

20 January 2022

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr & Saint Sebastian, Martyr

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate Marian Festival in honor of our Parish Patroness, Mary, Queen of Peace! January 24th is one of the traditional dates for honoring Mary under her title of Queen of Peace, so we transfer the observance to the nearest Sunday. As part of our celebration, we welcome Bishop Eusebio Elizondo to preside at the Saturday Vigil Mass, and will also honor Mary at Masses on Sunday morning.

We also welcome Catholic speaker and writer Joan Watson to give a couple of talks during our Festival (Saturday and Monday). Joan loves to make our faith accessible and applicable, and help others encounter Christ through the daily circumstances of life. You can learn more about Joan's ministry at her website: www.joanmwatson.com

Also, thank you to many parishioners and staff who worked hard on planning the liturgies and devotions, decorating the church, and serving in a variety of ministries—not only for this weekend, but also throughout the nine days leading up to our festival, as we prayed a Novena to Mary, Queen of Peace!

Our Festival this year will include:

- Novena Day 8: Thursday, January 20th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Living Rosary: Friday, January 21st, at 7:00 p.m.
- Mass w/ Bishop Elizondo: Saturday, January 22nd, at 5:00 p.m.
- Reception w/ Talk by Joan Watson: Saturday, January 22nd, following Mass
- Masses in Honor of Mary: Sunday, January 23rd, at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
- Blessing of Peace Garden: Sunday, January 23rd, after 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Marian Festival Talk by Joan Watson: Monday, January 24th, at 7:00 p.m.

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Let's keep praying for peace, unity, and healing, and let's keep making personal decisions each day with our own thoughts, words, actions, and prayers that contribute to peace, unity, and healing in our world!

Yours in Christ through Mary, Queen of Peace,

Fr. Chad Green

