

*July 5, 2020 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, July 4th, 5:00 pm  
 † Sue Mathis  
 by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, July 5th, 8:00 am  
 † John Manchester  
 by Colin Peterson

Sunday, July 5th, 10:00 am  
 † Scott Petrone and † Gregory Beecher  
 by Mary and Tom Macmanus

Sunday, July 5th, 1:00 pm  
 The People of the Parish

Monday, July 6th  
 † William Saparito  
 by Barbara Mathis

Tuesday, July 7th  
 Byron J. Wilson  
 by Rev. Richard C. Wilson

Wednesday, July 8th  
 All Souls of Purgatory  
 by Paul DiRuzzo

Thursday, July 9th  
 Laurie J. Duden  
 by Rev. Richard C. Wilson

Friday, July 10th  
 No Mass

Saturday, July 11th, 5:00 pm  
 † Frank and † Nancy Beal  
 by Karen Chewning

Sunday, July 12th, 8:00 am  
 † Thomas Delahunt  
 by the Delahunt Children

Sunday, July 12th, 10:00 am  
 The People of the Parish

Sunday, July 12th, 1:00 pm  
 † Rosa Gonzales  
 by Barbara Mathis

**Parish Support**

The offertory collection for January 18th and 19th was unavailable due to publication deadline. Look for those numbers in next weeks bulletin.

Thank you for worshipping with us!  
 If we can help you in your walk with Christ in any way, please call the church office.

**A Promise to Protect, A Pledge to Heal**

*Our goal at St Mary remains that the Parish be aware of and support the Safe Environment we seek to foster.*



**Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers:**

Elizabeth Flaherty-Lovy, Tracey Green Wakeland, Bonnie Geitz, Sydney Johnson, James A. Harrelson Jr., Kristin Melfi Fournier, Chris Dixon, Jim Geitz, John Howard, Barbara Mahaffey, Frank Del Duca, Carolyn Hicks, Bill Saparito, Betty Barr.



**Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:**

Keith Williamson, Aric Burks, Victoria Beltran, Michael Bryant, Jr, Karen Smith, Kevin Mattero, Sandy Hill, Jane Sementilli, Nancy Engel, "Bud" Williamson, Jack Myer, Jim Lauro, Addison Stringer, Lucille Jacobs, Sean Sheely, Irene Burks, Elijah Davis, Rachel Ecle, Wallace Moulton, Bill Jackson, Joe Larimore, Cynthia Dawson, George Nichols, Jennifer Gray, Nancy Harvath, Andrew Childers, Cameron Cook, Joanne Urso, Bryan Couture, Joan Kenny Marshall, Ellie Thomas, Donna Jones, Dr. Matt Stover, Carol Lusby, Brandie Barr, John Benford, Christi Sorokach Miller, John Belusz, Pat Teel, Shelly Rossi, Hal Ness, James DelGuidice, Dan South, Frankie Prox O'Donnell, Anthony Maslowski, Kim Howard, Winifred Poit, Mady Cavanaugh, Hayley Wolfe, Jamison Dumm, Rita Bonifati, William Bonifati, Chuck Vanover, Eugene Edwards, Arthur Cannon, Wayne Johnson, Sandra Garrett, Murrey Lord, Shelly Savage, Diane Cuptray, Mateo Lara, Lorna Campagna, Konrad Zeiske, Krystina Millar, Theresa Michau, Savannah Marie Mincey, Paul Renault, Gregorio Viray, Barbara Dumm, Mark Mercer, Linda DiPetrillo, Maureen Delahunt, George Chiha, Tammy Miychell, Elizabeth Del Duca, Brandy Barr, Victoria Barr, Maria Handy, Francly Green, James Manford, Pasquale Manto, Thomas Lusby, James A. Harrelson, III, Laura Saparito Leach, Mike Sorokach.

**Pray for those in our Military:**

Jonathan Greene, Brandon Parker, Joseph Fairfield, Sheena McGee, J. Thomas Joseph, Jason A. Schroeder, Tirik Drayton, Jay Rivers, Brian Eduardo Vazquez.

