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Saturday: 5 PM Vigil Mass

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12 PM (Tiếng Việt)

Tue, Thur, Saturday: 9:00 AM

Mon, Wed, 1st Friday: 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

Or: by appointment



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20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Chúa Nhật 20 Thường Niên

08 - 13, 2023

**"... cho tất cả
mọi dân tộc"**

... for all peoples"

(Isaiah 56:7)



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have looked at the evolution of how Roman Catholics initiate children into the life of the Church. How did customs evolve in the Eastern Church? At one time, Christians in both East and West preferred to celebrate baptism in a community setting, with large numbers of adults and children initiated at Easter. The two branches of Christianity began to split on the proper time to do this.

In the East, water was blessed in abundance on the feast of the Epiphany, which marked, among other things, the baptism of the Lord. Once infant baptism was fixed on that day, local customs marking a birth began to evolve. One celebration was the giving of a name on the eighth day, another was the "purification" of the mother on the fortieth day after birth. In that blessing, re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey to the temple, the priest took the baby in his arms and placed the child before the altar. Just as Simeon received the child Jesus, so the priest received the new Christian while chanting Simeon's prayer. Later, normally on Epiphany, the priest would baptize, chrismate (confirm), and give a few drops of the Precious Blood to the child in a joyous celebration of the whole community.

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TODAY'S READINGS:

- First reading: Is 56:1, 6-7;

- Psalm: 67

- Second reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;

- Gospel: Mt 15:21-28

Mass schedule & Intentions 08/ 19 - 26/ 2023

SAT: 08/19 (Vigil) 5:00 PM	20th Sunday In Ordinary Time Gordon (Georgie) Nash (D) Ladies of St. Mary
SUN: 08/20 8:30 AM 12:00 PM	20th Sunday In Ordinary Time Jeffrey Francis Stapleton Sr. (D) <i>By Mrs. Jan McMahon Dover</i> Thanksgiving (L) <i>By Thang-Lan's family</i>
MON: 08/21 6:00 PM	Saint Pius X, Pope (Memorial) Mrs. Xuân & Nga's family (L) <i>By Father Henry</i>
TUE: 08/22 9:00 AM	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial) Julie Helgeland (L) for Healing <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i>
WED: 08/23 6:00 PM	Weekday—Saint Rose of Lima Maria (D) Bà Nguyễn Nguyệt
THUR: 08/24 9:00 AM	Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Francis Gamao (D) Helen Biester
FRI: 08/25	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz Priest
SAT: 08/26 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Saint John Eudes, Priest; BVM Joseph A Van Nguyen (D) <i>By Fr. Henry</i> Sandy Simpson (D) <i>By Mr and Mrs Jan & Ken</i>
SUN: 08/27 8:30 AM 12:00 PM	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Dennis Hornick (D) <i>By Geraldine Kotch</i> John & Julie Nguyen's family (L) <i>By Fr. Henry</i>

READINGS FORTHE WEEK

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Twenty - First Sunday In Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

AUGUST - THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 08/22



The Story of the Queenship of Mary

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical To the Queen of Heaven, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

Reflection

As Saint Paul suggests in Romans 8:28-30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen.

All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth. (Excerpted Mary In Our Life, Fr. William G. Most).

Pope Francis'Prayer Intention 08/2023

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Cầu cho Ngày Giới Trẻ Thế Giới

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện để Ngày Giới Trẻ Thế Giới ở Lisbon sẽ giúp người trẻ sống và làm chứng cho Tin Mừng trong cuộc sống của họ.



20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023

Meditation: Is 56:1, 6-7

“It . . . for all peoples.” (Isaiah 56:7)

Meditation: Did you notice a theme in today’s readings? Isaiah prophesies that the Temple, God’s “house,” will become a house of prayer “for all peoples,” wherever they come from (56:7). Then Paul rejoices that Gentiles are coming to faith in Christ and entering the Church – God’s house. And Jesus challenges his disciples to look at a Canaanite woman, a pagan, as someone beloved of God and deserving of his mercy.

Through these readings, we can hear God asking us to reach out to those people who might feel they don’t belong in his house. They may not be the people we expect to see at Mass on Sunday, but they are part of the “all peoples” whom God is longing to welcome into his kingdom. Here are three short stories that illustrate this point:

- Imran grew up in a devout Muslim household, but in college he became friends with some Christians whose faith and welcoming attitude moved him to start reading the New Testament.
- Mandy loved to party, but after one hangover too many, she found an AA group meeting in the local parish. There she met a parishioner named Joan who helped her get sober – and who introduced her to the Lord.
- Alan was a regular brawler in prison until his new cellmate convinced him to join a Bible study. The message of Jesus’ forgiveness and love that he heard there pierced his heart. Now, instead of fighting, he tells other inmates about the Lord.

