



# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Year A – 1st January 2023

This Week's Readings: Numbers 6:22-27, Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21

Next Week —The Epiphany of the Lord—Year A: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

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### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Today the church affirms the doctrine that Mary is the Mother of God.

This Catholic Dogma finds its origin from the passage found in the Gospel of Luke. After the archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary, she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Upon her arrival, Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit expressed her joy at the arrival of the Mother of God. We Christians are aware that life of Jesus begins with Mary.

Her Motherhood began when the eternal God entered human history. The second Divine person of the Trinity, the Word, took on a human nature in the womb of Mary.

Secondly, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. The scriptures tell us that on the eighth day Jesus was circumcised and was given the name as told by the angel. Thirdly, the church celebrates this day as the world day of peace and invites us specially to pray for peace in the world indicating to everyone that Jesus Christ is the prince of peace and Mary Mother of God is honoured as the "Queen of Peace".

According to legend, a young man while roaming the desert came across a spring of delicious crystal-clear water. The water was so sweet he filled his leather canteen so he could bring some back to a tribal elder who had been his teacher. After a four-day journey he presented the water to the old man who took a deep drink, smiled warmly and thanked his student lavishly for the sweet water. The young man returned to his village with a happy heart. Later, the teacher let another student taste the water. He spat it out, saying it was awful. It apparently had become stale because of the old leather container. The student challenged his teacher: "Master, the water was foul. Why did you pretend to like it?" The teacher replied, "You only tasted the water. I tasted the gift. The water was simply the container for an act of loving-kindness and nothing could be sweeter." I think we understand this lesson best when we receive innocent gifts of love from young children. Whether it's a ceramic tray or a macaroni bracelet, the natural and proper response is appreciation and expressed thankfulness because we love the idea within the gift.

Fr Eugene Iobo S.J. Mangalore, India—January 01, 2013 blog at WordPress.com. <https://sjnov.wordpress.com/2012/12/30/feast-of-mary-the-mother-of-god-january-01-2013/>

We would like to thank those who were actively involved in the Christmas Masses.

Thank you to the Liturgy Team, volunteers who helped set up and take down at the Unitas and Church and Staff.

### **Macleay & Russell Island Mass Schedule**

MONTH	DATE	MACLEAY	RUSSELL
JANUARY	8TH	Liturgy of Word	Fr Bavin Clarke
JANUARY	15TH	Fr Bavin Clarke	Liturgy of Word
JANUARY	22ND	Liturgy of Word	Fr Ladu Yanga
JANUARY	29TH	Fr Ladu Yanga	Liturgy of Word

### MASS TIMES

#### ST RITA'S CHURCH

Weekdays 9am (Except Thursday)

Saturday 5pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7am & 9am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:30pm

HEALING MASS: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 9am

MAREBELLO: 1st Wednesday of the Month 9:30am

#### BAY ISLAND MASS CENTRES

*Coochiemudlo Island*

Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall

345 Victoria Parade,

Coochiemudlo Island Q 4184

11:00am Saturday (Feb 2023)

*Macleay Island*

Church of the Holy Spirit

Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148

Sunday 2pm

*Russell Island*

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

Sunday 2pm



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