



## Feeling Our Way

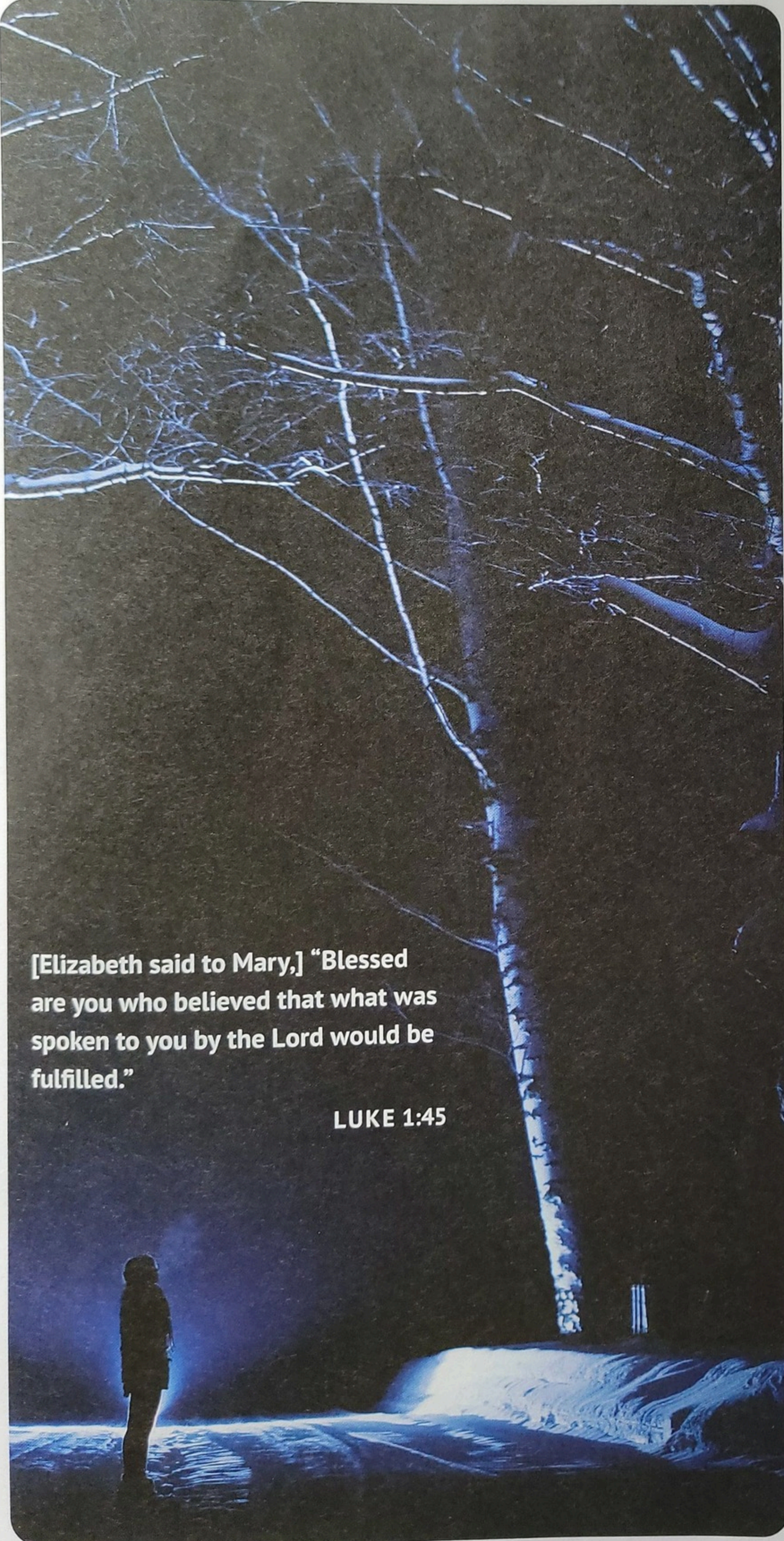
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**M**ost of the time we find ourselves backing our way into the will of God, or maybe even feeling our way into it. There are times when the will of God is quite clear: Should I lie or tell the truth? Should I steal or not? Most often, however, the will of God is not so clear. Too often it becomes a question of how to negotiate an aspect of life that's been handed to us, often a reality we cannot escape. It may be an unwanted divorce, or a son or daughter in a questionable relationship, or an illness that dismantles one's life plans. On the one hand, it is not as if God hands out scripts that we are expected to live by. On the other hand, God is part of all that unfolds. Somewhere in the midst of that is the will of God, which is another way of saying somehow you and I need to negotiate what we never chose, but is now served up by life. Or is it served up by God? Or by our own doing? Or all of that? That's what I mean when I say we feel our way into the will of God.