Jesus’ heart breaks for those who don’t yet know him. He is always reaching out to them, calling them into his house. And he does that by leading them to believers who do know him. That’s us. All we have to do is befriend those people and share with them how the Lord has touched our lives. We don’t have to do it perfectly, either. We just have to try, and the Spirit will work through us.

So who will God send to you today?

“Lord, open my heart to share your love with the people you put in my path today.”

CHÚA NHẬT XX THƯỜNG NIÊN

Ngày 20/ 08/ 2023 Suy Niệm: Is 56:1, 6-7

“... cho tất cả mọi dân tộc” (Is 56,7).

Suy niệm: Bạn có chú ý đến chủ đề trong các bài đọc hôm nay không? Ngôn sứ Isaia tiên báo rằng Đền Thờ, “ngôi nhà” của Thiên Chúa, sẽ trở nên một ngôi nhà cầu nguyện “cho tất cả mọi dân tộc” bất kể họ từ đâu đến (Is 56,7). Rồi Phaolô vui mừng vì Dân Ngoại đang dần tin vào Chúa Kitô và gia nhập vào Hội Thánh, nhà của Thiên Chúa. Và Chúa Giêsu thách đố các môn đệ của Người hãy nhìn vào người phụ nữ Canaan, một người ngoại giáo, như một người được Thiên Chúa yêu thương và xứng đáng hưởng lòng thương xót của Người.

Qua những bài đọc này, chúng ta có thể nghe Thiên Chúa mời gọi chúng ta tiếp cận với những người mà họ có thể cảm thấy họ không thuộc về nhà Thiên Chúa. Họ có thể không phải là những người chúng ta mong đợi được gặp trong Thánh Lễ ngày Chúa Nhật, nhưng họ là một phần của “mọi dân tộc”, những người mà Thiên Chúa mong mỏi đón tiếp vào vương quốc của Người. Đây là 3 câu chuyện ngắn minh họa điều này:

Imran lớn lên trong một gia đình sùng đạo Hồi Giáo, nhưng khi học đại học, anh kết bạn với một số Kitô hữu có đức tin và lòng hiếu khách đã thôi thúc anh bắt đầu đọc Tân Ước.

Mandy thích tiệc tùng, nhưng sau một lần say quá thể, cô đã tìm thấy nhóm AA họp tại giáo xứ. Ở đó, cô gặp một giáo dân tên là Joan người đã giúp cô tỉnh rượu và đã giới thiệu Chúa cho cô.

Alan là một người thường xuyên cãi lộn trong nhà tù cho đến khi người bạn tù mới thuyết phục anh tham gia lớp học Thánh Kinh. Thông điệp về sự tha thứ và tình yêu của Chúa Giêsu mà anh nghe được ở đó đã xuyên thấu trái tim anh. Giờ đây, thay vì đánh nhau, anh nói với các bạn tù khác về Chúa.

Trái tim Chúa Giêsu tan nát vì những người chưa biết Người. Người luôn luôn đến với họ, mời gọi họ vào nhà của Người. Và Người làm điều đó bằng cách hướng dẫn họ đến với các tín hữu là những người biết Người. Đó là chúng ta. Tất cả những gì chúng ta phải làm là làm bạn với những người đó và chia sẻ với họ cách mà Chúa đã chạm đến cuộc đời chúng ta. Chúng ta cũng không phải làm điều đó cách hoàn hảo. Chúng ta chỉ cần cố gắng và Chúa Thánh Thần sẽ làm việc qua chúng ta.

Vậy Thiên Chúa sẽ gửi ai đến với bạn hôm nay?

“Lạy Chúa, xin mở lòng con để chia sẻ tình yêu của Chúa cho những người mà Chúa đặt trên con đường của con ngày hôm nay”.

Thanks be to God!



and thank you very much for all the people of St. Mary's.

- A special thank you to: Modern Nails, Dunkin Donuts, In-gles Starbucks Big A, Walmart, Steve & Mildred Supark, Brother John's Subs, Flora Butler, Cathy Staley, Dawn Woody Leon Womack, Ayen, Huong Doan, Thuy Tien, Duyen Nguyen, Lan Nguyen, Mai Nguyen.
- A special thank to all of people come join with us
- A very special thank you to the Ladies of St. Mary's, the Knight Of Columbus. May God bless what we have done to build our Church, our Community, our faith and love in God and our brothers.

