

December 26, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25, 5:00 PM
No Mass

Sunday, December 26, 8:00 AM
No Mass

Sunday, December 26, 10:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, December 26, 1:00 AM
People of the Parish

Monday, December 27
No Mass

Tuesday, December 28, 8:00 AM
No Mass

Wednesday, December 29, 5:30 PM
No Mass

Thursday, December 30, 8:00 AM
No Mass

Friday, December 31, 8:00 AM
No Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass

Friday, December 31, 5:00 PM
People of the Parish

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1
10:00 AM (English)
Virginia Scott
by Ben Alexander
1:00 PM (Spanish)
People of the Parish

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

Parish Support

The offertory collection for December 11th and 12th was \$6,786.37. **This includes \$1,354.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,386.37 over our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

The offertory collection for December 18th and 19th was unavailable at the time of printing.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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:

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



Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:

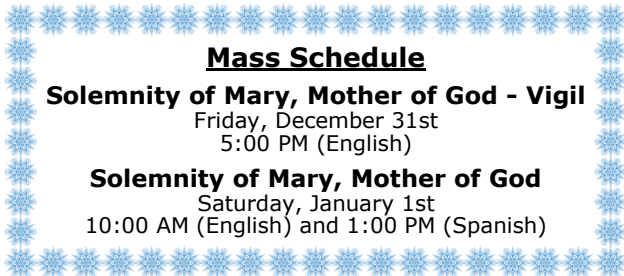
Natalie Wozniak, Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro, Fred Fisher, Tom Lusby, Carol Lusby, John Yaniga and John Kenny.

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.**



Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Vigil

Friday, December 31st
5:00 PM (English)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1st
10:00 AM (English) and 1:00 PM (Spanish)



Church Office Closed

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 27th through Friday, December 31st, for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.



A donation was made to St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom in memory of Rosemary Darrow by her daughters.



The Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

YES- CHRISTMAS IS HERE!! Hopefully we all recognize that indeed, JESUS was our Greatest Gift!! Merry Christmas to all!!

Our council finished a busy, satisfying and successful year with a couple of VERY SPECIAL events: St. Cyprian Christmas Outreach Food Boxes where we were able to respond to a special opportunity to assist this new program by reaching deep into our Food Pantry Project funds and supplied an additional 50 of their 100 boxes with canned and dry food items all made possible by a special anonymous gift of a past parishioner who continues to believe very strongly in this work that we do in this important area of need in our community. AND a couple of knights who took time from their busy holiday schedules to help others in need in our community by also helping in that distribution process last week! Also our council successfully responded to a request from St. Mary's Altar Society in their community outreach project in helping place 25 or so holiday decorated shoe boxes of gift items to veterans in need in the Georgetown Community! As with those who were able to take part in the delivery of 436 meals Thanksgiving Day to Those in Need AND to raise in excess of \$12,000 for special need citizens of Georgetown County with local awards to Special Olympics, The J.O.Y. School of Pawleys Island and the Georgetown County Board of Disability and Special Needs, to the awarding of a youth in our parish for winning our Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest and various Youth Awards for Service throughout this past year, indeed we can be proud of what our Council was able to accomplish during 2021! THANK YOU!!

The South Carolina Right to Life Rally will again this year be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 in Columbia. It all starts with a march from the University of South Carolina's Russell Hall on campus, down to the steps at our State House Capital Building, where special statewide and often national Pro Life Speakers, often including our own Bishop from the Diocese of Charleston, will put on an approximate one-hour program that provides stimulating and proactive updates on what is happening in this important area of interest in South Carolina and throughout the United States. Our Georgetown/Pawleys Island Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 is also planning to represent us at this annual event again this year. Please contact our Life Director Colin Peterson at (843)344-9771 for more information.

Our Joseph M. Ros Sr. Council 3067 meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Maryville Social Hall located at 2009 South Fraser St. We look forward to a strong kickoff to 2022. Our next Council Meeting will be at 6 PM Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8 Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

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

Liturgical Roles

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God		The Epiphany of the Lord	
Dec. 31st Friday 5:00 PM	Jan. 1st Saturday 10:00 AM	Jan. 1st Saturday 5:00 PM	Jan. 2nd Sunday 10:00 AM
Lectors: L Altman	C Howard	Lectors: J Strenk	T Howard
Ushers: C Peterson D Smith	T Macmanus E Kimbrough H Moore B Yacavino	Ushers: C Peterson D Smith	S/M Edwards
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A Vega	B Pittman	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A/A Vega	TBD
Altar Servers: D Macedo	B McMahan	Altar Servers: D Macedo	TBD
Altar Care: D Macedo	MJ Clark	Altar Care: P Hughes	M Boelke
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.			

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

—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

Thank you to everyone that participated and helped with Living Rosary.

Welcome Robert and Juliet!

Congratulations to Harris and Betsy Chewning. Their son, Robert Huntley Chewning, was baptized on Saturday, December 11th.

As well, congratulations to Brenda Gomez whose daughter, Juliet Joy Gomez was baptized on Saturday, December 18th.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Gospel Meditation

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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