It is what Jesus sorted out in the desert when he was tempted, "I come to do your will, O God." It is Elizabeth's story of an unexpected pregnancy in her old age. It is Mary saying "Yes" to an uncharted path. Living God's will seems mostly to be a sorting process. ●

### Reflect

*Have you responded with a whole-hearted "Yes" to God's will for you?*



[Elizabeth said to Mary,] "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

LUKE 1:45



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## MASS TIMES:

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30AM	GILMAN	ENGLISH
	12:00AM	GILMAN	ESPAÑOL
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:00PM	GILMAN	ENGLISH
	7:00PM	GILMAN	ESPAÑOL
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:00AM	PIPER CITY	ENGLISH
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:00AM	GILMAN	ENGLISH
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:00PM	ROBERTS	ENGLISH
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH</b>	10:00AM	GILMAN	ENGLISH
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SAT OF THE MONTH</b>	9:00AM	GILMAN	ENGLISH

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>DEC 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2024,</b>	GILMAN	8:30AM	NORMA MORGAN	✝
		12:00PM	ALFONSO ORNELAS	✝
		ELDÍSA AGUIRRE, & DOROTHY DICKENSON		
<b>DEC 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024,</b>	GILMAN	5:00PM	FOR ALL PARISHIONERS	
<b>DEC 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2024,</b>	GILMAN	8:00AM	THE PRESIDER'S INTENTION	

## CONTACT INFORMATION Gilman

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✿ **Hall Rental:** Please contact Maribel Garcia via text message to rent the hall.
- ✿ **Adoration:** Please make note of the changes in Adoration times. We will have Adoration every Thursday after 8:00am mass for an hour, then from 6:30-7:30pm.

## Anuncio

- ✿ **Renta del Salón:** Por favor comuníquese con Maribel García a través de un mensaje de texto.
- ✿ **Adoración al Santísimo:** La Adoración al Santísimo ha cambiado. Sera todos los jueves. Sera una hora después de misa de 8am, y por las tardes de 6:30 -7:30pm todos los jueves.

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December 22<sup>th</sup>, 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent



We pray for those suffering illnesses; that the loving healing power of God may restore their health.

*Oremos por todos aquellos que están sufriendo alguna enfermedad. Que Dios les restaure y sane.*

*Please Keep: Carol Albrecht, Maricela Avalos, Joel Arechiga in your prayers.*

Please remember the recently deceased family and friends in your prayers. Lord Grant them eternal rest and may your light shine on them forever.

*Recordemos en oración aquellos amigos y familiares a quienes el señor llamo a su presencia recientemente. Señor dales descanso y que tu luz brille sobre ellos para siempre.*



Collection(s) Sunday: Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Masses \$ 1411.24

Thank you very much for your generosity!

