

January 2, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1, 5:00 PM
† Rosemary Darrow
by her daughters

Sunday, January 2, 8:00 AM
No Mass

Sunday, January 2, 10:00 AM
† Peter Smith
by Mary and Win Wesel

Sunday, January 2, 1:00 AM
People of the Parish

Monday, January 3
No Mass

Tuesday, January 4, 8:00 AM
† Clayton Harrelson
by Knights of Columbus #3067

Wednesday, January 5, 5:30 PM
People of the Parish

Thursday, January 6, 8:00 AM
† Donna Jones
by Mary and John Cribb

Friday, January 7, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Saturday, January 8, 5:00 PM
† Leon Wojciechowski
by Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, January 9, 8:00 AM
† Jeannie and † Don DePorter
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Sunday, January 9, 10:00 AM
† Kristy Rae Smith
by the Joe Isaac, Jr. Family

Sunday, January 9, 1:00 AM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for December 25th and 26th was unavailable at the time of printing.

Sign Up For Online Giving

To access online giving visit our parish website www.stmaryourladyofransom.org then select "Parish Life," and then select "Online Giving".

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.

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.



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

Barbara Mahaffey, Carolyn Hicks, Betty Barr, Angel Khoury, and James A. Harrelson, III.



Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:

Natalie Wozniak, Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro, Fred Fisher, Tom Lusby, Carol Lusby, John Yaniga and John Kenny.

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 and Matthew Mathis.

The names on our prayer lists will be printed for three months or less if the prayers are answered. Names on our military list will remain until we are notified by a family member. Please help keep our lists current.

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.**



Fr. Touzeau and the parish staff hopes everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy new year! We pray that your year be filled with God's grace and love. May His blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy, and peaceful new year!

Prayer for the New Year

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights,
seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the
year and fill the months ahead with the
bright hope that is ours
in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning,
forever and ever.
Amen.



The Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

As you bring in the New Year, please be reminded that 2022 also brings in the 75th Anniversary of the Joseph M. Ros Sr. Council No. 3067, the fifth Knights of Columbus Council established in South Carolina! We will briefly review that history at our first business meeting on the second Thursday of the month, January 13, 2022! Hope to see you there!

The South Carolina Citizens for Life is again sponsoring the South Carolina Annual Life Rally Saturday, January 8, 2022 in Columbia. Our local Knights of Columbus Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 will again be joining Assemblies and Councils from throughout South Carolina in leading the march from USC's Russell Hall to the State House Capital for the rally to be held on the statehouse steps. You will have the opportunity to meet and hear from the State, and usually a National-Pro-Life supporters during the rally, as well as to meet fellow supporters from throughout our state and our part of the lowcountry. Our own Bishop from the Diocese of Charleston usually attends and the Diocese has been recognized as one of the largest financial supporters of this annual rally! For more information and directions, please contact our Council Life Director Colin Peterson at (843) 344-9771. Hope to see you there!

Also do not forget about the National Life Rally in Washington D.C. later on in January. There will be buses leaving from our area (usually from St. Michael's) should you choose to ride with some of your fellow believers; or you can meet us in Washington! There will be more on those plans in next week's bulletin. We plan to announce our Seminarian Program fundraising plans at the January meeting. We plan again this year to support two seminarians in their studies for the Diocese of Charleston.

The Columbus Hope Foundation Annual Banquet is tentatively set for Thursday, January 20th at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Plans will be confirmed at our January business meeting. Checks will be presented to the local Special Olympics Program (tentatively scheduled for the first week of April), the J.O.Y. School of Pawleys Island and the Georgetown County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs; and we will also recognize Walmart of Georgetown for allowing us to conduct our fundraising each year at their facility. Please plan to attend and hear presentations from each of these special needs organizations.

Shane Goheen is our Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent and he can be reached at (843) 457-5757.

The Epiphany of the Lord



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Liturgical Roles

January 8th Saturday 5:00 pm	January 9th Sunday 8:00 am	January 9th Sunday 10:00 am
Lector: L Lauro	W Roberts	C Howard
Ushers: D Smith C Peterson	D/T Corvelli J Joseph T Clarke	S/M Edwards
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
MF Lazzari K Chewning	N/B McMahan	B Renault
Altar Servers: D Macedo	C Humphries	L Hernandez
Altar Care: D Macedo	C Humphries	L Ortiz
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

PARISH EVENTS



Mass Intentions for 2021 may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2021 please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



Gospel Study Group meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome. If you have any questions or know someone who is interested in joining our group, please call Mary Boelke at (843)543-3537.

St. Mary's Altar Society

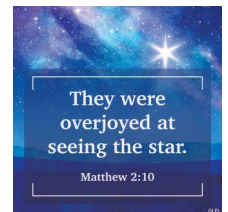
St. Mary's Altar Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 2 PM in our parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to become active members. For more information call Ann Boone (843-235-4094) or Mary Roberts (843-546-4800).

Religious Education

Religious education classes will resume January 9th.

We Do Have a Website!

www.stmaryourladyofransom.org
Check it out!



Gospel Meditation

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the full-est truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPI