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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:30 AM (English)
12 PM (Tiếng Việt)
Tue, Thur, Saturday: 9:00 AM
Mon, Wed, 1st Friay: 6:00 PM

HOLY HOUR / HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM
Monday; Wednesday; 1st Friday:
4:00 PM - 5:45 PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Saturday: 8:30 AM
Sunday: 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Thursday: After Mass
Saturday: 9:45 AM; 4:00 PM
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Chúa Nhật III Phục Sinh – Năm A

“Hai ông đã nhận ra Người lúc bẻ bánh”. (Lc 24, 13-35)

**“...while he was with them at table,
he took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them.
With that their eyes were opened
and they recognized him,...”.**

(Lk 24, 13 - 35)

Mass schedule & Intentions Apr 22,- 29, 2023

SAT: 04/22 (Vigil) 5:00 PM	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Nancy Cash White (D) <i>Memorial Mass Jeffrey White with the participation of family members (Fr. Henry)</i>
SUN: 04/23 8:30 AM 12:00 PM	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Mrs Van Tran & Mr. Duc Dang (L) <i>Fr. Henry</i> Thanksgiving (L) <i>By Chi & Phong's Family</i>
MON: 04/24 6:00 PM	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen Gioan Baotixita (D) Mrs. Van Tran
TUE: 04/25 9:00 AM	St. Mark Mrs. Chi & Mr. Phong (L) <i>By Chi & Phong's Family</i>
WED: 04/26 6:00 PM	Administrative Professionals Day Thanksgiving (L) Bao & Trang
THUR: 04/27 9:00 AM	Memorial Mass for Msgr. Bill Hoffman (D) Fr. Henry
FRI: 04/28	St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort; National Arbor Day
SAT: 04/29 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	St. Catherine of Siena Nancy Cash White (D) <i>Jeffrey White</i> Vonnely C. Smith (D) <i>Helen Biester</i>
SUN: 04/30 8:30 AM 12:00 PM	FORTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Thanksgiving (L) Mrs. Van Tran Thanksgiving (L) Hoa Diep Bach

TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33.
- Psalm: Psalm 16
- Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
- Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

APRIL - THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit and Our Spiritual Life



Everything depends on the Holy Spirit's operation in us. The more fully we allow ourselves to be drawn and guided by the Holy Spirit, the closer we shall come to Jesus and His mysteries and graces. The Holy Spirit must draw us to every good thought, word and deed. Every act of faith, of hope and of love for God requires the inspiration and help of the Holy Spirit. If our virtues and our deeds are to be truly perfect and worthy of God, they need the special and continual touch of the Holy Spirit. Even though we are endowed with all the supernatural virtues, we still remain mere apprentices in the spiritual life. We know what we must do; and yet lack the virtue and the faculty to perform these things with ease. The Holy Spirit must guide us. He must seize our intellect and our wills and guide us in prayer, in work, in the decisions we have to make, and in the difficulties we encounter every day. He must share with us His manner of seeing, of loving, of thinking, and of working.

Our works and our conduct will be perfect only when the Holy Spirit has taken complete possession of us. Therefore, in addition to the supernatural virtues of faith, hope, charity, justice, fortitude, temperance and wisdom, He gives us also His seven gifts. Thus He equips the tiny boat of our soul with sails upon which He Himself, the Spirit of God, blows. Our progress across the sea of life is then no longer slow and painful. We are propelled and guided by the Spirit. If the Spirit of God breathes upon the sails of our boat, then our journey will be a happy one. Then through the work and the help of the Holy Spirit, who lives in our soul, we shall come to the Father.

Excerpted from the The Light of the World by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MEDITATION: 04/23/2023

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he . . . opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32)

In today's familiar Gospel, a disciple named Cleopas and his companion walked the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were leaving Jerusalem, a place of disappointment and dashed hopes, where their Master had suffered and died. But on that path of sadness and doubt, Jesus spoke and “opened the Scriptures” to them, even though they failed to recognize him (Luke 24:32).

Patiently, Jesus explained how all the Scriptures pointed to him. Step-by-step, the risen One brought their faith back to life. Perhaps the women's story of an empty tomb could be true! Could this have been God's plan all along? Slowly, their grief-stricken hearts grew warm; they hungered to hear more. “Stay with us,” they pleaded (Luke 24:29). And once he broke the bread, their eyes were opened: they knew it was Jesus.

Today the same Jesus who walked the road to Emmaus will be speaking to you through the Scriptures at Mass. These aren't just wise words from a gifted teacher or an ancient book. It is Jesus himself, the living Word of God, speaking to you. He will meet you wherever you are: whether you're just starting out in your journey of faith or you've been following him for years. Whether you have questions or you're sure of what you believe, Jesus will still open his word to you. He loves to stir your heart!

