday of every month at 12 noon. Please call the Parish Office for available dates. Baby's birth certificate and signed sponsor forms will be required.

### *Remember in Prayer*

#### **All Those Who Are Sick**

*Father of Goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need...*

David Aitoro, Jr., Anthony Anguara, Christine A. Anthony C., Stefan D'Angelo, Sal DeLuca  
Dr. James M. Doyle, William Facibene  
Anthony Ippolito, Rebecca Kissmer  
Kevin Lynch, Tony Samuel

(Names will remain on the sick list for **four weeks only**. If you would like to have the name listed again, please notify the Parish Office.)

#### **All Those Who Have Died**

Rafael Amezcuita, Gilberto E. Avila  
David W. Bjelke, Carol Dorn  
Gloria Garcia, Joseph Gill, Justo Gonzales  
Helen Lynch, Oscar F. Santana  
Sarah Savarese, Lidubina E. Velasquez

### *St. Vincent de Paul Message*



In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in Him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

**Pantry Needs:** Paper towel, toilet tissue, cereal, rice, beans, canned vegetables and fruit, pancake mix, pancake syrup, oatmeal, coffee, tea, condiments, muffin/cake mix

**Please remember the poor boxes as you leave Church today. These generous offerings help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assist families in need in our own parish. Thank you!**

### *EM Schedule*

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

**5:00pm**

**HOST}** M. Garcia, R. Garcia

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

**7:45am**

**HOST}** J. Peralta, L. Radice

**9:00am**

**HOST}** J. Maracello, J. Menzies

**11:00am**

**HOST}** L. Dascher, M. Alexis



*Welcome*  
to Our Church

If you and your family recently moved to Valley Stream and wish to become registered parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Church, (or maybe you attend Mass regularly and have never registered), please visit the Parish Office to fill out a short registration form. Using our envelope system is the only way to have all your donations recorded.

*Loose checks are not recorded, they must be placed in your registered parishioner envelope.*



### Msgr. Mulligan Memorial



#### Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of  
Janet Curley  
Love from the family*

There are many available dates to remember a loved one with the Msgr. Mulligan Memorial of **Bread & Wine, Candles, or Flowers**. These intentions begin on a Sunday and end on the following Saturday. Your loved one will be remembered at every Mass throughout the week. Please stop in at the Parish Office if you would like to schedule your special intention.

Bread & Wine or Candles = \$50.00; Flowers = \$125.00

### Financial Information

Weekly budget amount to meet parish expenses	\$13,882
Weekly offering of January 9, 2022	\$10,276
Faith Direct (average of weekly donation)	\$ 1,990
TOTAL of weekly offering & Faith Direct	\$12,266
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 1,616</b>

*Thank you for your support of our parish!*

### HNM Facebook & Website

Our parish community invites you to follow us at [facebook.com/VSNYUSA](https://www.facebook.com/VSNYUSA). Click LIKE and share with family and friends. Also, see our website at [www.hnom.org](http://www.hnom.org).

### Banns of Marriage

#### Second Time:

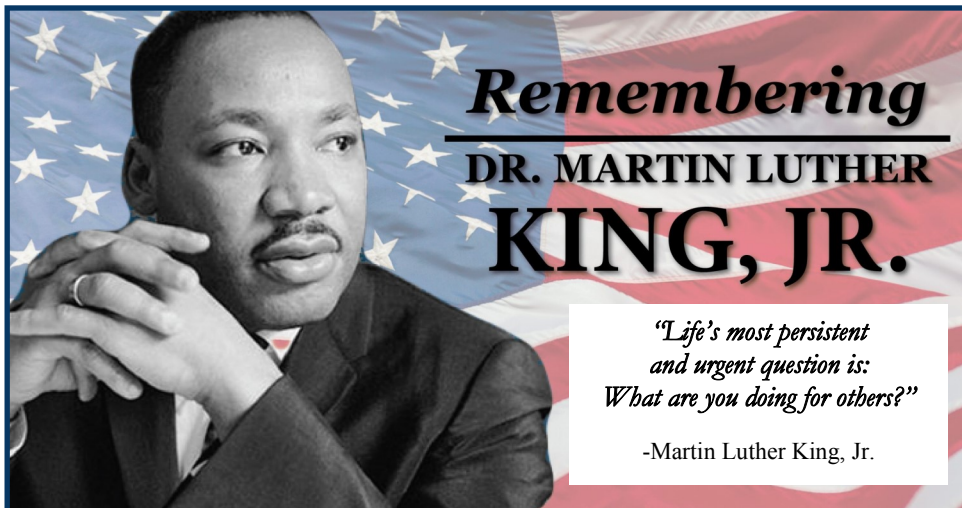
*Mary LaBeck (Holy Name of Mary)  
& Chad D. Blaize (Blessed Sacrament)*