If you would like to add or delete a prayer request, or if you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish office at 843-546-7416. **If you want the Prayer Chain to pray for you, please call Faye Altman at 843-546-8301.**

A donation was made to  
 St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom  
 in memory Pat Korman by Joyce Ham.



**The Knights Corner  
 "Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"**

New Grand Knight Bob McMahan (843-729-6463) indicates that we are working out the plans for the Annual Installation of New Officers for our Knights of Columbus Council 3067 fraternal year 2020 - 2021. Plans will be announced soon; please check your email. The Grand Knight Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, July 25th at John Neuman School in Columbia and reportedly will be available virtually as well!

In a recent summary to our State Office, our Council 3067 reported the following activities during the Pandemic (March - June): continuation of the monthly Food Drive for delivery of donations to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands- 1,078 pounds; donations of \$100 each to Birthright of Georgetown and Family Justice Center; continued support to assigned staffing for all Masses (usher, lector, altar server, choral); elected officers for new fraternal year; Catholic Citizen Essay Award to Lynn Peters (\$100); Ronald Breznicky Catholic Action Award to JJ Tupacz (\$200); June Youth of the Month to Ashley Sanchez and Luz Gomez for their making as part of their Confirmation Service Project sixty facial COVID safety mask for St. Mary's (Youth Awards); sponsored a Mass in June supporting and celebrating Religious Freedom Week in the United States; held a membership fraternal Benefits presentation with our K of C Insurance Agent; and continued council support to our new Supreme initiative "Leave No Neighbor Behind." Please contact new Grand Knight Bob McMahan at 843-729-6463 if you know of anyone in the parish needing assistance.

Our next Council 3067 sponsored Food Drive will be July 18 - 19th and our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Tuesday, August 18th at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 1 to 6 pm. Chair Jim Lauro (610-513-2869) asks that you schedule your donation time in advance at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**To Report Abuse**

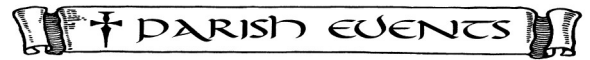
The Diocese of Charleston treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Louisa Storen, LISW at 843-856-0748 or 800-921-8122.

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### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14  
Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30  
**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26  
**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-7b, 8-10 Mt 9:32-38  
**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7  
**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17 Mt 10:16-23  
**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33  
**Next Sunday:** Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23



### St. Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society meets every third Tuesday at 3:00 pm in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Due to the coronavirus, meetings are canceled until further notice.



**Mass Intentions for 2020** may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

**To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2020** please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



## Liturgical Roles

July 11th Saturday 5:00 pm	July 12th Sunday 8:00 am	July 12th Sunday 10:00 am
<b>Lectors:</b> M Roberts	N McMahan	B Renault
<b>Ushers:</b> D Smith S Salamon P Wolfe	D/T Corvelli J Joseph T Clarke	J Tupacz JJ Tupacz TT Tupacz
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</b> N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Altar Servers:</b> D/T Macedo	C Carrasco	J Duncan
<b>Altar Care:</b> D Macedo	M Boelke	L Ortiz
<b>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</b>		

**Gospel Study Group** meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you there! All are welcome. Due to the coronavirus, meetings are canceled until further notice.

### Kissing the Altar at Mass

Question: Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer: Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" — we read: "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist" (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the "Book of the Gospels" after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the "living stone" (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the "household of faith" (see Galatians 6:10).

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### Safe Environment Program

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." **All volunteers** who serve at Masses or teach (Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Catechists, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) and all parish office volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete Safe Haven online training. Prior to volunteering, the parish must receive the clearance paperwork back from the diocese of Charleston. Please contact the parish office for forms.

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Gospel Meditation

We are all familiar with the refrain, "You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!" In Baptism, we "put on" Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God's vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life's journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God's unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn't it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!

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