Let us consider two aspects of Mary's Visitation on St. John.

The first effect the Baptist experienced was an intimate joy, so great and uncontrollable that he leapt in the maternal womb. The spirit of God is peace, joy and contentment. You may have sorrows and displeasures. You may perhaps undergo very painful trials. Nevertheless, by being with Jesus, enjoying His presence and the presence of your beloved Mother, everything will become sweet. Do not seek for happiness and joy outside Jesus, because nowhere save in Him will you find it.

Darkness is always sad, whereas the awakening of Creation is full of joy, life and beauty. Night is over, day has arrived and the sweet awakening causes humanity to exult with happiness and immense joy. All this is illustrated in St John's leap of joy. It is the first sign of a happiness that will be eternal for all those who wish to avail themselves of the coming of Jesus.

A thousand times should we repeat these words: whatever was achieved in the Precursor and in all souls is done through Mary.

The Blessed Virgin appears here for the first time as the instrument of the wonders of God, performing her great mission as Mediatrix of all graces. The ransom of a soul, that of the child Baptist, is achieved with Mary and through Mary, at the very moment of her words and at the very sound of Her voice.

Neither before nor after, but only then, this first liberation of a soul from the power of the devil is performed. We would say that Her words are a sentence of pardon, or a declaration of victory over Satan. God might have achieved this sanctification in a hidden and silent way, but He wanted to reveal the power and the mission of His Son Who was coming to save the world, whilst at the same time to introduce Mary as the Mediatrix of the grace of sanctification and salvation.

Jesus will always be the source-spring, but Mary is the channel through which this stream of grace flows into our souls.

St. John the Baptist was, therefore, a child of Mary by grace. Like him we also must be children of Mary. When shall we have the practical conviction that we shall become saints only in the measure of our love and imitation of Our Heavenly Mother? Ask St. John the Baptist to intercede for you so that he may be not only the Precursor of Jesus but also the Forerunner of Mary.

It came to pass that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost, and she cried out with a loud voice, and said: Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed art thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sunday, June 28	**5th Sunday after Pentecost** / St Irenaeus, BM
8:00 AM	Pro Populo
10:00 AM	Private Intention
4:00 PM in Roland	Private Intention
Monday, June 29	Ss Peter and Paul, App
no Mass	Private Intention
Tuesday, June 30	Commemoration of St Paul, Ap
no Mass	Private Intention
Wednesday, July 1	Most Precious Blood of Jesus
no Mass	Private Intention
6:00 PM	Rosary, OMPH devotions, Prayer for Priests
	~ for our priests and for many fervent vocations!
Thursday, July 2	Visitation BVM / Ss Processus & Martinian, Mm
no Mass	Private Intention
Friday, July 3	St Leo II, PC
8:00 AM	Private Intention
Saturday, July 4	BMV Saturday / Commemoration of All Holy Popes
8:00 AM	Private Intention
Sunday, July 5	**6th Sunday after Pentecost** / St Anthony Mary Zaccharia, C
8:00 AM	Pro Populo
10:00 AM	Private Intention
4:00 PM in Roland	Private Intention

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a specific intention, the intention may be submitted to the Priest. If it is for a person, please specify whether the person is living or deceased, and Catholic or non-Catholic. The customary stipend for offering the Mass is $25.00.

"For from the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblation: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts." *Malachi 1:11*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome, Father Gregory!
- Note that First Friday and Saturday occur this week with the usual devotions; second collection and blessing of religious articles next Sunday.
- July 4, Independence Day U.S.A. From the Litany of the IHM:
  Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for our dear country!
  Immaculate Heart of Mary, guide and inspire those who govern us.
  Immaculate Heart of Mary, bring all men to the feet of thy Divine Child.
  Immaculate Heart of Mary, obtain peace for the world.
- Closing hymn for June: To Jesus' Heart all-Burning, page 81, #37.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Make our hearts like unto Thine.

External charity consists in words and actions towards our neighbor. As to actions:

First, by aiding him as best we may. Almsgiving, any assistance in our power to render, saves us from sin and from hell. Most meritorious is to help the *soul* of our neighbor. He who loves God, wishes to see Him loved by all.

Secondly, by charity towards the sick. Let us visit, comfort and assist them, even though they should not thank us for doing so; God will reward us.

Thirdly, above all, by charity to our enemies. "Do good to those that hate you." "Pray for them that persecute you." He who pardons an offender is sure of being pardoned by God; God has promised: "Forgive, and you shall be forgiven."

Fourthly, by assisting the souls in purgatory. St Thomas says that if we are bound to help our neighbors who are alive, we are also bound to aid them when dead. Their sufferings exceed all the sufferings of this life. They are in the greatest necessity, since they cannot possibly help themselves. A monk once pleaded with a fellow religious, "Help me, brother, by your prayers when I can no longer help myself." Let us endeavor to succor the holy souls by having Masses said for them, by hearing Masses for them, by giving alms, by praying and applying indulgences in their behalf. They will show themselves grateful by obtaining great graces for us.

Pray for the living: Joan Taber, Jayme Shedenhelm, Daniel Kramer, Mark Narlesky, Tony Gable, Jones family, Amaranta Torres Rodriguez, Cecilia Rodriguez and baby, Melvin Geckle, Joe Dias, Manuel Cordova, Mickey Ellis, Shelby Littlejohn, those affected by Hurricane Helene, Don & Babette Lobban, Gil Credeur, Diane & John Pawlowski, Luis Martinez, Kristine Neal

Pray for the faithful departed: Fred Nardecchia, Evelyn Craney, Manuel Cordova (Fr Ephrem's father), Audrey Hockel, Sr Mary Claretia, Fr Leo Carley, Linda Io, Milt Nelson, Ted Jones, Nancy Ciccone, Gerald Crochet, "Ernest," Eddie Solomon, Mary Tarnowski, Guillaume Bega, Joseph Vogel, Patsy Nash, Josie Mascarenas, Fr James Thielen, Carlos Zepeda Sr, Kathy Winter

Monthly Collection

March 2026: $7,873.97 April 2026: $4,699.17 May 2026: $8,978.85