St. Mary's Ladies



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 Wednesday of the month

- 10 AM: Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov

- 7pm: Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec

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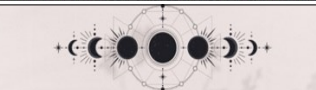
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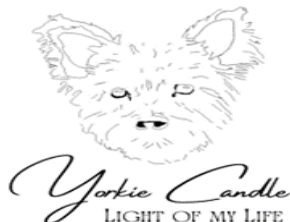
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For more information please look for any parishioner that is wearing a Bright Yellow Name Tag for more information.

Meeting & Activities

Membership Meetings: the 4th Tuesday /1 month

Parish Breakfasts: on the 1st or 2nd Sunday/1month

THANK YOU FROM FATHER JOSEPH TO FATHER HENRY AND PARISHIONERS

My name is Rev. Peter Duc Vu, Pastor of Our Lady of Vietnam Catholic Church in Riverdale. I write this thank you note on behalf of Rev. Joseph Pham Ngoc Khue, a good friend of mine and Pastor of Ton Dao Catholic Church in the Diocese of Phat Diem, Vietnam.

With the permit of Rev. Henry Thang Pham, Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Toccoa, Rev. Joseph Pham could come to St. Mary to concelebrate the Masses last weekend and talked about the repairs of his Church that was built by the French Missionary Priests over one hundred years ago, and once confiscated by the Communists turning to a storage of rice harvesting during the wartime, and lastly returned to the Parish of Ton Dao for the liturgical worshipping.

Due to the beatings of strong winds, storms, and wearing of times, the roofs were leaking, and damaged the ceiling, wall, pews, and furthestmost the safety of the worshippers seating underneath of the Church, Rev. Joseph Pham presented the repairs of the Church in the three phrases: roof, ceiling, and wall to maintain this Church as a unique heritage and historic site not only the Parish, but also the entire Diocese.

Rev. Joseph Pham received the warm welcome, hospitality, and generosity of the Pastor, Sr. Anna Nguyen, Parishioners, and visitors of St. Mary's and wants to express of his gratitude for whatsoever you had done to reach out the needs of the people there in prayers, supports, donations so that this project maybe carried out in the course of time. With my best wishes, prayers and appreciation blended his big thank you, I am so humbly and deeply treasured from the bottoms of hearts of his and mine as well - Rev. Peter Duc Vu

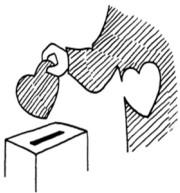
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The list of ministries and contact information is available in the Narthex of the Church and published on our church website: www.stmarystoccoa.org

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!

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Religious Education will be starting soon please make sure to register your students.

Please reach out to Jessica Burger, if you can support Religious Education in any of the following ways:

- ♦ teaching (we will provide curriculum),
- ♦ breakfast manager (we need someone to organize the weekly breakfasts),
- ♦ or providing breakfast (we feed students each week).

If you have any questions, please contact with Jessica. Thank you very much

Offertory/Contribution Weekend of August 12 & 13, 2023

Weekly Budget	\$ 3,100.00
Offertory	\$3,118.00
Capital Campaign	\$300.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 105.00
Ladies Guild Fundraising	\$2,227.13

The counters for this week are:

Nancy Williamson, Bill Mercure & Connie Tirico

The second collection for next week is

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Building project update

"Architect Ron Hadaway, John Schiavone (CCSI), and Dave Slezigkey reviewed the bids this week. It was decided to meet with the low bidder, and maybe the second low bidder, to review their scope of work next week. After that the Building Committee will meet at the end of August 2023. Any questions please call Dave Slezigkey 706-779-1833."

Thank you.

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, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Rebecca Gonzalez, Joy Powell, Nancy Barbour, Mr Joaquin Fejeran & NH- Madeline Mary Singer, Connie Tirico, Tammy Tweedy, Nancy Sterling, Geneva Alexander 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.



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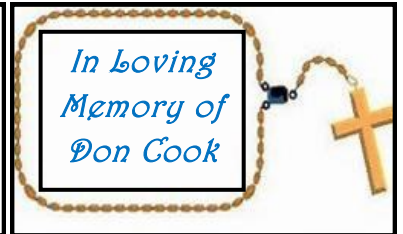


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"Do not forget to do charity work, help one another, for God loves such sacrifices." (Heb 13:16)

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