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# St Mary Catholic Church

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vigil Mass

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM (English)  
12 PM (Tiếng Việt)

**Tues, Thurs, Sat:** 9 AM

**Monday; Wednesday:** 6PM

**1st Friday Only:** 6PM

## DIVINE OFFICE

**Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday**  
7:00AM—8:45AM

**Monday; Wednesday; 1st Friday**  
4PM-5:45PM

## **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

**Saturday:** 8:30 AM

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM

## RECONCILIATION

**Monday -Thursday** after Mass

**Saturday:** 9:45 AM & 4 PM

**Or by appointment**

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Jessica Burger  
(904) 219-1129



*Then they opened their treasures and offered him*

## GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

Matthew 2:11

## **ALL SHARE IN THE PROMISE**

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6.

**Psalm:** Psalm 72.

**Second Reading:** Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6.

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12.

## **Pope Francis' prayer intention for January For educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



## **Cầu cho các Nhà Giáo Dục**

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện để các nhà giáo dục trở nên chứng nhân đáng tin cậy, biết dạy về tình huynh đệ hơn là óc ganh đua, cũng như biết ưu tiên giúp đỡ những ai nhỏ bé nhất và dễ bị tổn thương nhất.

January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

01/ 07-15/ 2023

|              |                  |   |
|--------------|------------------|---|
| <b>SAT:</b>  | <b>01/07:</b>    | <b>(VIRGIL) The Epiphany of the Lord</b>                    |
|              | <b>5:00 PM:</b>  | <b>Donald Tirico (D) Richard, G. Chalk</b>                  |
| <b>SUN:</b>  | <b>01/08:</b>    | <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>                             |
|              | <b>8:30 AM:</b>  | <b>Karen Poole (D) Ladies Guild</b>                         |
|              | <b>12:00 PM:</b> | <b>Phaolo Hue Thanh Nguyen (D)<br/>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Thanh</b> |
| <b>MON:</b>  | <b>01/09</b>     | <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>                              |
|              | <b>6:00 PM:</b>  | <b>Anna (D) Mrs. Tu Nguyen</b>                              |
| <b>TUE:</b>  | <b>01/10</b>     | <b>FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                          |
|              | <b>9:00 AM:</b>  | <b>Thanksgiving (D) Mr. Mrs. Thanh</b>                      |
| <b>WED:</b>  | <b>01/11</b>     | <b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>                              |
|              | <b>6:00 PM:</b>  | <b>Poor Souls (D) Mrs. Tu Nguyen</b>                        |
| <b>THUR:</b> | <b>01/12</b>     | <b>St. John Neumann</b>                                     |
|              | <b>9:00 AM:</b>  | <b>Janice Sibley (D) Richard &amp; Gerri</b>                |
| <b>FRI:</b>  | <b>01/13</b>     | <b>St. Hilary</b>   |
| <b>SAT:</b>  | <b>01/14</b>     | <b>Blessed Virgin Mary;<br/>Julian Calendar New Year</b>    |
|              | <b>9:00 AM:</b>  | <b>NO MASS</b>  |
|              | <b>5:00 PM:</b>  | <b>Joseph. Holy Father's Bênelectô<br/>XVI (Fr. Henry)</b>  |
| <b>SUN:</b>  | <b>01/15:</b>    | <b>SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<br/>CHÚA NHẬT 2 THƯỜNG NIÊN</b>  |
|              | <b>8:30 AM:</b>  | <b>Joseph. Holy Father's Bênelectô<br/>XVI (Fr. Henry)</b>  |
|              | <b>12:00 PM:</b> | <b>Joseph. Holy Father's Bênelectô<br/>XVI (Fr. Henry)</b>  |

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| <b>Mon:</b>  | Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;<br>Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17   |
| <b>Tues:</b> | Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28<br>or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;<br>Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28 |
| <b>Wed:</b>  | Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39   |
| <b>Thu:</b>  | Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45   |
| <b>Fri:</b>  | Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12   |
| <b>Sat:</b>  | Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17  |
| <b>Sun:</b>  | Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34  |

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass, and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads.

This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent's hand, and water is poured or splashed over them. The treasures of baptistry art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water's surface, is not really in our tradition, and that "infusion," the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ's life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols!

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### *Please keep the following people in your prayers*

Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Sharon Cook, Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, John Craton, Lucca Fiorillo, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Jerry Powell, Alice Marold, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Joachim Phạm Tường, David Trương, Chip O'Neil, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr., Robert McGlone, Laura Meyh, Christen Cook, Karen Poole, Lindsey McDonald, Helen Biester, Rebecca Gonzalez and for all others not mentioned here.



**If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Christa (706) 886-2819. or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 -963-0050 for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you the Holy Communion and Weekly Bulletin.**

**Meditation: Sunday JAN 08, 2023- (Mt 2, 1-12)**

## **The Epiphany of the Lord**

### **The star... stopped where the child was**

(Mt 2:9)

Imagine how difficult the Magi's journey was. If they came from Persia, as most scholars believe, they would have had to travel nearly one thousand miles. That's four months on the road. Traveling all that time with treasures like gold, frankincense, and myrrh would have made them ripe targets for brigands and highway robbers. And then there were the general conditions, "the ways deep and the weather sharp," as the poet T. S. Eliot put it. How many times do you think they were tempted to turn around and return home?