#### Prayer to Mary, Our Mother

**Mary, Virgin conceived without sin**, we place our unborn children in your loving and tender care.  
**Mary, Full of Grace**, we ask you to guide us to do the will of the Creator of all Life.  
**Mary, Protector of the Infant Jesus**, we ask you to protect the most vulnerable among us.  
**Mary, Mother of Hope**, we lift the challenges and difficulties facing human life to you.  
**Mary, Spouse of St. Joseph**, we seek your aid for all mothers and fathers so that they may sustain one another as they provide for their families.  
**Mary, Blessed among women**, we pray that all women will have the courage and support to choose life for their unborn child.  
**Mary, Help of the Sorrowful**, we pray for those who suffer the grief of an abortion.  
**Mary, Mother of Mercy**, we ask you to intercede with your Son, Jesus, for the forgiveness of sins committed against the Dignity of Human Life.  
**Mary, Comfort of the Afflicted**, we ask you to help those who suffer the grief of the loss of a child.  
**Mary, our Mother**, be with us in our outreach for all human life. Amen.

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Our regular Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am & 12:10pm.



*"Life's most persistent  
and urgent question is:  
What are you doing for others?"*

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

## Historia de la Virgen de La Altagracia by Fr. Jose Luis Tenas



Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia o Virgen de la Altagracia es una advocación mariana considerada como la madre protectora y espiritual del pueblo dominicano. Su fiesta patronal es el 21 de enero. A continuación les resumo brevemente la historia de cómo nació esta advocación.

Desde 1502, República Dominicana ya daba culto a la Virgen Santísima cuyo cuadro pintado al óleo fue traído de España por los hermanos Alfonso y Antonio Trejo que eran del grupo de los primeros pobladores europeos de la isla. Ellos se establecieron en Higüey llevando consigo la imagen de donde la ofrecieron a la parroquia para que todos pudieran venerarla. En 1572, se terminó el primer santuario y en 1971 se consagra la actual Basílica de Higüey.

Pero también la piedad del pueblo cuenta que la hija menor de un rico mercader en unos de sus viajes a Santo Domingo (La capital). Le pidió que le trajese la imagen de la Virgen ya que ella la había visto en sueños. Para todos fue extraño ya que nadie había escuchado hablar de tal Virgen. El padre trató inútilmente de conseguirla por todas partes pero ni clérigos, ni negociantes, nadie había oído hablar de esa advocación mariana. De regreso a Higüey se quedó de paso en la casa de un amigo, mientras cenaba con la familia refirió el caso de la Virgen y la frustración que sentía su hija cuando lo viera llegar con las manos vacías. Mientras hablaba un anciano misterioso iba de paso pidió posada en la casa, entonces el anciano al escuchar el padre de la niña sacó de su alforja un lienzo diciéndole “Esto es lo que usted busca” era la Virgen de la Altagracia. Al día siguiente, el padre de la niña buscó al anciano pero este había desaparecido.

Al llegar a su hogar, el padre entregó a su hija el regalo. La imagen ya instalada desapareció de la casa y apareció en un naranjo; la retomaron y el hecho se repitió dos veces más. El santuario actual está construido donde está el naranjo en el que apareció la Virgen.

La imagen de Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia representa la escena del Nacimiento de Jesús en el Pesebre de Belén, donde se destaca la maternidad de la Virgen. En el cuadro se encuentra la Estrella de Belén, la cual tiene ocho puntas y simboliza el cielo y tiene dos rayos extendiéndose hacia el pesebre, en el cual Dios está bendiciendo a su hijo Jesús. Por encima de la Virgen hay doce estrellas, las cuales representan las tribus de Israel y, a la vez, los 12 Apóstoles de Jesús. La Altagracia lleva una corona en su cabeza por ser la Reina del Cielo, y un velo sobre la cabeza porque está casada con José. Está vestida de rojo, blanco y azul, el rojo, según los expertos, lo lleva porque es un ser humano pulcro, el blanco por ser una mujer sin pecado concebido y el manto azul porque "el poder del Altísimo vendrá sobre ti" y porque ella es la reina de los cielos. Delante de la Madre se encuentra el Niño Jesús, desnudo, dormido sobre pajas y bien detrás está San José, vestido con una capa roja y una vela en su mano izquierda.



