



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

December 24, 2023

8:00 am Altar Server Jon Carr
Ushers Walter Crawford/Emma Schmitt

10:30 am Master of Ceremonies Joseph Morris
Thurifer John Paul Morris
Crucifer John Michael Behan
Torchbearers Timothy Gagliano/Owen Morris
Boat Boy Rafael Aparicio
Ushers Henry Strittmatter/ Randy Irlbeck

1:00 pm Altar Server **No 1:00pm Mass**
Ushers

Divine Worship Order of Holy Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

Music of the Mass

Mass Setting: Missa Orbis Factor

Prelude:.....*Prelude on Rorate Caeli* by Mary Nesvadba

Entrance Hymn.....*The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came*

Credo 111

Offertory Hymn.....*Tell Out My Soul*

Mystery of Faith.....*O Savior*

Pater Noster

Communion Hymn.....*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Anthem.....*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*, by

Paul Manz

Advent "O" Antiphons

Closing Hymn*Virgin Born, We Bow Before Thee*

Postlude.....*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, by Robert Lau

Adult choir meets on Tuesday this Week at 7:00

Youth choir meets immediately after the

10:30 Mass (12:00) until 1:15.

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

Scripture of the Mass

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."

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

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 will 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 Parish Offering

Weekly Offering Forecast.....	\$7,000.00
Sunday Offertory.....	\$8,367.69
Variance.....	\$1,367.68
Attendance:.....	454

Thank you for your generosity!

The Prayers of the People For Those in Special Need

Fr. Stainbrook, our pastor; Fr Kennedy; Fr .Nesvadba; Mike; Kathy; Carol; Ronald; Marilyn; Christopher; Polly; Van; Kathi; Echo; Elva; Joanne; Mary; Hayley; Denise; Jose Luis; Carol-Ivette; Tom; Bill; Gary; Marianne; Sharon; Jameson; Ben; Sandra; Jason; Kate; Naois; Jim; Mark; Dennis; Maxine; Pete; Jason; Danny; Matt; Joe, Ardis, James; Linda; Victor; Tristan; Bobby; Gennifer; Angela; Anna; Francesca; Clementine; Juanita; Kevin; Charlotte; Mary Lynn; Julia; Elizabeth Rose; Madelyn.

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Kris; William; Brett; Brandon; Erich; Chris; Theodore.

For First Responders

Marcus; Viki; and those in the "Shield of Badge with Prayer" program for whom we are praying.

For Those Expecting Children

Katie & Bernardo; Billie Jean & Thomas; Ryan & Shelby; Hannah & Ben; Frances & Herbert; Lisa & Adam; Emma & Matthew; Sandy & Christian; Adele & Philip; Mary & Peter; Julie & John; Shannon & Brian; Kristin & Jonny; Becca & Paul; Maddie & Peter.

For the Faithful Departed On the Anniversary of Their Deaths

Sunday: Donnie Smith; Lucille Carlson; John Martin; *Monday:* Clyde Brown Hastings; Barbara Yablonsky; *Thursday:* Jose Crawford; *Friday:* John Anthony O'Brien; Fernando Avila; *Saturday:* Lizabeth Ann Matthews.

Those Celebrating Birthdays

Sunday: Charlotte Zipper; David Kelly; *Tuesday:* Andrew Petiprin; Jonathan Carr; *Thursday:* Angela Robertson; Joyce Asber; Olive Gilliland; *Friday:* Tristan Naifeh; *Saturday:* Paul Gagliano.

This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday, December 24

Low Mass at 8:00 a.m.

High Mass at 10:30 a.m.

High Mass 4:00 p.m.

Low Mass 7:00 p.m.

High Mass 11:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

(Mass Intention: Holy Souls in Purgatory)

Tuesday, December 26

Mass at 12:00 p. m.

(Mass Intention: Thomas Matsler, for God's will)

Wednesday, December 27

Confessions at 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Miguel Zavala, RIP)

Thursday, December 28

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Augustine Matsler, for discernment of God's will)

Friday, December 29

Mass at 12 p.m.

No Adoration Today

(Mass Intention: Fernando Avila RIP)

Saturday, December 30

Mass at 9:00 a. m.

Confessions at 10:00 a.m.

(Mass Intention: Chad & Phikhanh Dueitt, for their wedding day)

Sunday December 24, 2023

The 1:00pm Mass is cancelled today in order to get the church ready for the 1st Mass of Christmas at 4:00pm. Please note that Catholics are **expected**, not "invited, not encouraged" to attend one of the Christmas Masses either today or tomorrow.

Parish Office Closed

Parish office will be closed **December 25th-January 1st**. Mass schedule will be as usual. Father Stainbrook will be taking a few days off this week. He will be back Saturday December 30th. Father Kennedy and Father Marziani will be helping with confessions and Masses .

NO ADORATION FRIDAY the 29th

Thank You For the Meals

Father Stainbrook is very grateful for all the meals the Advent from our Youth Group and our Parishioners. If he's not careful, he will have to let out his cassock!

Epiphany Pageant

The children's Epiphany Pageant will be held in the church on **Saturday, January 6th, 2024** beginning at 6:00pm. followed by Benediction. All children of SMV are invited to participate. **Rehearsals will be at 6:00pm both Thursday, January 4th and Friday, January 5th.** We will continue the celebration in the parish hall with a potluck dinner. Bring food to share and celebrate the final day of the twelve days of Christmas. Epiphany Masses will be celebrated on Sunday, January 7th.

Degreening the Church

There will be a "degreening" of the church on Sunday, January 7th at 3:00pm. Refreshments for or volunteers will be provided.



Dear Friends In Christ:

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. To fit the number scheme, when you reach number 9, representing the Fruits of the Holy Ghost, the originator combined 6 to make 3, taking the 6 fruits that were similar: the fruit in each parenthesis is the that was not named separately. There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators. The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments. The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love. The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior. The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit-----Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy. The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity]. The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments. The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles. The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed. (Original Source: Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Nebraska) Remember that Christmas does not end on "12th Night" for Catholics but will continue for many days.

I hope to see everyone tonight or tomorrow at one of the Christmas Masses, but for those travelling, or attending Mass elsewhere, allow me this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas.

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



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 FOR ADVENT

Sanctuary Light: Brignac Family, in loving memory of Dottie Kimble

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: Oliver Family, in loving memory of Victoria Muschalek

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Joseph: Gerro Hayden, in loving memory of Joe and our wedding anniversary

Lamp at St. Terese: Brignac Family, in loving memory of Sandra Smoak RIP

Lamp at Blessed Karl: Brignac Family, for Charles Sulak healing

Lamp at St. Thomas More: Brignac Family, for Ellie Sulak healing

Lamp at St. John Fisher: Brignac Family, for Pollice family healing

Lamp at the Altar of Relics: SMV for her parishioners