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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**BAPTISM PREPARATION
PARENT MEETING
(PREPARACIÓN DE
BAPTISMO ~ REUNIÓN DE
PADRES)**

**THURSDAY (JUEVES)
4 JANUARY (ENERO)
2018**

**BAPTISM PREP
3 CLASSES (CLASES)**

**THURSDAY (JUEVES),
11 JANUARY (ENERO)**

**THURSDAY (JUEVES),
18 JANUARY (ENERO)**

**THURSDAY (JUEVES),
25 JANUARY (ENERO)**

**PLEASE NOTE:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES RESUME
WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY
SUNDAY, 7 JANUARY**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“O Holy Mary! My Mother;
into thy blessed trust and
special custody, and into the
bosom of thy mercy. I this
day, and every day, and in
the hour of my death,
commend my soul and body.**

**To thee I commit all my
anxieties and sorrows, my
life and the end of my life,
that by thy most holy
intercession, and by thy
merits, all my actions may be
directed and governed by thy
will and that of thy Son.”**

-- St. Aloysius Gonzaga



It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, to praise, bless, and glorify your name on the Solemnity of the Motherhood of the Blessed ever-Virgin Mary.

For by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit she conceived your Only Begotten Son, and without losing the glory of virginity, brought forth into the world the eternal Light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
The Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Missionary Disciples of the Week

**ST. BASIL THE GREAT
ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN
FEAST DAY: TUESDAY, 2 JANUARY**

St. Basil and St. Gregory were very close friends. Theirs was a most perfect and divine friendship. St. Basil was born in the year 330 and St. Gregory in 329. Both were from a region near Rome called Cappadocia. Though the two saints met when they were younger, their strong bond of friendship gained depth of holiness when they met again in a place of learning in Athens (Greece). Their bond of friendship was like no other. In the early days of their time in Athens, they did everything together, worshiped, had meals, shared the same quarters. So close were they, that they seemed to have but one will. That will was to live only to glorify God. Both were scholars in their own right, and contributed greatly in teaching people an understanding of the Holy Trinity. During their time, there was great conflict with those following arianism, which among many other wrongs, it denied that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. As a matter of fact, St. Gregory was famous for his sermons on the Holy Trinity, and earned the respect of people because of these teachings which in turned helped turn people away from the arian heresy. St. Basil chose to truly live an austere (which means strict and severe) life, choosing to live with much fasting, penance and poverty. Shortly after the founder of the arian heresy died, St. Basil, worn out from many years of conflict and division among Catholics, also died at age 49. St Gregory spent the last five years of his life studying, writing and living austerely. He died at the age of 61.

