

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God – 01/01/ 2022

Today is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and we heard in the gospel that shepherds came and made known the message that had been told them about this child.

And then we heard, “Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

What might have she been reflecting on? Perhaps she was wondering how this helpless little baby, whom she alone knew in fact was the Son of God, would save the world. I really don't know.

But I suspect the one thing, in her humility, that never entered her mind was her own role in the salvation of the world.

And yet as it turns out it is immense. She is indispensable in God's salvific plan. Mary has appeared all over the globe since the earliest days of Christianity to guide humanity to her Son. Her sole desire is that everyone would be saved.

So we can be certain that as Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart, she keeps each one of us in her heart as well.

Today, on this feast of the Mother of God, let's thank our Lady for this incredible gift by spending a little more time in the coming year reflecting on her too in our own hearts.