



# The Catholic Church of ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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**Fr. Christopher Stainbrook, Pastor**

**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**

**January 7, 2024**

**8:00 am** Altar Server Jon Carr  
Ushers Brigitte Brignac/Adam Muller

**10:30 am** Master of Ceremonies John Williams  
Thurifer Nathan Brinkley  
Crucifer C.J. Kelly  
Torchbearers Joseph Skinner/Benjamin Burda  
Boat Boy Rafael Gutierrez  
Ushers Dave Kelly/Drew Smith

**1:00 pm** Altar Server John Williams  
Ushers Sam Stauffer/Ian Valois

## **Divine Worship Order of Holy Mass**

**The Solemnity of the Epiphany  
of the Lord**

**January 7, 2024**

## **Music of the Mass**

**Mass Setting: Missa de Angelis**

Prelude:.....*We Three Kings*, Arr. Melody Bober  
Entrance Hymn.....*What Star Is This*  
*Credo 111*  
Offertory Hymn.....*We Three Kings*  
Mystery of Faith.....*O Savior*  
*Pater Noster*  
Communion Hymn.....*When Christ's Appearing Was*  
*Made Known*  
Communion Hymn ..... *In The Bleak Midwinter*, by choir  
Anthem.....*Three Kings From Persian Lands*,  
by Gustav Holst (1874-1934)  
Closing Hymn .....*Earth Has Many a Noble City*  
Postlude.....*What Star Is This*, by Lani Smith

**Adult choir meets at 7:00 on Thursday.**  
**No Youth choir today. Announcement will come by email.**

## **Collect**

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy Only Begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same 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

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# Scripture of the Mass

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## First Reading

*Isaiah 60: 1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall walk by your light, and kings in the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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## Gradual

All they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and incense:  
and shall show forth the praises of the Lord.

V. Arise and shine, O Jerusalem: for the glory of the Lord is  
risen upon thee.

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## Second Reading

*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

Brethren: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

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## Alleluia

Alleluia. Alleluia.

We have seen his star in the East: and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.

**Alleluia**

## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2: 1-12*

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise Men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem, with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the Wise Men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



## The Parish Offering

Weekly Offering Forecast.....\$14,000.00

Sunday Offertory.....\$20,577.68

Variance.....\$6,577.68

Combined Sunday Totals for December 24th & 31st

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

## 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; Alisha; Maxine; Pete; Jason; Danny; Matt; Joe; Ardis; James; Linda; Victor; Tristan; ; Angela; Anna; Francesca; Clementine; Juanita.;Kevin; Julia; Elizabeth Rose; Madelyn; Alice; Carin; Jeff; Connie; Ed.

## For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

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

## For First Responders

Marcus; Viki

## For Those Expecting Children

Katie & Bernardo; Stephanie & Jeremy; Billie Jean & Thomas; Ryan & Shelby; Hannah & Ben; Frances & Herbert; Lisa & Adam; Emma & Matthew; Sandy & Christian; Adele & Philip; Mary & Peter; Shannon & Brian; Becca & Paul; Maddie & Peter; Matthew & Mercedes; Sam & Hailey.

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

*Sunday:* Dinah Thayer; *Monday:* Harlen; Myrtle Brown; Gail Murray; *Tuesday:* Jim Allen; *Wednesday:* Michael Dale Martin; *Friday:* Melvin Cool; George Gasper; Jack W. Kortegast; Marjorie E. Godbee; Judi Lynk; *Saturday:* Robert McFarland; Harry Bernard Stroer.

## Those Celebrating Birthdays this Week

Josephine Zepeda; Antonio Estrada; Destiny Aguilar; Echo Lewis; Michael Bell; George Lilienstern; Nancy FitzGibbon; Samuel Brennan; Jose Granados; Soosaipillai Emmanuel; Christina Tu; Damien Dreisbach; Guadalupe Vance; Margot Alfeche; Mary Horan; Samantha Vina; Hoang Bich Van Nguyen.

## Epiphany Chalk Blessing

Today we celebrate the Feast for the Epiphany (which means “manifestation” or “revealing”) and commemorates the Magi who came from the four corners of the world bearing gifts and following a star to meet the child who would become king. We celebrate Epiphany to remember that we too are invited to come and witness the life of Jesus and be blessed as we begin a new year. “**Chalking the door**” is a centuries-old way to celebrate and to (literally) mark the occasion of the Epiphany with God’s blessing of our lives and homes. We again invite God’s presence into our homes and His blessing upon all those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. Each year, using blessed chalk, people mark the doorpost of their home with an inscription of the new year separated by **C+M+B**. It stands for the Latin words **Christus Mansionem Benedicat**. Which means “**May Christ bless this house.**” The letters can also stand for the traditional names of the Magi who visited Christ: **Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar**. So for instance, in 2024, the inscription is **20+C+M+B+24**. Blessed chalk will be available today in the Narthex of the church, and for a couple of Sundays following.

