



# 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**

**February 4, 2024**

**8:00 am** Altar Server Jon Carr  
Ushers Dave Hull/Brigitte Brignac

**10:30 am** Master of Ceremonies Luke Garland  
Thurifer Carlo Paulo Granados  
Crucifer Jacob Garland  
Torchbearers Matthew Garland/Timothy Gagliano  
Boat Boy Rafael Aparicio  
Ushers Kevin Vina/Mike Gleason

**1:00 pm** Altar Server Vincent Lohla  
Ushers Sam Stauffer/Kyle Meesey

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

**The Sunday Called Sexagesima**

**February 4, 2024**

## **Music of the Mass**

**Mass Setting: Sancta Maria Magdalena**

Prelude:.....*Prelude in G Minor BWV 558* by J.S.Bach  
(1685-1750)

Entrance Hymn.....*Immortal, Invisible, God*  
Credo III

Offertory Hymn.....*Thine Arm, O Lord*

Mystery of Faith.....*O Savior of the World*

Communion Hymn.....*Let Thy Blood*

Anthem.....*God, Be in My Heard* by John Rutter

Closing Hymn .....*God of Mercy*

**Adult choir meets on Thursdays at 7. New members  
always welcome.**

**Youth Choir meets immediately after the 10:30 High  
Mass (12:00) until 1:15. New members always wel-  
come.**

## **Collect**

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: mercifully grant that by thy power, we may be defended against all adversity; 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

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# Scripture of the Mass

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## First Reading

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7*

**Job** spoke, saying: "Has not man a hard service upon earth, and are not his days like the days of a hireling? Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like a hireling who looks for his wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me. When I lie down I say, 'When shall I arise?' But the night is long, and I am full of tossing till the dawn.

"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope. "Remember that my life is a breath; my eye will never again see good."

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## Gradual

Let the nations know that thou, whose Name is the Lord: art only the Most Highest over all the earth.

**V.** O my God, make them like unto the whirling dust: and as the stubble before the wind.

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## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23*

**Brethren:** If I preach the Gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my preaching I may make the Gospel free of charge, not making full use of my right in the Gospel. For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more.

To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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## Tract

Thou hast moved the land, O Lord: and divided it.

**V.** Heal the sores thereof: for it shaketh.

**V.** That they may triumph because of the truth: that thy beloved may be delivered.

## The Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:29-39*

**A**t that time: Leaving the synagogue, Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered together about the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him followed him, "Every one is searching for you."

And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.



## The Parish Offering

Weekly Offering Forecast.....	\$7,000.00
Sunday Offertory.....	\$5672.00
Variance.....	(\$1,328.00)
Attendance.....	403

*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; Ronald; Marilyn; Polly; Van; Kathi; Echo; Jose Luis; James; Charles; Micki; Mary; Evelyn; Johnny; Helen; Kenneth; Felicity; Joanne; Tom; Bill; Terry; Judy; Connie; Ed; Carrie; Andrea; Emilia; Bernabey; Gustavo; Alonso; Mary; Elva; Kim; Ellie; Charles; Mary; Carol.

### For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

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

### For First Responders

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

### For Those Expecting Children

Tom & Victoria; Mary & Peter; Adele & Philip; Sandy & Christian; Emma & Matthew; Lisa & Adam; Frances & Herbert; Hannah & Ben; Ryan & Shelby; Billie Jean & Thomas; Katie & Bernardo; Stephanie & Jeremy; Aaron & Meg; Katie & Danny.

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

*Sunday:* Jane Riggs; Tommie Jo Brockman Richards; *Monday:* Myrtle Smith *Tuesday:* Eugenia Turner; *Wednesday:* Arthur Allen; Nora Parker; *Thursday:* Catherine O. Ringley; *Friday:* Tommie Sue Powers Dickson; *Saturday:* Aubrey Rhodes.

## Lewis-Tolkien Society Class

Dr. Ron Ledek is leading a new class on the works of Romano Guardini via Zoom **every Thursday night** from **7:30-9:00 p.m.** Contact Dr. Ledek at: [ronleddek@hotmail.com](mailto:ronleddek@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Baby Bottle Drive

The Mother and Unborn Baby Care fundraiser will begin on Sunday, **February 11th**. Help this noble organization raise money to support mothers in need! Baby bottles for donations will be available in the narthex that day.

## Extended Confession Times

Beginning **Friday, February 16th** confessions will be heard from **4:45 to 5:45**. On **Ash Wednesday** confessions will be heard at the regular time of **11:00 am**, before the noon Mass, and again at **1:00 to 1:45**, and **6:00 to 6:45** followed by the 7:00 pm Mass.

Please take advantage of this extended opportunity to go to confession during this season of Lent.

## This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

### Sunday, February 4

Low Mass at 8:00 a.m.

High Mass at 10:30 a.m.