*¡Muchas Gracias por su generosidad!*

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## Upcoming Mass Schedules

### Christmas Eve / Noche Buena

Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Roberts	3:30pm	English
	Piper City	7:00pm	English
	Gilman	5:00pm	Bilingual

### Christmas Day / Navidad

Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Gilman	10:00am	English
		12:00pm	Español



### New Year's Eve / Vísperas de Año Nuevo

### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Roberts	4:00pm	English
	Piper City	6:00pm	English

### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Day of obligation)

### Solemnidad De María La Madre De Dios (Misa de Precepto)

Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gilman	10:00am	English
	Gilman	12:00pm	Español

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH**  
*BIEN VENIDOS A NUESTRA PARROQUIA*

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

You may call or email the Parish Office to register.

Email: [icccgilman@icccgilman.org](mailto:icccgilman@icccgilman.org)

TEL: 815-265-7236

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deb Kronos

**Ushers:** Delfin Rogers

**Altar Servers:** Laura Aguilera and Krista Albrech

**Lectors:** Jim Schrieber

**R. E.:** Krista Albrech

First Communion and Confirmation requires 2 years of preparation.

**Mass Intentions:** Contact Elisa at the office or at the parish email

**NUEVOS MIEMBROS**

Para registrarse como nuevo miembro de la parroquia, llame o mande correo electrónico para registrarse

Correo: [icccgilman@icccgilman.org](mailto:icccgilman@icccgilman.org)

TEL: 815-265-7236

**Ministerio Hispano**

**Bautizo:** Fidelia Barajas

Hay clases de preparación Bautismal cada primer sábado del mes después de misa de 12pm.

**Ministros Extraordinarios:** Fidelia Barajas

**Educación Religiosa (Catecismo):** Krista Albrecht

Primera Comunión Y Confirmación las clases de Primera Comunión y Confirmación son de 2 años de preparación.

**Intenciones de Misa:** Comuníquese con Elisa a la oficina.

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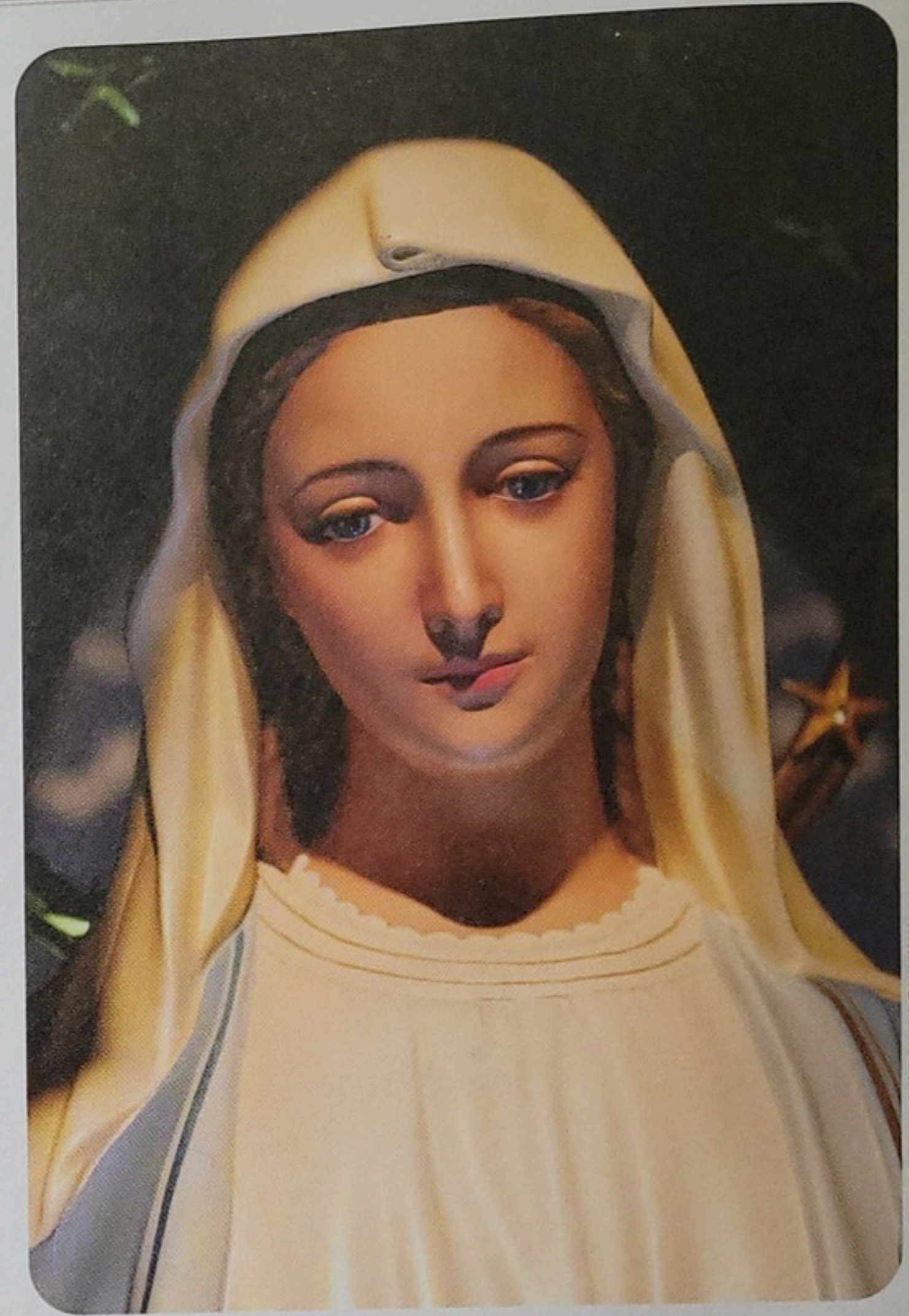


