

VBS 2023
Marvelous Mystery:
The Mass Comes Alive



Daily Curriculum Themes*:

The Mass is a ...

- **Mystery** (Virtue of Patience, St. Joan of Arc)
- **Gift** (Virtue of Peace, Mary, Queen of All Saints)
- **Celebration** (Virtue of Unity, St. Patrick)
- **Sacred Meal** (Virtue of Faith, St. Michael the Archangel)
- **Call/Sending/Commissioning** (Virtue of Generosity, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

*** Note that not all learners will receive these daily curriculum themes in the order presented here.**

Schedule:

The **days and times for decorating/preparation** this year are:

Thursday, June 1st from 3-7pm

(Oratory, Upstairs classrooms & Marian Hall *only*)

Friday June 2nd from 9 am to 5 pm

(All rooms except downstairs-100 level-classrooms & GAH which are available *after* 1pm)

Saturday, June 3rd from 9 am to 2pm

(All classrooms and gathering rooms)

Decorations:

The Decorations Coordinator will be responsible for decorating the stage in Marian Hall. These decorations should represent the overall theme of VBS, drawing on the daily lesson themes, virtues and Saints for inspiration. Simple VBS themed decorations may also be added in the AMC Lobby to greet guests and lead them on the path to Marian Hall. Marian will be used daily for the opening and closing sessions as well as the MUSIC rotation for all children.

This year, we are using a VBS kit produced by Cat Chat Productions. This is a kit written by *Catholics for Catholics* and offers a comprehensive format and well-done

resources. To access any of the online *Marvelous Mystery* VBS resources (which are password protected), go to:

<https://catchat.ca/my-vbs-marvelous-mystery/my-vbs-marvelous-mystery-home-page>

Password: MassVBS23

Please do not share these credentials with anyone other than teaching team members who need access to the resource materials. Thanks!

Under the DIRECTOR tab, there are decorating ideas, clip art and decorating posters to provide inspiration. Be sure to also check out the internet and Pinterest pages for VBS decorating ideas.

Guidelines

Decorations should be installed by no later than Saturday, June 3rd at 2pm (see schedule above) and will not change daily. The AMC will *not* be open on Sunday, June 4th for VBS setup or access. **All decorations need to be taken down and moved to storage on the final day of VBS beginning at 12 noon on Friday, June 9th.**

A budget of \$300 for materials is set aside for VBS decoration supplies. The Decorations Coordinator should coordinate with Molly Zimmer at mzimmer@stlaurence.org and submit all requests (see attached form) for supply purchases *by the end of April*, including general supplies such as paint, tarps, butcher paper, etc., as well as any downloads from the Cat Chat *Marvelous Mystery* website that may need to be reproduced (we do have a color copier and can make up to poster-sized duplications). We are in the process of soliciting several creative youth volunteers who would like to help with decorations under the oversight of the Decorations Coordinator and will share those contacts once available.

When decorating, please remember the following:

- The MUSIC team resides in Marian Hall for the duration of VBS. Please make sure that the floor space immediately in front of the stage (across the width of the floor) remains clear for the MUSIC volunteers who will use that space to teach the songs to the learners. Nothing MUSIC related will be on top of the stage, but rather on the floor to its right by the piano – i.e., microphones, music stands, computer table, etc.
- Any decorations should not be so tall as to obstruct the projector screen which drops down on the wall immediately behind the stage – the screen will be used to project song lyrics throughout the week.
- Throughout the week, the stage may act as a photo spot for the learners and their families. Or, a separate photo spot can be set up in the Lobby or in the entrance corner of the Marian Hall to the left facing the stage. Families enjoy taking pictures of their children with the VBS decorations.

- Windows may not be covered up, but posters may be secured to the atrium windows in the AMC lobby.
- No open flames or items hanging from the ceiling may be used.
- Anything affixed to the walls must be secured with painter's tape or other removable products which will not leave a residue – please do not secure anything to the walls with staplers.
- Help yourself to any of the supplies in the Faith Formation workroom (by the FF offices next to the library) or any props, backdrops, etc. from the VBS closet on the 2nd floor (just ask Joan or Lisa)
- If using electric items on the stage requiring extension cords, be certain all trip hazards are taped down to the carpet and anything hazardous is up out of the way of the children for safety purposes

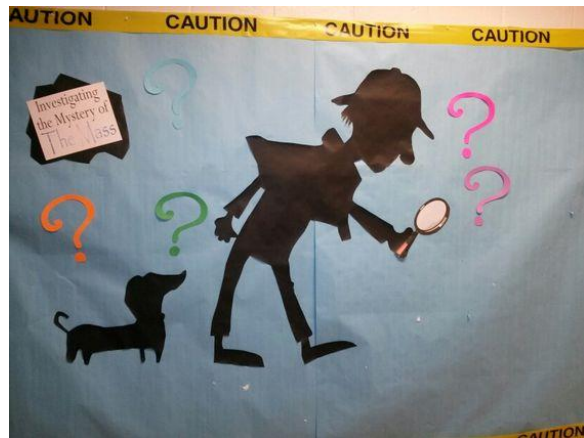
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The only limit is your imagination, but here are some ideas to get started...





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