To add insult to injury, when they came to Jerusalem, they discovered there was no "newborn king of the Jews" to be found (Matthew 2:2). They had to go to Bethlehem and "search diligently" for him there (2:8).

What a model of faithfulness and perseverance! And these were pagans who didn't even worship the God of Israel!

On this day, when we celebrate the first Gentiles to worship the Lord Jesus, let's follow their example on our own journey toward Jesus.

When the way of discipleship seems too deep and the weather too sharp, picture the Magi trudging over miles and miles, determined to get to Jesus.

When the lies of the devil or the allure of the world tries to rob you of your faith, picture the Magi guarding their treasures.

When the road to holiness turns out to be longer than you thought it would be, or when it takes an unexpected turn, picture the Magi pressing on to Bethlehem to seek the Christ child.

The Magi were "overjoyed" when they found the Lord (Matthew 2:10). Similarly, your perseverance will be rewarded with the deep-down joy that comes from knowing the overflowing love of Jesus. Surely this is a journey worth taking!

***"Jesus, help me to persevere  
so that I can behold your glory!"***

*Nguồn: The Word Among Us, January, 2023*

*Phó tế Phaolô Vũ Đức Thành, SDD. chuyển ngữ*

**Suy niệm: Chúa Nhật 08/01/2023 (Mt 2,1-12)**

## **MỪNG LỄ CHÚA HIỂN LINH**

### **Ngôi sao... dừng lại nơi con trẻ đang ở**

(Mt 2,9)

Hãy tưởng tượng cuộc hành trình của các Đạo sĩ khó khăn như thế nào. Nếu họ đến từ Ba Tư, như hầu hết các học giả tin, họ sẽ phải đi gần một nghìn dặm. Đó là bốn tháng hành trình. Du hành suốt thời gian đó với những kho báu như vàng, nhũ hương và mộc dược sẽ khiến họ trở thành mục tiêu chín muồi cho đạo tặc và cướp đường. Và sau đó là những điều kiện chung, "những con đường sâu và thời tiết khắc nghiệt", như nhà thơ T. S. Eliot đã nói. Đã bao nhiêu lần bạn nghĩ rằng họ đã bị cám dỗ để quay lại và trở về nhà?

Khi đến Giêrusalem, họ khám phá ra rằng không tìm thấy "vua mới sinh của dân Do Thái" (Mt 2,2). Họ phải đi đến Bêlem và "tận tâm tìm kiếm" Ngài ở đó (2,8).

Thật là một mẫu mực về sự trung tín và kiên trì! Và đây là những người ngoại đạo thậm chí không thờ phượng Thiên Chúa của Israel!

Vào ngày này, khi chúng ta kỷ niệm những người dân ngoại đầu tiên thờ phượng Chúa Giêsu, chúng ta hãy noi gương họ trên hành trình của chính chúng ta đến với Chúa Giêsu.

Khi con đường làm môn đệ dường như quá sâu và thời tiết quá khắc nghiệt, hãy hình dung các Đạo sĩ lê bước trên hàng dặm đường, quyết tâm đến với Chúa Giêsu.

Khi những lời dối trá của ma quỷ hoặc sự quyến rũ của thế gian cố gắng cướp đi đức tin của bạn, hãy hình dung các Đạo sĩ đang canh giữ kho báu của họ.

Khi con đường nên thánh trở nên dài hơn bạn tưởng, hoặc khi nó rẽ vào một ngã rẽ bất ngờ, hãy hình dung các Đạo sĩ tiến đến Bêlem để tìm Hài nhi Kitô.

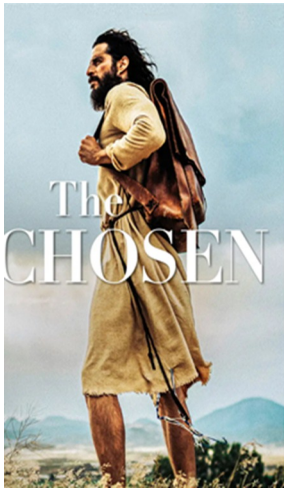
Các Đạo sĩ "vui mừng khôn xiết" khi tìm thấy Chúa (Mt 2,10). Tương tự như vậy, sự kiên trì của bạn sẽ được đền đáp bằng niềm vui sâu xa đến từ việc biết được tình yêu thương tràn trề của Chúa Giêsu. Chắc chắn đây là một hành trình đáng tham gia!

***Lạy Chúa Giêsu, xin giúp con kiên trì để  
được chiêm ngưỡng vinh quang của Chúa!***



## Bible Study

Please join us for our special Bible Study -The Chosen. Beginning this Wednesday evening, January 4th, right after the 6pm Mass. This is absolutely the most exciting story ever told. You won't want to miss this one.



• <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-Aldkty74M>

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**Ashley:**

**706-768-7899;**

**Or**

**Jessica:**

**904-219-1129.**

Folks, our Church will have the **Youth and Family Mass** on the First Sunday of each month, at 8:30 AM. We need young Lectors, Altar Severs, Extraordinary - Eucharist Ministers, Ushers and choir members...

