

To the Parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin

With the reminder of Ash Wednesday that we are dust and will return to dust fresh in our memories, may we approach this first Sunday of Lent with a plan to “return to God”, where deep down, inside our souls, we want to make everlasting changes in our attitudes and behaviors through His grace.

And where must this change start? In the heart, of course. As Pope Benedict XVI said in his last homily as pope, change is only possible when we open ourselves to let God’s grace penetrate our inmost being and shake it. We are all too often looking at the scandals and injustices of other people’s behavior, but never examining our own conscience and intentions. Are we serving the Lord with a sense of faithful commitment? Chart out your day, how much time do you spend in prayer and service to others? Look at your checkbook, how much money do you spend in almsgiving? Does it come close to what you spend on pursuing personal pleasures? Examine the words that came out of your mouth in one day? How many times did you make negative speculations about the motives of others? How many times did you pass along negative information about another person without a grave reason? How often did you set aside your own needs for the sake of another?

When we receive that “stab” of conscience we often mentally step away and go into a kind of “rationalization mode”. Or we may swiftly pardon ourselves and move on. Or we make a superficial bow to change. In all these circumstances, we are rendering our garments, not our hearts. God doesn’t want our garments, he wants our hearts. He wants us to become that beautiful, wonderful person he knew and created in our mother’s womb. He wants us to fulfill that role and destiny he had for us from the first moment of our conception. And yes, he knows that harm that has been inflicted upon us by our fellow sinful creatures and he knows all the harm we have imposed on others. And he gives us that awesome gift of mercy, the grace to for-

give and be forgiven. And we say yes, yes. I’ll do that but first let me ...and then life crowds in and our time, actions and words remain the same. Now is an acceptable time, now is the day of salvation. Those are the words we heard on Ash Wednesday. Offer your heart to God this day. Have the courage to examine your life and seek the grace to root out the burden of faults and sins that blind and bind you.

Pope Benedict reminded us that our reconciliation came at a high price, that of the cross raised on Golgotha, the total gift of self. He urged us all to “come out more and more from our selfishness and our closures, to make room for God who opens and transforms the heart.”

The almsgiving, prayer and fasting of Lent are all ways we may begin rendering our hearts. Not with big lists of what we are giving up to put on public display, but with quiet, secret self-denials and simple generosity, such as: “I didn’t pass on gossip today,” “I didn’t react in kind to the sarcastic comment I received,” “I remembered to thank God for my blessings this morning,” “I cleaned the bathroom and I’m not going to get upset that no one noticed.” Benedict called on all of us to begin our Lenten journey with trust and joy, accepting the Lord’s invitation to makes us new men and women capable of sharing in the life of Jesus. And his last words, in his last homily as pope “May the Virgin Mary accompany us in this time, the Mother of the Church and model of every true disciple of the Lord. Amen!”

Faithfully,
Fr. Dean

The Parish Offering

Weekly Offering Forecast.....	\$6,000.00
Actual Offertory	\$5,362.00
Variance.....	—\$638.00

Thank you for your generosity

Prayer for Vocations

Priest: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

All: O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinariate / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families. / Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: Mary Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

(For the Greater Glory)

Flowers: NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

Sanctuary Light: SMV for the people of the parish.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: The Quin family for Ann.

Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph: Rease Parton for a special intention.

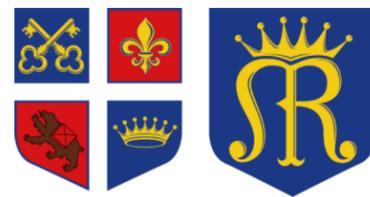
Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese: The Oliver family for Colleen Roberts.

Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I: SMV for the people of the parish.

Lamp at St. Thomas Moore: Teresa Dean for a special intention.

Lamp at St. John Fisher: Teresa Dean for a special intention.

Lamp at the Altar of Relics: John Quin for for the Quin family.



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Welcome to The Catholic Church of St. Mary the Virgin. We are a parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter authorized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012 for Anglicans seeking to become Catholic. Ordinariate parishes are fully Catholic, while retaining elements of their Anglican heritage and embracing the roots of the Catholic faith’s rich tradition through reverent liturgy and historical music. All Catholics are invited to participate in our Divine Worship liturgy and receive communion by kneeling (if able) at the altar rail and receiving our Lord on the tongue.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish for details regarding the preparation program. Under Ordinariate policy, couples should contact a member of the parish clergy at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Liturgical Ministers

March 1, 2020

- 8:00 a.m.** Altar Server.....Jon Carr
UshersNance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro
- 10:30 a.m.** Master of Ceremonies.....Brandon Gunnip
ThuriferWill Crawford
CruciferJoseph Morris
Torchbearers.....John Paul Morris/Toby Zipper
Boat Boy.....Matthew Garland
First ReadingCharles Bellinger
Intercessory PrayersHelen Mitchell
Ushers.....Mike Pratt / Kevin Vina
- 6:00 p.m.** Altar Server.....Paul Denning
Ushers.....Charlene Schwartz/Maria Zichichi
Office Help.....Nance FitzGibbon/Ben Oliver

Divine Worship Order of Holy Mass

The First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

Music of the Mass

Music is in the red or blue hymnal or in the tabs of the Divine Worship notebooks indicated in bold.

