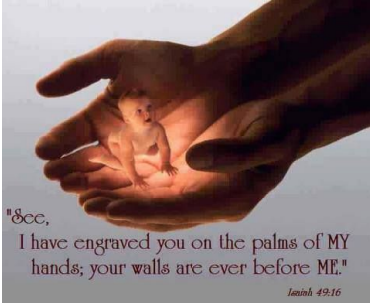




**MARY'S HOMES OF HOPE**  
PROVIDING HOMES THAT ARE "INNS"  
OF FAITH, HOPE & PRAYER

*A Franciscan Ministry* 

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### **And the VICTORY that conquers the world is our FAITH – 1 John 5**

Faith renders meaningless such words as anxiety, danger and fear, so that the believer goes through life calmly and peacefully with profound JOY – like a child hand and hand with his mother.

Saint Francis saw Mary as a model responding to God's Word with love. Her faith gave life to the Son of God. Within her body the Word became flesh. Her faith-filled willingness to trust God serves as a model for all of us. She trusted God whose love is always faithful. Francis speaks of Mary with great love and so do we.

From this moment on we live in the deepest peace, because the Lord himself is carrying us in the hollow of his hand.

St. Faustine, Diary 1264

### **St Joseph - March 19<sup>th</sup>**

St. Joseph the person of perfect faith who leads us to God. St Joseph our source of love, wisdom, comfort, teacher, way to live a good moral life, picks us up when we fall, protects us, provides for us, wants what is best for us -- HEAVEN.

The Heavenly Father shines through St. Joseph and shows us who He is, letting us know God's mercy, forgiveness and His desire for us to be united with Him as was in the beginning.

God's quiet work - - silent St. Joseph draws us in to be part of this moving. To move and listen with our hearts. To be pulled in, God assures us no matter what happens He'll always be there for us.

St Joseph, head of the Holy Family, helps us to understand the Trinitarian Family. Understanding God the Father, we can understand God the Son, Jesus, as our brother and God the Holy Spirit reveals this perfect Family.

**St. Joseph, Pray for Us**



## The Annunciation of the Lord

March 25<sup>th</sup>



When we think of mother, what comes to mind - - comforts, consoles, teaches, wants what is best for us, wants us to be good, happy and loving, takes away our fears, disciplines at times with hesitation.

When her children suffer her heart aches as she suffers a more intense suffering, sometimes letting us fall to show us that doing right is better.

Who do we first go to when we have sorrows, joys, accomplishments? Mother! She is the nurturer, the comforter, the source of unconditional and sacrificial love, leads us to what is good, a buffer for a good relationship with your father and most of all a faithful and prayerful mom.

So the Mother of all mothers, Mary has these attributes perfectly as she has for Jesus and for us. She leads us and shows us, as the perfect Mother, how to get to Heaven.

As Christ is always with us - - so is Mary!

**Dearest Mother thank you for taking care of us!**



### Gifts for Jesus and Gifts From Jesus



During this past Christmas season many of us at Mary's Homes of Hope wanted to celebrate Jesus' birthday by bringing Him gifts.

We found a pretty red box and sparkly tags that we wrote what our gift to Jesus was. A four year old, who's grandmother told him what we were doing, said he wanted to give Jesus a gift. When grandma asked what would his gift be he said "A baby rattle - then he added five baby rattles and all different colors." So one was found and a tag attached for Jesus' gift from this generous little boy.

Then on Christmas some of us gathered in the chapel and Isaiah and brother Armani took the red box with the gifts and presented them to baby Jesus. Happy Birthday was sung and prayers offered.

**The Gifts from Jesus . . .** All of you who have showed your love for Him and for Mary's Homes of Hope. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure that have kept the doors open wide to so many. You are all HIS gifts!!

Let us always remember the greatest gift from Jesus is  
**HIMSELF** - His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament in His Church.  
He is truly Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. With us always till the end of time.

Thank you for celebrating Jesus' Birthday , His Love and His Life with Us!

**Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**We Love you**

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