**\$5.00 per ticket or  
3 tickets per \$10.00**

## ***Holy Name of Mary***

### ***Comite Altagraciano (Altagraciano Committee)***

#### **GRAN DONATION DE ANIVERSARION**

**ESTATUA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ALTAGRACIA  
GRAND PRIZE BLESSED MOTHER OF ALTAGRACIA STATUE**

***Domingo, Enero 23, 2022 / Sunday, January 23, 2022***

**55 East Jamaica Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580**



**El Sorteo sera durante la celebracion del la fiesta a Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia  
Inmediatamente despues de la Santa Misa que empieza a la 1:00PM**

**TODOS LOS FONDOS RECAUDADOS SERAN DONADOS A NUESTRA PARAQUIA  
EL SANTO NOMBRE DE MARIA/ALL COLLECTED DONATIONS WILL BE DONATED  
TO OUR PARISH of HOLY NAME OF MARY**



## History of the Virgin of Altagracia by Fr. Jose Luis Tenas



Our Lady of Altagracia or Virgen de la Altagracia is a Marian devotion considered as the protective and spiritual mother of the Dominican people. Her patronal feast is on January 21. Below I briefly summarize the story of how this devotion began.

Since 1502, the Dominican Republic already worshiped the Blessed Virgin whose oil painting was brought from Spain by the brothers Alfonso and Antonio Trejo who were from the group of the first European settlers of the island. They settled in Higüey taking with them the image and they offered it to the parish so that everyone could venerate it. In 1572, the first sanctuary was completed and in 1971 the current Basilica of Higüey was consecrated.

The piety of the people tells that the youngest daughter of a rich merchant in one of his trips to the capital, Santo Domingo. She asked him to bring her the image of the Virgin since she had seen it in dreams. For everyone it was strange since no one had heard of such a Virgin. The father tried in vain to get it everywhere, but neither clergymen nor businessmen had heard of this Marian devotion. On his way back to Higüey, he stopped by a friend's house, while he was having dinner with the family, he talked about the case of the Virgin and the frustration that her daughter will feel when she saw him arrive empty-handed. While he was speaking a mysterious old man was passing by and he asked for lodging in the house. When the old man heard the girl's father speaking, he took out a canvas from his saddlebag and said, "This is what you are looking for." It was the Virgin of Altagracia. The next day, the girl's father looked for the old man but he had disappeared.

Upon arriving at his home, the father gave his daughter the gift. The already displayed image disappeared from the house and appeared in an orange tree; they took it up again and the event was repeated two more times. The current sanctuary is built where the orange tree is in which the Virgin appeared.

The image of Our Lady of Altagracia represents the scene of the Birth of Jesus in the Nativity Scene of Bethlehem, where the Virgin's motherhood stands out. In the painting is the Star of Bethlehem, which has eight points and symbolizes the sky and has two rays extending towards the manger, in which God is blessing his son Jesus. Above the Virgin there are twelve stars, which represent the tribes of Israel and, at the same time, the 12 Apostles of Jesus. Altagracia wears a crown on her head because she is the Queen of Heaven, and a veil on her head because she is married to José. She is dressed in red, white and blue; the red, according to the experts, wears it because she is a neat human being, the white because she is a woman without conceived sin and the blue cloak because "the power of the Most High will come upon you" and because she is the queen of heaven. In front of the Mother stands the Child Jesus, naked, asleep on straw, and well behind him is Saint Joseph, dressed in a red cape and holding a candle in his left hand.

1838

She was born Barbara Koob on Jan 23, in Heppenheim, Germany.

1839

Emigrated with her family to Utica, New York, U.S.

1855

She went to work in a factory after completing eighth grade in order to support her family during her father's illness.

1862

At age 24, she joined the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, N.Y., and took the name 'Sister Marianne'.

1863

Marianne began serving as a teacher and then a principal in several elementary schools in N.Y.

1870

She served as head administrator at St. Joseph Hospital, Syracuse, for six years.

1877

On Dec 27, elected Provincial Superior of her Franciscan Congregation (she was re-elected in 1881).

1883

In June, she received a letter from a priest on behalf of King Kalakaua of the Kingdom of Hawaii, asking for help in managing hospitals and schools in Hawaii.



On Nov 8, Marianne with six of her fellow Sisters arrived in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii.

Her initial task was to manage the Kakaako Brunch Hospital, which served as a receiving station for people suspected of having leprosy.



Leprosy, now known as Hansen's disease, is a highly contagious skin disease. It is now curable; however, in St. Marianne's time, there was no effective treatment. Those who contracted leprosy, even young children, were sent off to remote leper "colonies" to limit the spread of the disease.