Procession.....*The Litany*, **Mass Settings Tab page 19**
Kyrie, Sanctus, Mysterium Fidei, Agnus Dei, *Simple Chant Mass-Latin*..... **Mass Settings Tab 2**
Offertory Hymn.....**Hymnal** page 142
Pater Noster.....**Mass Settings Tab** page 17
Communion Hymn.....**Hymnal** page 140
Anthem.....*Miserere* by Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

Adult Choir Rehearsal is on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir rehearses today after the 10:30 Mass.

Collect

O Lord who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Scripture of the Mass

Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'"

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses said by lector and people after the First Reading. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Gradual

He shall give his Angels charge over thee:
to keep thee in all thy ways.

V. They shall bear thee in their hands:
that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Brethren: As sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned--sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the effect of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Then as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one man's act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all men. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses said by priest and people. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Tract

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High:
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

V. I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my stronghold: my God, in him will I trust.

V. For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter:
and from the noisome pestilence.

V. He shall defend thee under his wings:
and thou shalt be safe under his feathers.

V. His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler:
thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night.

V. Nor for the arrow that flieth by day; for the pestilence
that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth
in the noon-day.

V. A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at
thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

V. For he shall give his Angels charge over thee: to keep
thee in all thy ways.

V. They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not
thy foot against a stone.

V. Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion
and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

V. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I
deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my
Name.

V. He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am
with him in trouble.

V. I will deliver him, and bring him to honour: with long
life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! for it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

The Prayers of the People

Intercession (Form 3 on Page 25)

For Those in Special Need

Colleen; Jean; Mike; Fr. Ray; Don; Grace; Dominic; Isabella; Ronald; Carol; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Brett Lee; Pierson; Lucas; Patrick; Richard; Victor; Byron; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

For Those Expecting Children

Riyanna & Joe; Mary Pat & Sam; Helen & Brian; Joan & John Paul; Rebecca & Brinton; Lisa & Chris; Colleen & Rafael.

For the Faithful Departed On the Anniversary of Their Deaths

Sunday: Joseph Riley Irvin; *Monday:* Rachel Davis; Charley Davis; *Tuesday:* Russell Elmer Holmes; *Wednesday:* Mary Ellen Josephine Hayden; Harry "Mickey" Farrell; Charles Avery Mason; *Thursday:* Harry Patrick Farrell; Brittany Burger.

For those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday: Jorge Berardi (B); *Monday:* Nathaniel Hall (B); *Tuesday:* Patrick Johnson (B); Carol Taylor (B); *Wednesday:* Savannah Blue (B); Elizabeth Hall (B); David Palmer (B); *Friday:* Becky Lowe (B); Anthony Vance (B); *Saturday:* Johann Lewis (B); Carmen Vance (B).

This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday, March 1

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Religious Ed at 9:15 a.m.

ENDOW class at 9:15 a.m. in the parish office

Monday, March 2

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: John Lamb, Jr., RIP)

Tuesday, March 3

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Colleen Roberts)

Wednesday, March 4

Confessions at 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Colleen Roberts)

Thursday, March 5

Men's Examen Group at 10:30 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Ricardo José Rojas, RIP)

Friday, March 6

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

(Mass Intention: Joseph Phan, RIP)

Adoration 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 a.m.

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

(Mass Intention: Colleen Roberts)

Confessions at 10:00 a.m.

News and Notes

Junior Altar Guild Forming

St. Mary the Virgin is forming a Junior Altar Guild. If you have a child who may be interested in participating, please contact the parish office.

The St. Mary the Virgin Altar Guild is made up of teams of 3 people that come to the church on Saturday mornings after Mass and dust, vacuum, shine brass, clean glass and prepare the church for Sunday Masses.

They rotate throughout the month so that you only commit to one Saturday per month. It is a ministry that fosters fellowship with other members of the parish while preparing the Church for worship.

Religious Ed News

The St. Mary the Virgin Religious Education program is well into First Reconciliation and First

Holy Communion preparation for 2020.

If you have not already contacted our director of Religious Education about any child seeking to receive first sacraments, please contact Megan Schmitt at smv.dre@gmail.com to confirm what documents are needed.

St. Mary the Virgin Choir Pilgrimage

The St. Mary the Virgin choir is planning an 8-day pilgrimage to Italy! The choirs will have the privilege of singing at Mass in St. Peter's Basilica as well as attend the Holy Father's general audience in St. Peter's Square. Their performance itinerary also includes Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and the presentation of a formal concert for the city of Rome at the church of St. Ignatius.

The pilgrimage dates are November 12-19, 2020 and the enrollment deadline is April 30th. Information packets are available in the Narthex.