**Thank you for your participation!**

## COME AND SEE!



On behalf of the St. Mary Community, I would like to thank you, Mr. Joe Craighton, who completed the project of renovating the three signs of our Church, on Big A Road, Rose lane, and in front of the Church at no cost to the Church.

May God bless you and your family abundantly for your

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Life hands us many epiphanies or "wake up calls." A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby's baptism, the priest suggested appending an "adoption blessing," wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, "Can you give Daddy a kiss?" Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God's presence at the heart of our life's journey.

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### TRUE HAPPINESS

—Blessed Henry Suso

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy

### SELFLESSNESS REWARDED

—G. K. Chesterton

Help another's boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore.

Join me to welcome **Mrs. Ayen, Camilli**, our new Parish-Administrative-Coordinator.

We also want to express our gratitude to our long-time Secretary, **Mrs. Christa O'Barr**, who resigned last December 22<sup>nd</sup> and is looking for another job to accommodate her family income. We are about to plan a potluck farewell party for Christa and wish her a blessed future. We will post more details. (Fr. Henry)



## Volunteers Needed!

1/ **God's House Keepers:** Clean the Church.

Please contact: **LaVerne Tilley**: 770-539-0460 (call or text)/ email: lhtilley@gmail.com

2/ **God's House Keepers:** Clean the Social Hall and garden. Please contact **Cynthia**: 706-391-3420

3/ **God's House Keepers:** For the laundering and care of the Linens for 2023.

Please contact **Stephanie Cortellino**: 404-353-0475

4/ The counters in St. Mary's Church: Please contact **Nancy William** for training: 706-886-2819

## OFFICE

1/ **All information contact office:**

\* **Mrs. Ayen Camilli Secretary is the contact person for everything**

\* **Sacraments**

\* **All form on all the forms of registration will be changed**



2/ **Office Closed**

**Mon, Jan 16, 2023 is Martin Luther King Jr. Church's office will be closed**

3/ **Floor replacement work in Narthex**

**From Thursday 1/12 (After Morning Mass) through Saturday 1/14**

## Offertory/Contribution

**Weekend of DEC 31, 2022 & JAN 01, 2023**

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Weekly Budget     | \$3,100.00 |
| Offertory         | \$3,017.00 |
| Building Campaign | \$5,195.00 |
| Youth Ministry    | \$558.00   |

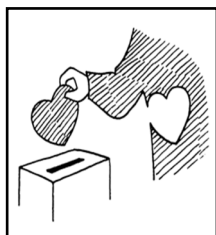
**The counters for this week are:**

Jan Ollick, Connie Tirico & Bill Mercure

**Second collection on Jan 07 & 08 is for CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

January 14 & 15 Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries

**Thank you for your generosity!**



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES

Please remember to keep up with your Capital Campaign Pledge contribution. By doing this, it will help to keep us on track to make this a successful build.

Please make your checks out to St. Mary's Building Fund. Thank you!

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION ON JANUARY 2023

**Confirmation Sat: 6:00 PM—8:30 PM**

**Grades PK-9 Sun: 9:30 AM—11:30 AM**



| Class        | Date   |
|--------------|--------|
| NO CLASS     | Jan 01 |
| PSR          | Jan 08 |
| PSR          | Jan 15 |
| PSR          | Jan 22 |
| PSR          | Jan 29 |
| Confirmation | Jan 21 |



## The Knights of Columbus

Joseph M. Malik  
Council 9975



The Knights of Columbus is a world-wide organization of Catholic Men who are in communion with the Church and function under the four principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The members of Council 9975 are a hardy "Band of Brothers" to coin a phrase, that are dedicated to support our Pastor Fr. Henry Pham in his efforts as leader of our parish here at St. Mary's.

For more information please look for any parishioner that is wearing a Bright Yellow Name Tag for more information.

### Meeting & Activities

#### Membership Meetings

the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday /1 month

#### Parish Breakfasts:

on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday/1month

## Ladies of St. Mary's



The Ladies of St. Mary serve to provide a community of fellowship and growth in faith, reaching out to serve and support our pastor, parish families and the community. We serve God through a commitment and uniting our members through prayer, work and service.

**Meet:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed/ month (Sept—May)  
at 10 AM in Parish Hall

#### Co-Presidents:

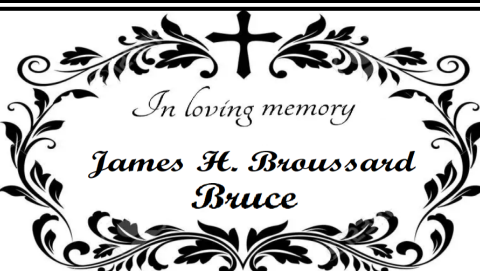
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## In Memory of

### Matilde

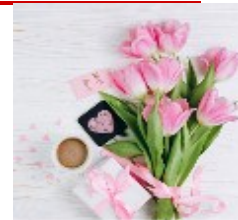


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