



The Catholic Church of ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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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

May 7, 2023

8:00 am	Altar Server	Jon Carr
	Ushers	Lonnie Jones/Walter Crawford
10:30 am	Master of Ceremonies	Theo Irlbeck
	Thurifer	Alexander Muller
	Crucifer	Graham Muller
	Torchbearers	Thomas/Michael Muller
	Boat Boy	Rafael Gutierrez
	Ushers	Kevin Vina/Henry Strittmatter
1:00 pm	Altar Server	Brandon Gunnip
	Ushers	Sam Stauffer/Kyle Meeseey

Divine Worship Order of Holy Mass

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

Music of the Mass

Mass Setting: Missa De Angelis

Vidi Aquam

Please see separate hymn sheet

Prelude.....*Awake My Heart with Gladness* by Hans-Heinz Hasse (b.1916)
 Entrance Hymn.....*When Stephen, Full of Power & Grace*
 Credo III
 Offertory Hymn.....*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*
 Mystery of Faith.....*We Proclaim thy Death O Lord*
 The Pater Noster
 Communion Hymn.....*Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed*
 Anthem.....*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* by Eugene Butler
 Recessional Hymn.....*Thou Art the Way, to Thee Alone*
 Postlude.....*Built on the Rock* by Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Adult choir meets on Wednesday at 7:00 pm

**Youth Choir meets immediately after the
10:30 am Mass and on Saturday, May 13
from 2-4 p.m.**

Collect

O almighty God, who alone makes the minds of the faithful to be of one will: grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Scripture of the Mass

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

In these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them.

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Alleluia

Alleluia . Alleluia

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.
Alleluia

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to the Lord, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame." To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall"; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Alleluia

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him.
Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-12

In those days: Jesus said to his disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father."



The Parish Offering

Weekly Offering Forecast.....	\$7,000.00
Sunday Offertory.....	\$6,943.00
Variance.....	(\$57.00)
Attendance:.....	440

Thank you for your generosity!

The Prayers of the People

For Those in Special Need

Fr. Stainbrook, our pastor; Fr Kennedy; Fr Allan; Linda; Mike; Kathy; Carol; Bob; Tom; Bill; Ronald; Marilyn; Christopher; Polly; Van; Erik; Tony; Ana; Charles; Ann; Sheila; Kathi; Rubye; Magdalena; Carol; Aisling; Echo; Cindy; James; Elva; Paul; Carolyn; Cyril; Joanne; Sandra; Mary.

For Those Expecting Children

Kelly & Mike; Shannon & Brian; Katie & Zach; Shelby & Robert; Shannon & Tony; Riyanna & Joe; Carmen & Gary; Hailey & Sam; Alicia & Aaron; Megan & Joshua. Mercedes & Mathew.

For the Faithful Departed On the Anniversary of Their Deaths

Sunday: Claire Gilderman; Louis Muschalek; *Tuesday:* Mary Lillian Yates; *Wednesday:* Robie Boozer; *Friday:* Rollin Lassester; *Saturday:* Rosemary Madison Reed; Roy Cogdill; Mary Katherine Montgomery; LaVonne Farrell.

For Those Celebrating Birthdays

Sunday: John Quin; Mary Klauck; Ruth Dupré; *Monday:* Alana Shepherd; Julie Tosh; Michael Deprest; *Tuesday:* Adam Muller; Anthony Gunnip; *Wednesday:* Benjamin Burda; Gianina Gagliano; James Burda; *Thursday:* Carmen Garland; Celeste Southard; Francisca Idi; Ivy Wagstaff; Josephine Lowe; *Friday:* Henry Klassen; *Saturday:* Katie Meckley; Maria Zichichi; Patrick Palmer; Philip Phillips.

VBS at SMV

Register now for VBS 2023 at St. Mary the Virgin!! This year it will be June 19-23, from 8:45 - 12 noon. Fees: \$25/child, \$75 family cap. Children ages 3-11 are welcome as campers, teens, and older children aged 12+ are needed as volunteers--and adult volunteers needed most of all!

Registration will be open to parishioners before we open to the community at large, as it fills up quickly at that point. Sign up ASAP! Childcare is available for adult volunteers, if needed!

<https://stmarythevirgin.org/vbs2023>

Texas Ordinariate Youth Retreat

Register NOW for the 3rd annual Ordinariate Teen Retreat! JUNE 7-10, 2023 at Sanctus Ranch Retreat Center in Bandera, TX. Open to ages 14-18. Register ASAP at this link-spots are filling fast!

<https://www.sanctusranch.com/ordinariate>

First Holy Communion Meditation Day

All the first Holy Communion children will have their 4th day of meditation on Tuesday May 9, 2023 from 6-7 pm.