## Sunday, January 7

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 8

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(*Mass Intention: Agata RIP*)

## Tuesday, January 9

Mass at 12:00 p. m.

(*Mass Intention: Giuse, Phat*)

## Wednesday, January 10

Confessions at 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(*Mass Intention: Giuse, Uhat*)

## Thursday, January 11

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(*Mass Intention: Giuse, Thanh*)

## Friday, January 12

Mass at 12 p.m.

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

(*Mass Intention: Mike Russo RIP*)

## Saturday, January 13

Mass at 9:00 a. m.

Confessions at 10:00 a.m.

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

## Blessing Table

The monthly blessings of religious articles will be on **Saturday January 13th** after the 9:00 am Mass. Please place your item to be blessed on the table in the Narthex, with your name on it and be sure to take it back after the blessing.

## Respect Life Ministry

**Friday, January 12th** The **Respect Life Ministry** at St. Joseph Catholic Church is sponsoring a free movie night, showing the “**Sound of Freedom.**” **Doors open at 6:15pm. Movie starts at 6:45pm.** Location : St. Joseph Parish Hall. 1927 SW Green Oaks Blvd.,

## Young Adult Catholic Culture Even

Join us next **Sunday, January 14th from 12:30-2:30pm** in the parish library to learn about and reflect on the paintings of Fra Angelico. Please bring a pre-made dish to share and feel free to invite friends! For further details, please contact **Kaitlyn Gainer (832-984-4534)**

## March For Life

Join people from across North Texas on Saturday, January 20th for the North Texas March for Life! Let’s double our numbers from SMV! The march itself starts at 12:30 pm. with events earlier that day as well. Please visit **northtexasmarchforlife.org** for more information.

## More and More Beautiful

Every few years, the Bishop makes a visit to our parish and asks to meet with the Parish Council and the Finance Council members. It is a way for him to tell us personally what he wants the Parish to focus on going forward; what his hopes and expectations are for our community. The last time we met with the Bishop in this way, Bishop Lopes commended us on our beautiful work in the Sanctuary: the rood beam and its statues and decorations, the reredos and altar, the side shrines and all the other beautiful things we had done. His final comment was, “Keep making things more and more beautiful.”

We as a staff, with the wonderful cooperation of the Parish Council, have taken his words to heart. We have painted, inside and out. We have stained floors. We have rehabbed bathrooms.

But the phrase “more and more beautiful” kept creeping into our discussions. The obvious thing left in the Church itself were the pews. The pews we currently have were purchased used and have seen their share of hard use. Much of the upholstery was damaged or loose and the fabric difficult to replicate and replace. Covid cleaning with harsh chemicals and water leaks had done our finishes no favors. The kneelers have some serious problems.

We started out thinking we would just reupholster and repair the pews. But bids for that were more expensive than anticipated. It led us to think, “What if we just purchased NEW?”

We contacted several pew manufacturers to obtain estimates and time frames and were pleased by the numbers. It made sense. We have the money on hand to pay for the work. It was time to bring the beauty in the Sanctuary out into the Nave.

We selected Imperial Woodworks out of Waco, Texas to do the work for us. They are relatively local and were highly responsive to our needs and wants. We signed a contract with them to replace our pews and they have been building them at their shop.

The installation of those new pews will begin on Monday, January 15 at 8:00 a.m. By the end of Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, the process will be finished, and we will have beautiful new pews that should last for many, many years.

**But what this means is we will need a crew of people to remove the old pews on the afternoon of Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. They must be out of the building that afternoon. We have done this once before, so it should only take a few hours to remove them. Please come and help!**

What will happen to the old pews? Unfortunately, no one wants our old ones. They are not antiques or expensive enough for a church restoration company to want them. They are too bulky for storage “just in case someone needs them” at some unknown future date. So, if you want one (or 2 or 28!) you may have them free of charge. **BUT** you must be willing to move them yourselves on that Sunday afternoon. We do not have the space or place to store them for you.

We are excited about this next step in the “more and more beautiful” campaign. Come help us make that a reality!

Terry Southard

## 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:** CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

**Sanctuary Light:** Brignac Family, for Elva Johnson's healing

**Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady:** Jenny and Daniel Vance, for Guadalupe's 15th birthday

**Lamp at the Shrine of St. Joseph:** Gerro Hayden, In loving memory of Joe Hayden's birthday

**Lamp at St. Terese:** SMV for the holy souls in purgatory

**Lamp at Blessed Karl:** Southard Family, for Kathy Hargis healing

**Lamp at St. Thomas More:** Rease Parton, for St. Phillip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy

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

**Lamp at the Altar of Relics:** SMV for her parishioners