



# The Catholic Church of ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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**W**elcome 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

**P**lease 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 December 20, 2020

<b>8:00 am</b>	Altar Server	Jon Carr
	A/V Team	Craig & Terry Southard
	Ushers	Nance FitzGibbon / Eli Castro
<b>10:30 am</b>	Master of Ceremonies	John Williams
	Thurifer	Luke Vina
	Crucifer	Graham Muller
	Torchbearers	Thomas Muller/Paul Vina
	Boat Boy	Michael Muller
	A/V Team	Stephen Schmitt/Brandon Gunnip
	Ushers	Dave Palmer / Adam Muller
<b>1:00 pm</b>	Master of Ceremonies	William Harvey
	A/V Team	Brandon Gunnip / TBD
	Ushers	Sam Stauffer / Charlene Schwartz

## Divine Worship Order of Holy Mass

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

## Music of the Mass

Mass Setting is St. Teresa Mass by Healy Willan

Please see separate hymn sheets

Prelude.....*Lo' How A Rose Is Growing*  
setting by Michael Burkhardt  
Entrance Hymn.....*Redeemer of the Nations, Come*  
Sprinkling Rite.....*Asperges me Traditional Chant*  
Offertory Hymn.....*The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came*  
Mysterium Fidei.....*"We Proclaim..."*  
Lord's Prayer.....*Pascha Nostrum*  
Communion Hymns....*Tell Out, My Soul; The Living Christ*  
Anthem..... *O Antiphons*  
(Original source of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)  
Recessional Hymn.....*Nova, Nova, Ave fit ex Eva*

## Collect

Raise up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sorely hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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# Scripture of the Mass

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## First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David dwelt in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies round about, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent."

And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.'"

*Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 a.m. and the 1:00 p.m. Masses*

## Gradual

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him:  
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

V. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.

## Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Brethren: To him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery

which was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed and through the prophetic writings is made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith--to the only wise God be glory for evermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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## Alleluia

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Come, O Lord, and tarry not:  
forgive the misdeeds of thy people.  
Alleluia

## The Holy Gospel

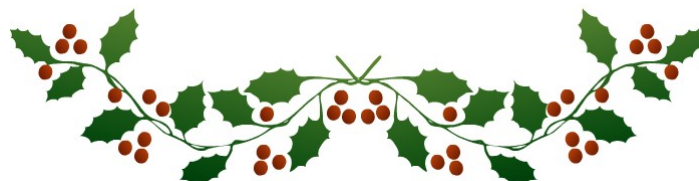
Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?"

And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible."

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



## The Prayers of the People

*Intercession (Form 3 on Page 25)*

### For Those in Special Need

Jerry; Alice; Kim; Darlene; Joe; Malia; Sky; Keith; Diane; Martin; Olga; Jacqui; Betty; Royal; Paul; Timothy; Marilyn; Mary; Hailey; Kelly; Colleen; Isabella; Ronald; Carol; Shelli; Echo.

### For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

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

### For Those Expecting Children

Alnisha & Sherwin; Billie Jean & Thomas; Kelly & Mike; Stephanie & Jeremy; Mary & Stephen; Allie & Thaddeus; Clarissa & Devin; Mary Elizabeth & Danny; Jennifer & Jude; Shelby & Ryan.

### For the Faithful Departed On the Anniversary of Their Deaths

*Sunday:* Margaret McNulty; Alvin Farmer Weber; *Monday:* Elaine Williams; *Tuesday:* May Bird Brignac; Katherine Weber; *Wednesday:* Henry Seider; Rubin Clapes; *Thursday:* John Martin; Donnie Smith; *Friday:* Clyde Brown Hastings; Barbara Yablonsky.

### For those Celebrating Birthdays

*Sunday:* Johanna Alfeche; Roger Bertrand; Nancy Reiter; *Tuesday:* Jack Reiter; *Wednesday:* Samantha Smith; Elizabeth Clapes; *Thursday:* Charlotte Zipper.

## SMV Epiphany Pageant

This year's pageant will be performed on the Feast of the Epiphany during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, January 3. We are inviting your child to participate in this beautiful tradition. Practices, for your convenience, will be held at 9:30, between the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses, today, and next Sunday, December 27.

Costumes will be provided. For more info, please contact the Nesvadbass at [mnes64@gmail.com](mailto:mnes64@gmail.com) or just show up for rehearsal in the parish hall. Parents, your help is always welcomed!