Don't you want the hope that comes from hearing Jesus speak his words? Don't you want more confidence that he will speak to you through his words? And don't you want deeper faith that he is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, on the altar? Jesus wants this even more than you do!

Open your heart to the Lord; listen as he speaks through his word. He will not disappoint.

“Jesus, help me to hear you speak through the Scriptures today.”

CHÚA NHẬT BA PHỤC SINH

SUY NIỆM: 04/23/2023

“Họ mới bảo nhau: “Khi Người nói chuyện và giải thích Kinh Thánh cho chúng ta, lòng chúng ta đã chẳng bừng cháy lên sao?”.

(Lc 24,32).

Trong bài Tin Mừng quen thuộc hôm nay, một môn đệ tên là Cleopas và người bạn đồng hành của ông đã đi từ Giêrusalem tới Emmaus. Họ đang rời bỏ Giêrusalem, một nơi đầy thất vọng và niềm hy vọng đã tan vỡ, nơi mà vị Thầy của họ đã chịu đau khổ và đã chết. Nhưng trên con đường đầy buồn phiền và nghi ngờ đó, Chúa Giêsu đã nói và “giải thích Kinh Thánh” cho họ, cho dù họ đã không nhận ra Người (x. Lc 24,32).

Một cách kiên nhẫn, Chúa Giêsu giải thích tất cả Kinh Thánh chỉ về Người như thế nào. Từng bước một, Đấng phục sinh đã làm sống lại lòng tin của họ. Có lẽ câu chuyện của những người phụ nữ về ngôi mộ trống có thể là thật! Đây có thể là kế hoạch từ lâu của Thiên Chúa? Từ từ, trái tim đau buồn của họ ấm lên; họ khao khát nghe nhiều hơn. Họ đã nài xin: “Xin ông ở lại với chúng tôi” (Lc 24,29). Và khi Người bẻ bánh, mắt họ đã mở ra: họ biết đó chính là Chúa Giêsu.

Hôm nay, chính Chúa Giêsu, Đấng đã đi trên đường Emmaus, cũng đang nói với bạn qua Kinh Thánh trong Thánh Lễ. Không chỉ là những lời khôn ngoan từ một vị thầy tài năng hoặc một cuốn sách cổ. Đó là chính Chúa Giêsu, Ngôi Lời Hằng sống của Thiên Chúa, đang nói với bạn. Người sẽ gặp bạn bất cứ bạn ở đâu: cho dù bạn chỉ đang bắt đầu hành trình đức tin của bạn hay bạn đã đi theo Người nhiều năm. Cho dù bạn có những thắc mắc hoặc bạn chần chừ về những gì bạn tin, Chúa Giêsu cũng vẫn mở lời với bạn. Người yêu thích khuấy động tâm hồn bạn!

Bạn không muốn niềm hy vọng đến từ việc nghe Chúa Giêsu nói lời của Người sao? Bạn không muốn tin tưởng hơn rằng Người sẽ nói với bạn qua lời của Người sao? Và bạn không muốn đào sâu lòng tin rằng Người thực sự đang hiện diện, Mình, Máu, Linh Hồn và Thần Tính, trên bàn thờ sao? Chúa Giêsu thậm chí còn muốn điều này hơn cả bạn nữa!

Hãy mở lòng bạn ra với Chúa; hãy lắng nghe khi Người nói qua lời của Người. Người sẽ không thất vọng.

“Lạy Chúa Giêsu, xin hãy giúp con nghe Chúa nói qua (bài) Kinh Thánh hôm nay”.

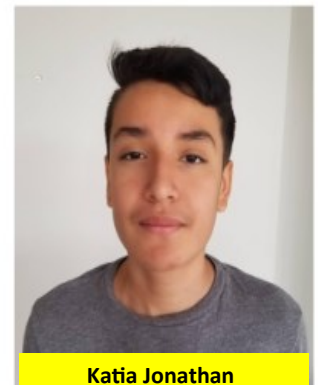
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First Communion

First Communion is **on May 7th at the 8:30 am Mass.** The Ladies of St. Mary will be hosting a Breakfast to celebrate this important occasion for the First Communicants and their families after Mass. We want this to be a special event and need the help of the Parish. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to bring food and help with the event. Please consider signing up so that we can have a wonderful celebration. Thank you—**Ladies of St. Mary.**



Katia Jonathan



**Katia Jonathan
López Lopez-Esquivél**

Please pray for our communicants!