This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday, May 7

Low Mass at 8:00 a.m.
CCD classes at 9:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
High Mass at 10:30 a.m.
Low Mass with hymns at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, May 8

SMV School Coop 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
Mass at 12:00 p.m.
(*Mass Intention: Joshua Valinsky*)

Tuesday, May 9

Mass at 12:00 p.m.
No RCIA classes this week
(*Mass Intention: Benjamin Burda's birthday*)

Wednesday, May 10

Confessions at 11:00 a.m.
Mass at 12:00 p.m.
(*Mass Intention: James Burda's birthday*)

Thursday, May 11

Mass at 12:00 p.m.
(*Mass Intention: Marcelo Soto*)

Friday, May 12

Mass at 12 p.m.
Adoration 1-5 p.m.
(*Mass Intention: Donors to The Catholic Gentlemen and their intentions*)

Saturday, May 13

Saturday Morning Martyrs Not meeting today.
Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Confessions at 10:00 a.m.
(*Mass Intentions: Donna Meager RIP*)

For more information contact the Director of Religious Education—Amy Horan at smv.dre@gmail.com

Altar Servers Training

The next Altar Servers training session will be next Saturday, May 13, 2023. The training session will run from 12 noon until 2:00 pm. Pizza will be served. All altar boys who serve at any of the Sunday Masses are requested to attend. Training for crucifers,thurifers and MC's will be done at this time. Measurements for cassocks will be done at this session. Boys who are **not** altar servers, but who would like to serve on the altar are encouraged to **attend** this session, as training for new boys will be offered.

As summer approaches, we need to **ADD** new numbers to our Corps, as families take vacations, and several of our experienced altar servers will graduate from High School. **All** SMV boys are invited to consider this **vital service** to our parish.

Blessing Table

The monthly blessing table will be this Saturday May 13th. Please place your item to be blessed on the table with your name on it and take it back after the blessing.

Dear Friends in Christ:

The month of May is the month of our Patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Catholic custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion. The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (*A partial indulgence* is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation.)

The pious practice of honoring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical *On the Sacred Liturgy* characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" (no. 182). Pope St. Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the month of Marian devotions as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honored and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts" (no. 2). In May of 2002 Pope St. John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"

The following practices which are recommended by the Magisterium are offered as suggestions for honoring Our Lady during Her month. Here are some familiar (or new to some) beautiful Marian practices which can be added to our devotions this month.

Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary These consist of a long series of invocations to Our Lady, which follow in a uniform rhythm, thereby creating a stream of prayer characterized by insistent praise and supplication. **The Litany of Loreto** is one of the many Marian litanies, composed during the Middle Ages. The place of honor it now holds, in the life of the Church, is due its faithful use at the shrine of the Holy House

at Loreto, which, according to tradition, was the small cottage-like home where the Holy Family had lived and which was miraculously transported by angels, in 1291, from the Holy Land to its present location in Loreto. It was definitely recommended by Pope Clement VII and approved by Sixtus V in 1587, and all other Marian litanies were suppressed, at least for public use.

The Regina Caeli Which we pray before all daily masses in Eastertide instead of the usual **Angelus** (see previous bulletins for letters about the Regina Caeli and Eastertide)

The Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. Thus, "the Roman Pontiffs have repeatedly exhorted the faithful to the frequent recitation of this biblically inspired prayer which is centered on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ's life, and their close association with the Virgin Mother" The Glorious Mysteries are most appropriate for the Month of May, although any of them suffice, for they all reflect on her in one way or another (Joy, Sorrow, etc.)

The Brown Scapular and other Scapulars The scapular is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer. Please note that enrollment in the Brown Scapular is **not** done at the regular 2nd Saturday blessing table, but in the sacristy. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Medals These are witnesses of faith and a sign of veneration of the Holy Mother of God, as well as of trust in her maternal protection. The Church blesses such objects of Marian devotion in the belief that "they help to remind the faithful of the love of God, and to increase trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary. 'Medals are blessed on the 2nd Saturday of the month, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

The month of May is one which is rich in tradition, and an especially beautiful time of the year to honor our heavenly mother.

Faithfully, your friend and Pastor,

Fr. Christopher C. Stainbrook

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: SMV for her parishioners

Sanctuary Light: Thomas Family for Fr Robert Gahl "s birthday

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: Thomas Family for Cassidy Thomas First Holy Communion

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Joseph: SMV for Fr. Kennedy's quick recovery

Lamp at St. Therese: SMV for Holy Souls in purgatory

Lamp at Blessed Karl: SMV for her parishioners

Lamp at St. Thomas More: SMV for her pastor Fr Stainbrook

Lamp at St. John Fisher: SMV for her parishioners

Lamp at the Altar of Relics: SMV for the Holy Souls in Purgatory