



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

February 25, 2024

8:00 am Altar Server Jon Carr
Ushers Miguel Uribe/Adam Muller

10:30 am Master of Ceremonies Brandon Gunnip
Thurifer Anthony Gunnip
Crucifer CarloPaulo Granados
Torchbearers Ayden Estrada/Rafael Gutierrez
Boat Boy Charles Aniemena - Chiedozie
Ushers Kevin Vina/Drew Smith
1:00 pm Altar Server Theo Irlbeck
Ushers Chris Taylor/Jacqui Payne

Divine Worship Order of Holy Mass

Second Sunday In Lent

February 25, 2024

Music of the Mass

Mass Setting: Simple Chant Mass

Entrance Hymn..... *Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Offertory Hymn..... *The God of Abraham*

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

Communion Hymn..... *Draw Nigh and Take The Body of the Lord*

Anthem..... *Transfiguration* by Mark Schweizer

Closing Hymn *O Light of Light*

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

Youth Choir meets immediately after the 10:30 Mass on Sundays (12:00) until 1:15. New members always welcome.

Collect

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

In those days: God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only-begotten son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order. Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only-begotten son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only-begotten son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

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.

Second Reading

Romans 8:31b-34

Brethren: If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us?

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 9:2-10

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

The Parish Offering

Weekly Offering Forecast.....	\$7,000.00
Sunday Offertory.....	\$9,975.00
Variance.....	\$2,975.00
Attendance.....	463
Ash Wednesday.....	335
Stations of The Cross.....	74

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; Johnny; Helen; Kenneth; Felicity; Joanne; Tom; Bill; Terry; Judy; Connie; Ed; Andrea; Emilia; Bernabey; Gustavo; Alonso; Mary; Elva; Kim; Ellie; Charles; Mary; Carol; Thomas; Zoe; Gaye; Suzie; Steve.

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

Megan & Josh; Lauren & Tom; Allie & Billy; Taylor & Van; Abby & Brian; Carrie & Tom; Victoria & Tom; Mary & Peter; Adele & Philip; 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: Maud Miller Carlson; Irene Chapin; *Monday:* Samuel Hartman Lane, Jr.; James Cobb, Sr.; *Wednesday:* Frank Vaca; *Friday:* Lynda Lee Wendt; Joseph Riley Irvin *Saturday:* Rachel Davis; Charlye Davis.

Bishop's Appeal Help the Ordinariate Thrive

Your participation is essential to the success of the Bishop's Appeal. While regular gifts to your parish are important, your annual gift to the Ordinariate is equally important. Please join others throughout the Ordinariate in supporting this campaign which will help the Ordinariate grow and thrive! Pick up a pledge card and envelope from the Parish today, (check payable to Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter), or visit ordinariate.net/bishops-appeal to give.

Young Adult Ministry

A prayer brunch is scheduled for today **Sunday, February 25th, from 12:30—2:30 pm.** in the parish library. We will have a potluck brunch and conversation with virtual guest speaker, Dr. David Delaney, a deacon of the Ordinariate and founder of the Mother of the America's Institute. He will be introducing us to his new catechetical series, "Made for Communion."

Also **Saturday, March 9th from 8 am—12 pm.** Join us for a morning hike at **Murrell Park** with **Fr. Bolin** and friends from St. Thomas Becket! We will enjoy Holy Mass in the beauty of God's creation and a time for extended

This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday, February 25

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 26

Mass at 12:00 p.m.
(*Mass Intention: Michael Ryan RIP*)

Tuesday, February 27

Mass at 12:00 p. m.
(*Mass Intention: Stephen Grosso for healing*)

Wednesday, February 28

Confessions at 11:00 a.m.
Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(*Mass Intention: Judy East*)

Thursday, February 29

Mass at 12:00 p.m.
(*Mass Intention: Al & Christy Rubalcaba for their anniversary*)

Friday, March 1

Mass at 12 p.m.
Adoration 1:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.
Confessions 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm
Stations of the Cross & Benediction 6:00 pm
Meatless potluck to follow
(*Mass Intention: Kathi Richards for her healing*)

Saturday, March 2

Mass at 9:00 a. m.
Confessions at 10:00 a.m.
(*Mass Intention: Benjamin Roy Landry's birthday*)

fellowship. Bring snacks, water, and sturdy shoes. For more information contact Kaitlyn Gainer at **832-984-4534**.