SVdP, St. Mary Toccoa Conference

Next Sunday, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us and hear his words, “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.”



By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Toccoa Conference, you will reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to your suffering brothers and sisters.

Through your generous donations we have been able to assist many in our community with their rent, utility bills, and other needs. Please come to our meetings and hear about individual cases and consider becoming a Vincentian. We meet the first and third Tuesday, at 5 PM in the Religious Education Building.

EMMAUS AND THE MASS

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it’s only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably “mythical” in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus’ disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.—

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Our Condolences to Jessica Burger and her family for the lost of her Grandpa, Mr. Joe Bastuba who was called to Heavenly home last Saturday 4/15, 23, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Eleanor Bastuba. Please keep him and Mrs. Jessica in our Prayers. Thank you. Fr. Henry

I would like to be remembered as a man who had a wonderful time living life, a man who had good friends, fine family – and I don't think I could ask for anything more than that, actually.
–Frank Sinatra

AUGUST 14, 1932 – APRIL 15, 2023



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Joe Bastuba, age 90, of Warren, Michigan passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Joe was born August 14, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Eleanor Bastuba.

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 M. Tường, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr., Robert McGlone, Laura Meyh, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Helen Biester, Rebecca Gonzalez, Joy Powell, Nancy Barbour, Gordon Nash, and for all others not mentioned here.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Mrs. Ayen Camilli ((706) 886-2819 ext – 1 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.

Offertory/Contribution Weekend of April 15 & 16, 2023

Weekly Budget	\$3,100.00
Offertory	\$2,430.22
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,815.78
Archdiocesan Seminarians	\$ 100.00
Youth Ministry	\$435.00
Holy Land	\$5.00

The counters for this week are:

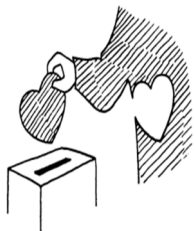
Jerry Bronikowski, Yvonne Dessauer & Bill Mercure

The second collection for this weekend is

Catholic Home Missions

Next week is for SVdP St. Mary Conference

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!

Pope Francis' prayer intention 04/2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence



We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Cầu cho nền văn hóa hòa bình và bất bạo lực

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện cho hòa bình và bất bạo lực được lan tỏa khắp nơi, nhờ các quốc gia và người dân biết giảm bớt sử dụng vũ khí.

Pray for the future Priests of the Archdiocese



Please pray for me

NICHOLAS LE
Called by the Church to the
SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS
by His Excellency, the Most Reverend
GREGORY J. HARTMAYER
Archbishop of Atlanta



SATURDAY, THE TWENTY SEVENTH OF MAY
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY THREE

Please pray for the future priests of the archdiocese of Atlanta who will be ordained on **May 27, 2023** at **Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church** in Norcross. Fr. Nicholas Le is among them. He will Come to St. Mary's Church to offer **Thanksgiving Mass** on **Jun 11, 2023** at **8:30 am & 12 pm**.

Religious Education announcement Up Coming Events

- ♦ **Saturday May 06: First Reconciliation in this chapel**
- ♦ **Sunday May 07: First Holy Communion, at 8:30 am**
- ♦ **Sunday, May 28: The Graduation Mass**
- ♦ **June 19-23. Vacation Bible School this summer**
- ♦ **July 7-9: Steubenville Conference for high school students. We need to register soon with a \$50 deposit/ \$210 registration per person. Especially, WE NEED SPONSORS**
- ♦ **Saturday September 09: Rescue Atlanta from 8:00 AM – 5:00PM . In response to the call for a Eucharistic Revival, the Archdiocese of Atlanta is grateful to be partnering with ACTS XXIX in bringing Rescue Atlanta to this local Church. Register early (18 yrs +). The Parish agree with Mrs. Michel, Director of PCL to pay a portion of the tickets. If you need for information, please contact: Mrs. Jessica Burger:**

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The Knights of Columbus

Joseph M. Malik
Council 9975



The Knights of Columbus is a worldwide 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 4th Tuesday /1 month

Parish Breakfasts:

on the 1st or 2nd 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: 2nd Wed/ month (Sept—May)
at 10 AM in Parish Hall

Co-Presidents:

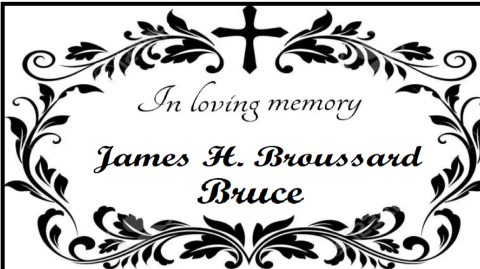
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