



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.

Divine Worship Order of Holy Mass

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 31, 2023

Music of the Mass

Mass Setting: Missa Orbis Factor

Prelude:.....*What Child Is This*
Entrance Hymn.....*How Bright Appears the Morning Star*
Credo 111
Offertory Hymn.....*Of the Father's Love Begotten*
Mystery of Faith.....*We Proclaim Thy Death*
Pater Noster
Communion Hymn.....*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*
Anthem.....*Song of Simeon*
Closing Hymn*God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*
Postlude.....*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Adult choir meets on Tuesday this Week at 7:00
Youth choir meets immediately after the
10:30 Mass (12:00) until 1:15.

Liturgical Ministers December 31, 2023

8:00 am Altar Server Jon Carr
Ushers Dave Hull/Miguel Uribe

10:30 am Master of Ceremonies Luke Garland
Thurifer Carlo Paulo Granados
Crucifer Jacob Garland
Torchbearers Matthew Garland/Joseph Skinner
Boat Boy Thomas Chapman
Ushers Gary Garland/ Randy Irlbeck

1:00 pm Altar Server Vincent Lohla
Ushers Chris Taylor/Lonnie Jones

Collect

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy wondrous holiness didst adorn a human home, and by thy subjection to Mary and Joseph didst consecrate the order of earthly families: grant that we, being enlightened by the example of their life with thee in thy Holy Family, and assisted by their prayers, may at last be joined with them in thine eternal fellowship; 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

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The Lord honored the father above the children, and he confirmed the right of the mother over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays he is heard; and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honors his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.

O son, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show forbearance; and do not despise him all the days of his life. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you and against your sins it will be credited to you—a house raised in justice to you.

Gradual

One thing I have desired of the Lord, which I will require:
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord.

V. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord: and to visit his temple.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

Brethren: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And over all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Alleluia

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Parish Offering

Weekly Offering Forecast.....\$7,000.00

Sunday Offertory.....

Variance.....

Attendance:.....

Collection totals will be in next Sundays bulletin

The Prayers of the People For Those in Special Need

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

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; Becca & Paul; Maddie & Peter.

For the Faithful Departed On the Anniversary of Their Deaths

Sunday: Elizabeth Hughes; Ruth Vermeulen; Charlene Elizabeth Hart; Barbara Ann Lelacheur Field; Patricia Bennett; *Monday:* Thomas Jones; Robert Kortegast; *Thursday:* Greyson Christopher Pollock; Bryce Ziba; *Saturday:* Jack Steele

Those Celebrating Birthdays

Sunday: Esther Warren; John Heinen; John Puckett; Qi Chen; Thomas Howard; *Monday:* Sophia Lowe; *Tuesday:* Thomas Kennedy; William Smith; *Wednesday:* Anthony Clark; *Thursday:* Emily Keller; Rafael Refi; *Friday:* Clare Skertchly; Thomas Carroll; *Saturday:* Taylor Kelly

This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday, December 31

Low Mass at 8:00 a.m.

High Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Low Mass with hymns at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1

Mass at 12:00 p.m..

(Mass Intention: Mass for the People)

Tuesday, January 2

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Bernadette Koeppo's birthday)

Wednesday, January 3

Confessions at 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Philip Ocon RIP)

Thursday, January 4

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Indalecia Lu RIP)

Friday, January 5

Mass at 12 p.m.

Adoration 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

(Mass Intention: Dicker Koeppo birthday)

Saturday, January 6

Mass at 9:00 a. m.

Confessions at 10:00 a.m.

(Mass Intention: Fr. Allan R.G. Hawkins RIP)

Parish Office Closed

We will be **closed tomorrow January 1st**. We will resume our normal business hours **January 2nd from 9:00am to 4:00pm**.

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, whether they are in the choir or not. **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 our volunteers will be provided.

A Change for Fr. Kennedy

Father Kennedy has asked to be taken off the SMV Mass schedule in order to spend time with his family and focus on his health. SMV thanks him for his 8 years of service, both as Parochial Vicar on staff, and most especially, as a retired Supply Priest. To send a note of thanks, his email is fr.thomas.kennedy@ordinariate.net. Father Marziani will continue to help out at SMV as a retired Supply Priest when possible.

Videographer Needed

We are in need of someone to continue doing the videos for the 8:00am. Mass. Stephen Schmitt has done a wonderful job for us for many many months. It is time for someone new to take over.

It is not hard and training will be provided. Without a volunteer, we will be forced to stop this service. Please consider if this is something the Lord is calling you to so. If it is, please email or call the parish office.

Dear Friends In Christ:

Last week I wrote how the Christmas carol comes from 16th-century Europe. But the 12 days are really only **part** of our Christmas observance, which also includes important Feast Days in honor of Stephen, the first martyr (December 26); John the evangelist (December 27); and the Holy Innocents, the infants slain by King Herod (December 28, Matt. 2:16–18). These are known as the *comites Christi*, “companions of Christ,” because their lives gave unique witness to Jesus through martyrdom (Stephen and the Innocents) and the written word (John)

Other Christmas feasts include the Holy Family (Sunday after Christmas) and Mary, Mother of God (January 1). The liturgical season of Christmas ends with the feast of the Lord’s Baptism (Sunday after Epiphany).

Unfortunately, like the 50 days of Easter joy that we often forget after a rigorous 40 days of Lenten fasting (notice which is longer!), our Christmas party often ends too early. But though we wait a bit to get our holy days going, they carry us far beyond the Orange Bowl. So keep the whole of Christmas, perhaps even to February 2nd (Candlemas)

Thank You from Father

I am very touched by the extraordinary generosity shown to me by our Parishioners who presented me with such a generous gift on Christmas Eve.

We begin our fourth year together tomorrow, and I am thankful every day to be the Pastor of such a special and loving parish. I am blessed, and indeed, proud and honored to be your Pastor. We have accomplished wonderful things together since 2020 – painting the interior and exterior of the church, striping the parking lot, obtaining new vestments and Chalices and Patens for our worship, staining and polishing the Nave floor, and, later this month, installing our beautiful new pews. I look forward to see where God will move us in this Year of Our Lord, 2024.

Thank you all so much for all you do for, and are to, me, your most fortunate Pastor and Friend.
Thankfully, with deep affection,

Father 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 Ordinate / 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: CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Sanctuary Light: The Southard Family in Thanksgiving

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: John Quinn, in loving memory of Ann Quinn

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Joseph: Brignac Family, for Pollice family healing

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

Lamp at Blessed Karl: SMV for her parishioners

Lamp at St. Thomas More: John Quinn, for the Quinn family

Lamp at St. John Fisher: Brignac Family, for Charles Sulak healing

Lamp at the Altar of Relics: Brignac Family, for Ellie Sulak healing