# Dear Padre,

## Where does the Hail Mary prayer come from?

The Hail Mary owes its origin to the rosary. The traditional story of the rosary was that Mary herself appeared to St. Dominic in the twelfth century and gave him the rosary with the promise that if he spread devotion to the rosary, his religious order would flourish. In the twelfth century, religious orders recited together the 150 psalms as a way to mark the hours of the day and the days of the week. In order to pray the psalms, though, people had to know how to read. People who didn't know how to read wanted to share in the practice, so the rosary, or praying on beads, began as a parallel prayer practice. It was a way that illiterate people could remember the Lord and his Mother throughout the day.

The first rosaries consisted of a string of 150 beads, and, much as we do now, a person would pass over each bead after saying a prayer, usually the Our Father. Later, people added the Archangel Gabriel's greeting—"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee"—and later still, Elizabeth's prayer we hear in today's Gospel—"Blessed art thou among women." Finally this prayer was added in the sixteenth century: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." ●



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### Monday

December 23  
Advent Weekday  
Mal 3:1-4,  
23-24  
Lk 1:57-66

### Tuesday

December 24  
Advent Weekday  
2 Sm 7:1-5,  
8b-12, 14a, 16  
Lk 1:67-79

### Wednesday

December 25  
Nativity of the  
Lord (Christmas)  
Is 52:7-10  
Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18 or  
1:1-5, 9-14

### Thursday

December 26  
St. Stephen,  
First Martyr  
Acts 6:8-10;  
7:54-59  
Mt 10:17-22

### Friday

December 27  
St. John, Apostle  
and Evangelist  
1 Jn 1:1-4  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Saturday

December 28  
Holy Innocents,  
Martyrs  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2  
Mt 2:13-18

### Sunday

December 29  
Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
or 1 Sm 1:20-22,  
24-28  
Col 3:12-21 or  
3:12-17 or  
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
Lk 2:41-52

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



YARA NARDI / CNS

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Do I move forward with hope...? We can also ask for...the grace of a healthy sense of humor: it does so much good.... The first act of charity we can do for our neighbors is to offer them a serene and smiling face. It is bringing the joy of Jesus to them, as Mary did with Elizabeth.*

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