## End of Year Contributions

If you are considering making a year-end contribution to the parish, it must be received by

## This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

### Sunday, December 20

Low Mass at 8:00 a.m.,  
High Mass with Choir at 10:30 a.m.  
Low Mass with Hymns at 1:00 p.m.  
Youth Choir rehearsal at 12:15 p.m.

### Monday, December 21

Mass at 12:00 p.m.  
(*Mass Intention: Trac Thao*)

### Tuesday, December 22

Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
(*Mass Intention: John Dale Lamb, Jr.*)  
NO RCIA Class at 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 23

Confessions at 11:00 a.m.  
Mass at 12:00 p.m.  
(*Mass Intention: Joseph Collard, RIP*)  
Decorate the Church at 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday, December 24

NO Mens Examen Group at 10:30 a.m.  
High Mass Christmas Family Vigil at 4:00 p.m.  
Low Christmas Vigil Mass with hymns at 7:30 p.m.  
Christmas Carols at 10:30 p.m.  
High Mass Christmas of the Night at 11:00 p.m.

### Friday, December 25

Low Christmas Mass of the Day with hymns at 10:30 a.m.  
NO Eucharistic Adoration at 1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

### Saturday, December 26

NO Saturday Morning Martyrs at 8:00 a.m.  
Mass at 9:00 a.m.  
(*Mass Intentions: Consuelo de Jesus Rojas, RIP*)  
Confessions at 10:00 a.m.

12/31/20 or postmarked by 12/31/20 for it to be considered a 2020 donation.

These are the rules promulgated by the IRS and the parish follows those rules. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary the Virgin.

## Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate poinsettias purchased for the church at Christmas, envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please help defray the cost of flowers at Christmas with your contribution.

## A Note From The Parish Council

If you'd like to contribute to the Pastor's Gift, we ask that you please send in your envelope no later than **Wednesday, December 23.**

## Dear Friends in Christ

On the 4th Sunday of Advent, we hear the familiar story of the Angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. Our attention shifts today, from John the Baptist (whom we've heard about for the last two Sundays), to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Christ. Last week we heard about John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the Angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, indeed, as one of us.

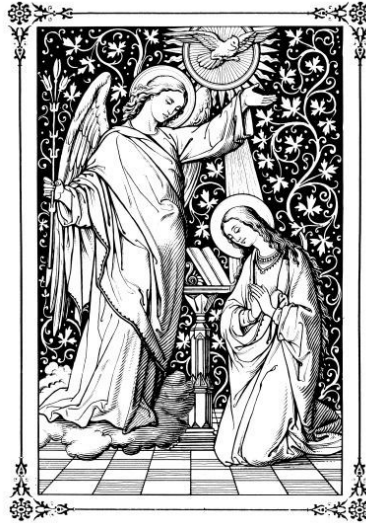
It is fitting that we recall *how* God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The Angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the Angel's news with awe and wonder, and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and would be God's own Son. The Angel reported to Mary another miracle; her aged relative Elizabeth

was also pregnant, despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the Angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of her complete faith and obedience to God.

Today's story of the Annunciation calls our attention to God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a young virgin to give birth to His Son, so that all humanity could know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace (due to her Immaculate Conception), was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation.

Thus, Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and **also** fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith, who recognize God's saving plan for us, and are able respond, like her, with obedience.

Faithfully, Your Friend and Pastor,  
Fr. Christopher C. Stainbrook



## The Parish Offering

Weekly Offering Forecast.....	\$6,000.00
Actual Offertory .....	\$5,681.00
Variance.....	—\$319.00

*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 ADVENT

**Sanctuary Light:** Bella Kaplan *for Timmy Sullivan's healing.*

**Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady:** Kathy Hargis *for the repose of the soul of John Hargis.*

**Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph:** John Quin *in loving memory of Ann Quin.*

**Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese:** The Lowe family *for the Karls family.*

**Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I:** Rease Parton *for the St. Phillip/St. Augustine Catholic Academy.*

**Lamp at St. Thomas More:** John Quin *for the Quin family.*

**Lamp at St. John Fisher:** The Southard family *for those who are celebrating the season alone.*

**Lamp at the Altar of Relics:** Kathy Hargis *for the poor souls in Purgatory.*