

# Mary, Mother of God



Most families celebrate the birth of a child with great joy. Relatives come to see the new baby. For Mary and Joseph, it was different. They were away from home when Jesus was born. The angel's message to the shepherds brought the company of shepherds, the neighborhood poor. They left Jesus amazed.

With the birth of the first child, a husband and wife become a mother and father. Forever they are changed. Living or dead, close or far away, old or young, they are always parents. It never changes. People are transformed forever. It is true too of Mary and Joseph, Jesus would be known as the "carpenter's son." As each new event happened, Mary pondered these events. It helped her gradually to come to a further and a deeper knowledge of whom Jesus was. Each day, as we celebrate the lives of Jesus and Mary, we reflect on each happening. We too, will grow in knowledge, faith and understanding. It is a good way to begin the New Year and to "Renew our lives in Christ!"