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Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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Dear Parishioners,

“Every Feast of Mary belongs to Jesus, because Mary lived for him and took her meaning from Jesus. In a marvelous exchange, Mary is point of access to the human world for Jesus and Jesus is access to the divine world for Mary. Therefore, today is the “Mothers’ day” of the church. We celebrate Mary’s physical motherhood of Jesus and her spiritual motherhood of the church.” Anselm W. Romb – Walk with the Lord.

Today’s first reading invites us to receive God’s blessings. May this first day of calendar year bring new hope and joy in our life.

Celebrating the Feast of Epiphany, St. Peter Chrysologus explains the heart of this divine mystery. “Today the Magi find, crying in a manger, the one they have followed as he shone in the sky....Today the Magi see clearly, in swaddling clothes, the one they have long awaited as he lay hidden among the stars... Today Christ enters the Jordan to wash away the sin of the world. John himself testifies that this is why he has come: *Behold the lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world...* Today a servant lays his hand on the Lord, a man lays his hand on God, John lays his hand on Christ, not to forgive but to receive forgiveness... Today Christ works the first of his signs from heaven by turning water into wine. But water (mixed with wine) has still to be changed into the sacrament of his blood, so that Christ may offer spiritual drink from the chalice of his body, to fulfill psalmist’s prophecy: *How excellent is my chalice, warming my spirit.*”

Wishing all our parishioners a Happy New Year and great feast of revelation (Epiphany).

Prayers and blessing,

Rev. John Alex Pinto OCD

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