

KeYsis Outline

January 6, 2010

6:15 Sign in/Mingle

6:30 Grace/Meal

7:00 P/W

7:30 Move to F/C

7:35 You tube video: Barlow Girl

7:40 Announcements: Save the Dates

7:45 Talk: "The Virgin Mary"

7:25 Closing Prayer

7:30 Dismiss

***There will be no small groups tonight.**

Mary's Parents:

- Joachim and Ann (July 26th)
- Gospel of the Birth of Mary (Apocrypha – attributed to St. Matthew)
- Early Christian writings claimed Ann was barren
- Joachim and Ann prayed for a child and would devote it to the Lord
- Immaculate Conception (Dogma claiming from the time of Mary's existence she was preserved by God and filled with Grace; Dec. 8th)

Mary's early life:

- Age of 3 brought to the Temple as a servant to the Lord
- She was raised in the Temple and with age she grew in wisdom and perfection
- She was surrounded by God's grace and protection
- By the age of 14 she would leave the Temple according to custom
- She had vowed her virginity to the Lord

Mary's Husband:

- Joseph a carpenter from Bethlehem
- Betrothed and married Mary at the age of 14
- Some writings suggest Joseph was older in age
- Gospel of James (Apocrypha)

- James claimed to be the son of Joseph from a previous marriage and Jesus' stepbrother
- The Church insists Jesus did not have any blood brothers or sisters; At Jesus' crucifixion he spoke "Woman this is your son" and to the disciple "This is your Mother" John 19: 26-27 Leaving his mother in the care of John the disciple.

Mary and Joseph's life:

- Annunciation (March 25th) Angel Gabriel "Hail Mary full of Grace...you have found favor with God" (Luke 1:28)
- Mary is told of Elizabeth's pregnancy
- Mary goes to see Elizabeth: "When Elizabeth heard Mary's voice the baby leaped in her womb. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit says "Blest are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1: 41-42)
- Mary remained with Elizabeth for a while and returned home
- Upon her return home Joseph saw she was pregnant and was angered
- An angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the pregnancy was not the work of a man but of the Holy Spirit
- They left for Bethlehem due to a census order
- In a small cave or stable Jesus Christ was born

Mary's life with Jesus:

- It is not well documented through his early life
- Mary presented Jesus after 40 days to the Temple (Holy Simeon: told Mary he was set for the fall and resurrection of many and that a sword would pierce her soul; Luke 2: 34-35)
- We know when Jesus was 12 he was away from his parents for 3 days (Luke 2:42-43)
- Wedding at Cana when Jesus turned the water into wine (John 2: 1-10)
- Scripture tells us that Mary plays in the drama of Jesus' life until the end.

Mary's life after Jesus:

- Not much is said between the Resurrection and the Ascension about Mary and Jesus
- Mary is present at Pentecost with the Apostles and others and is filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts chapters 1 & 2)
- It is written in John 19:27 "and from that hour the disciple took her to his own"
- It is believed and in by many of the Church that Mary lived with John in Ephesus and died there, but it is most probable that she lived and died in Jerusalem and maybe resided in Ephesus for a while.
- Assumption of Mary (Aug. 15th); the happy departure of Mary from this life; the assumption of her body into Heaven.
- There are no scriptural writings or proof of her death; the Church believes she died in love and with no disease or injury and that her body was assumed into Heaven according to Apostolic Tradition.

- **"Assumption"** means here "to be taken up" body and soul to Heaven. It is not Ascension, like Jesus, done by his own power, but Assumption done by the power of God. It is something God did for her, not something she did herself. It is a gift of God as a result of Christ's redemptive power applied to Virgin Mary.

"We pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Hence if anyone, which God forbid, should dare willfully to deny or to call into doubt that which we have defined, let him know that he has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith" (44-45)...

... "it is our hope that belief in Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven will make our belief in our own resurrection stronger and render it more effective" (42)...

... "as the supreme culmination of her privileges, that she should be preserved free from the corruption of the tomb and that, like her own Son, having overcome death, she might be taken up body and soul to the glory of heaven where, as Queen, she sits in splendor at the right hand of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages" (40).