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*The charity of the good knows no creed and is confined to no one place.”*

— St. Marianne Cope of Molokai

Name: Barbara Koob  
Known as:

Mother Marianne Cope of Molokai

Date of birth: January 23, 1838

Birthplace: Heppenheim, Germany

Died: August 9, 1918 Age: 80

Feast day January 23

Patronage: Lepers, Outcasts, those with HIV/AIDS, the State of Hawaii

## St. Marianne Cope

### Beloved Mother of Outcasts

In the late 1800's Mother Marianne Cope and her Sisters of St. Francis journeyed from the United States to the Kingdom of Hawaii to care for those afflicted with Hansen's disease. Through deep faith and self-sacrifice, she lived and ministered unto them for 35 years. She saw in them the suffering face of Jesus. Like the Good Samaritan, she became their mother. She risked her own life in all that time, faced everything with unflinching courage and smiled sweetly through it all.

St. Marianne Cope willingly embraced a call to care for the lepers of Hawaii, after many others had refused: "I am hungry for the work...I am not afraid of any disease, hence it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned 'lepers'."



She helped to transform a place of dying into a community of hope: At a time when little could be done for those suffering from this terrible disease, St. Marianne Cope changed life on Molokai by introducing cleanliness, pride and fun to the colony. Bright scarves and pretty dresses for the women were part of her approach.

Leper settlements at Kalaupapa and Kalawao on the island of Molokai: Since the 1940s with the use of modern antibiotics, there were no active cases of leprosy among residents on the island.

Some former patients chose to continue to live in the settlement after its official closure in 1969.

In 1980, Kalaupapa was turned into a National Historic Park.



Today, St. Marianne Cope's legacy lives on, both in New York and Hawaii. The Sisters of St. Francis continue their work in both places. The nature



of their work may have changed with time, but their dedication and caring continues on.

1884

Marianne and the Sisters traveled to Maui and opened Malulani Hospital, the first general hospital on the island as well as St. Anthony School for girls.

1885



She founded Kapiolani Home at Kakaako, for homeless daughters of leprosy patients.

She was awarded the Royal Medal of Kapiolani.

1888

Just five months before Fr. Damien's death, Marianne and two Sisters came to the leper settlement in Kalaupapa, Molokai.



Belgian-born Fr. Damien, who served in Molokai for 16 years. He eventually contracted leprosy from those he cared for.

She cared for the dying Fr. Damien and began to take over his life's work.

1889

Marianne opened the Bishop Home for girls and took charge of the Home for Boys at Kalawao, founded by Fr. Damien (who died on April 15).

She lived and worked the remainder of her life at Kalaupapa.

1918

Despite direct contact with the patients over many years, Marianne and the Sisters miraculously never contract the disease.

She died of natural causes at the age of 80.



St. Marianne Cope (in the wheelchair) only a few days before she died.

2012

On Oct 21, she was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI.

She is the first Franciscan woman from North American to be canonized.



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# Growing in FAITH™



## Meditations

### Laying our gifts at the feet of the King

The three Wise Men gave Jesus gifts worthy of a king. We can also present Him with our own royal gifts. While ours may not be actual gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we can still give to Him

the best we have. Give God the first and the best of what you have and He will give you more than you can imagine in return.

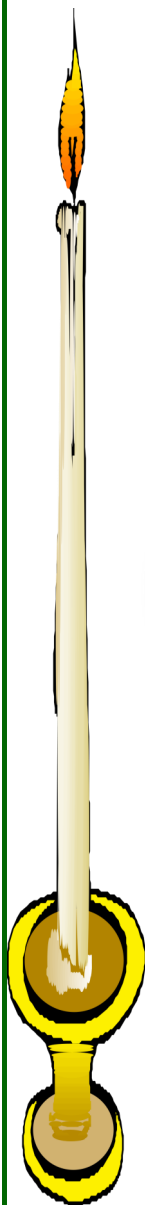


### Fall in love with God

From the moment God created you, he has been deeply in love with you. He made you deliberately so he could love you.

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you"* (Jeremiah 1:5). He waits for you like a parent anticipates the return of a beloved child. Don't let Him wait long.

*"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ"* (Ephesians 2:4-5).



## Who needs Jesus?

Many today say that they don't have a need for Jesus. They go to work, have homes, put food on their tables, raise families without His help. In fact, daily activities go on but the world can't really make sense without Him.

**Truth.** The truth is in Christ, *"in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"* (Colossians 2:3). We cannot understand the truth without Him. To make sense of the world, we need Jesus to lead us.

**Life.** The life we have will eventually end. To keep living, we need Jesus. *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me"* (John 14:6). Eternal life comes through Him.

**Death.** None of us escapes death. Yet, in the Resurrection, Jesus defeated death for us. It didn't hold Him and He offers the gift of life to each of us if we live in Him.

**Sin.** Even the holiest of us sins. Without Jesus, what becomes of us? He *"gave himself as a ransom for all"* (1 Timothy 2:6). If we don't accept His price, our sins come back to us for eternity.

**Suffering.** Modern science can alleviate but not eliminate some of the world's suffering. Jesus provides comfort and healing to those who trust Him and surrender to Him.



**Why do Catholics Do That**



### Why do Catholics pray to Mary?

Catholics, don't pray to Mary, but instead ask her to pray for us. For example, the Hail Mary prayer asks the Mother of God to stay close to us in prayer. While we don't worship Mary, we honor her as Jesus' mother. On the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our own mother (John 19:27). We can approach her with our needs and concerns and ask her to present them to Her Son. Mary always leads us to Him.



## Three tips to boost your prayer

Prayer fuels our spiritual life, but praying effectively can be challenging. Even the saints had dry spells. Among these was the mystic and Carmelite reformer, **St. Teresa of Avila**. Try these suggestions from her to enliven your prayer:

**Become aware of God's presence.** It may feel as if God is distant, but He is so close. St. Teresa began by enjoying God's nearness. Know that He is with you and wants your company.

**Bring a good book.** St. Teresa, who struggled with dryness

in prayer, kept a book with her. Scripture, Lives of the Saints, or a book about the Faith can help us focus and spark conversation with Him.

**Be honest.** It is said that St. Teresa once fell into the mud and told God bluntly, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" God wants to you to share all your experiences with Him – good and bad. Entrust your cares to Him and "*Do whatever he tells you*" (John 2:5).



### from Scripture

**Luke 4:21-30, God's will is unexpected**

In this Gospel, Jesus returns to Nazareth after launching His public ministry. He announced He is the Messiah of Isaiah's prophecy. But then comes a twist: Jesus recounts a time when great prophets were sent to call Israel to repentance and were ignored and persecuted. The response of faith God was looking for in His Chosen People was found elsewhere, in the Gentiles. Jesus' listeners doubted that He was really the Messiah and were deeply insulted at being reminded that "foreigners" had received God's favor instead of them. In anger, they threw Jesus out of the synagogue and tried to cast Him off a cliff. He passed unharmed through their midst. God's will can surprise us. For example, He willed that the Messiah-King be a local carpenter. God's favor extended beyond the Chosen People to include Gentiles, who were considered outsiders. Sometimes, we assume we know how God works, and lose faith when He does something that seems illogical. We can pray for the faith to see Jesus as He really is and trust Him, even if He does the unexpected.

### FEASTS & CELEBRATIONS

**Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.** When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, and also Jesus, as true God and true Man.

**Jan. 9 – Baptism of the Lord.** Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. The Heavens opened up and God the Father spoke, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

**Jan. 14 – St. Macrina the Elder (340).** St. Macrina was related to St. Basil the Elder and St. Macrina the Younger. She and her husband were forced to flee during the Diocletian persecutions and endured many hardships. After her return, she helped raise her grandchildren Saints Gregory of Nyssa and Basil the Great.

**Jan. 23 – St. John the Almsgiver (616).** Despite being a noble and the Patriarch of Alexandria, St. John lived a simple life and put all his wealth and authority to good use by serving the poor and aiding refugees in his diocese.

### Q & A

**Can you suggest a New Year's resolution to grow in Holiness?**

All Christians are called to holiness. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.

**Daily prayer.** God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

**Weekly Mass.** The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

**Monthly Confession.** Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.

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# TRIDUUM

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### *Schedule of Events*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 • 7:30PM**  
 Concert Honoring the Lives of Saints and Martyrs

*featuring*

Saint Agnes Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys

Saint Agnes Cathedral Girls' Choirs

Saint Agnes Cathedral Chorale

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 • 7:30PM**  
 First Vespers of the Solemnity of Saint Agnes

*featuring*

Saint Agnes Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys

Saint Agnes Cathedral Chorale

*followed by*

Veneration of a Relic of Saint Agnes

Guest Homilist: Bishop William F. Murphy, Bishop Emeritus

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 • 7:30PM**  
 Mass of the Solemnity of Saint Agnes

*featuring*

The Cathedral Singers of Saint Agnes singing

*Missa O Quam Gloriosum* by Victoria

and other sacred works

Guest Homilist: Father Eric Fasano, Vicar General



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