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

### Monday, February 5

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

*(Mass Intention: Forgotten Holy Souls in Purgatory)*

### Tuesday, February 6

Mass at 12:00 p. m.

*(Mass Intention: Steven Singleton RIP)*

### Wednesday, February 7

Confessions at 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

*(Mass Intention: Michael Hooper RIP)*

### Thursday, February 8

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

*(Mass Intention: Joanna Carroll RIP)*

### Friday, February 9

Mass at 12 p.m.

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

*(Mass Intention: For our Blessed Mother's Intentions)*

### Saturday, February 10

Mass at 9:00 a. m.

Confessions at 10:00 a.m.

*(Mass Intention: Betty Oliver's birthday)*

## Stations of the Cross

Mark your calendar! Stations of the Cross starts **Friday February 16th at 6:00 pm.** through Passion Week, followed by Benediction and a meatless pot luck **every Friday** for Lent.

## North Texas Catholic Men's Conference

The Leadership Team for the North Texas Catholic Men's Conference is excited to have **Jim Caviezel**, star of the Passion of Christ and Sounds of Freedom and **David Bereit** founder of 40 Days for Life at **St. Jude Catholic Church, Allen TX.** as our featured speakers on **February 24th from 8 am to 4 pm.** The conference has the full support of the bishops of Dallas and Ft. Worth. In addition to the conference there will be a showing of the movie Sound of Freedom open to all with a special appearance by Mr. Caviezel while tickets last on **Friday, February 23rd.** For more details go to: [www.catholicbrothersforchrist.com](http://www.catholicbrothersforchrist.com)

With the Feast of Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (aka Candlemas) this past Friday, Christmas has definitively come to an end, and we have sung our last Alleluia until Easter. You can see their “burial” spot off to the side of the patio as you enter the Church. The grocery stores now remind us that (the secular/pagan versions of) St. Valentine’s and St. Patrick’s Day are approaching. By the time St. Patrick’s Day comes around this year, the Catholic Church will be in the final week of Lent..

Due to the busyness of these months, it’s easy to welcome this respite and let **Gesimatide** slip by without appreciation. Yet the season—first mentioned in a homily by St. Gregory the Great in the late 600s—is rich with meaning and purpose. So what does Gesimatide mean? The English equivalent to Gestimatide is the word “**Shrovetide**.” You may have also heard this time referred to as *Carnival*, which is derived from the Latin words *camem levare*. “to take away the flesh.” In the “Ecclesiastical Institutes,” written by Theodulphus and translated by Abt. Aelfric c. 1000, “Shrovetide” was recorded as : “In the week immediately before Lent everyone shall go to his confessor and confess his deeds and the confessor shall so **shrive** him as he then may hear by his deeds what he is to do in the way of penance.” With this emphasis on saying confession, Gesimatide becomes a preparation **for** Lent and encourages us to make confession of sin and receive absolution, thus making Lent a time for penance and renewal

of faith. Please look elsewhere in this bulletin for a notice of our expanded confession times this Lent. Gesimatide is, then, a preparation for preparation!

Before refrigerators, these weeks were also used to eat up perishables in your home—primarily cheese and meat. St. Gregory the Great, writing to St. Augustine of Canterbury, issued the following rule: “We abstain from flesh, meat and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese, and eggs.” These fasting rules governed the Catholic Church in England and developed into the tradition of **Shrove Tuesday**, when they would eat pancakes (made up of the last sugar, butter and eggs in your house) for dinner. (As a side note: this old tradition of giving up eggs is partly why we decorate eggs for Easter.)

Now is, for many traditional Catholics, the time to **decide** how to include fasting, or abstaining, in your upcoming Lenten discipline, rather than **waiting** until the evening of Shrove Tuesday to prepare, and to remove temptations from your home (pausing the Streaming Service for 40 days, say, or locking up the liquor cabinet.) By preparing **in** Gestimatide, we will be ready **to** receive ashes on February 14th. Last Sunday, we celebrated the first Gesima: Septuagesima. This time is truly a pre-Lenten season—the countdown to Easter has begun!

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:** Pre Lent—No Flowers

**Sanctuary Light:** John Quin for Leah Quin’s birthday

**Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady:** John Quin for Emma Allen’s birthday

**Lamp at the Shrine of St. Joseph:** John Quin for Bob Allen’s birthday

**Lamp at St. Terese:** Gerro Hayden in loving memory of Monica Stacke’s birthday

**Lamp at Blessed Karl:** Thomas Family for Cassidy Thomas’s birthday

**Lamp at St. Thomas More:** Valerie & Mark Murphree, In loving memory of Michael Hooper

**Lamp at St. John Fisher:** John Quin for Joshua Allen’s birthday

**Lamp at the Altar of Relics:** Thomas Family for Sr. Immaculata’s birthday