TOBET Lenten Mission

St Thomas Becket Parish would like to invite you to their Parish Lenten Mission: "Theology of the Body and the Paschal Mystery" presented by International speaker, Monica Ashour, MTS, M Hum of TOBET. **March 4-7, Monday—Thursday, 6:30—8:00 PM.** in the St. Thomas Becket Parish Gym. TOB is an ideal avenue for evangelization—invite your friends and family, Catholic and non-Catholic alike!

Catholic Men's Wilderness Retreat

On **April 12-14** come join other Catholic Ordinariate men from around the state of Texas for our first annual weekend men's campout retreat near Athens Texas. Men will gather on Friday evening and stay through Mass on Sunday morning. Come enjoy the talks, fraternal fellowship, outdoor events, and the Sacraments. All men over the age of 21 are invited and young men over 18 are welcome with their fathers. The cost is \$50.00 with scholarships available. For questions contact : Dave Kelly (davidkelly715@gmail.com)

More than 30 years ago, when I arrived at my first parish assignment. (St. Vincent's in Euless) as a newly-minted priest. I noticed a small framed parchment hanging in the Priest's Sacristy where we vested for Holy Mass: "O priest of God, offer this Mass as if it were your **first** Mass, your **last** Mass, your **only** Mass." This is call to resist celebrating Mass in a routine, mechanical manner was an invitation for me to always remember just how unique and special **each** celebration of the Mass really is. Sometimes we priests hear, "Oh Lent begins next Wednesday, ho hum. Do we have to go to Stations every Friday, or can we skip some?"

But this Lent could be your **first** real energized Lent; (let's hope it's not your **last** Lent.) Let me suggest ways to make it your "**Best** Lent Ever!" As we enter into this most sacred time of penance, reflection and fasting, let me offer these suggestions for consideration: **Set aside time to pray**—Fifteen minutes in a place that is technology and distraction free. During that time, be open to the presence of the Risen Christ, meditating on the depth of God's love, and offer Him your thanks. Our Church is open every day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in order that you can come and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. **Plan a retreat**—to a place that may lead to spiritual conversion. (I highly recommend the Sisters of Nazareth Retreat Center in Grand Prairie for a local retreat, or Clearcreek Monastery in Oklahoma for one which is not too far away) There are also some Ordinariate Themed opportunities as well—see bulletin for details. **Acknowledge**

sins and seek forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance—Lent is a perfect time to experience this very intimate encounter with God's mercy that is intended to lead to one's spiritual conversion. Every time we sin, we choose to live in darkness. In the Sacrament of Penance, we acknowledge our sins, express our sorrow, receive the forgiveness of Christ and His Church, resolve to do better in the future, and walk into the Light of Christ about which we hear at every Mass at the Last Gospel. Please note the additional times for Confession on Friday afternoon from 4:45 pm to 5:45 (just before Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm)

Demonstrate compassion for the downtrodden—Do you know anyone who is lonely, homeless and rejected, or considered unimportant by society? Do what you can to reach out with compassion, tenderness and love.

Bring hope to the poor—Offer your time or talent to a group, like Catholic Charities, which is already assisting others who can't afford basic shelter, health services and good nutrition. Plan to participate in the next "Finding Calcutta" Outreach Saturday. (And "Thank You" to all who helped in yesterday's Family Service Project for the Homeless) The Gospel entreats you to bring Christ our Hope to "these least of these my brethren." If we look to these suggestions on how best to keep a Good Lent, we may find that it is our "Best Lent Ever."

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: Lent—No Flowers

Sanctuary Light: Brignac family for Mary Pollice's healing

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

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Joseph: Gerro Hayden in memory of James Stacke's birthday

Lamp at St. Terese: Brignac family for Elva Johnson's healing

Lamp at Blessed Karl: SMV for Holy Souls in Purgatory

Lamp at St. Thomas More: John Quin for the Quin family

Lamp at St. John Fisher: Bryant family for Mary Yenney's healing

Lamp at the Altar of Relics: Southard family for Kathi's healing