

August 23, 2020 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22nd, 5:00 pm
 † Bill Saparito
 by Pat and John Geiger

Sunday, August 23rd, 8:00 am
 † Elmore Ouellette
 by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, August 23rd, 10:00 am
 † Amelia J. Isaac
 by the Joe Isaac, Jr. Family

Sunday, August 23rd, 1:00 pm
 People of the Parish

Monday, August 24th
 † Grandparents Kasimir and † Marja Szalkiewicz
 by Jill Saparito

Tuesday, August 25th
 People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 26th
 † Connie McDavid
 by Barbara and Bill Evans

Thursday, August 27th
 † Franklin McHale Bowden
 by Francis Kane

Friday, August 28th
 No Mass

Saturday, August 29th, 5:00 pm
 † Bill Saparito
 by Mary and Bob Roberts

Sunday, August 30th, 8:00 am
 Available
 Please call the office

Sunday, August 30th, 10:00 am
 Available
 Please call the office

Sunday, August 30th, 1:00 pm
 Available
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Parish Support

The offertory collection for August 15th and 16th was \$6,120.00. **This includes \$1,095.00 from online giving.** This is \$720.00 over our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

The Catholic Miscellany

If you are a registered parishioner & don't currently receive our Diocesan publication of the awarding-winning Miscellany, please let the office know and we will be glad to send you this monthly publication.

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



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 and 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, 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, Hayley Wolfe, Jamison Dumm, Chuck Vanover, 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 Di-Petrillo, Maureen Delahunt, George Chiha, Tammy Miychell, Victoria Barr, Maria Handy, Francy Green, James Manford, Pasquale Manto, Thomas Lusby, James A. Harrelson, III, Laura Saparito Leach, Mike Sorokach, Daniel Vega, Mandy Moore, and Nick Nicoletti.

Pray for those in our Military:

Jonathan Greene, Brandon Parker, Joseph Fairfield, Sheena McGee, J. Thomas Joseph, Jason A. Schroeder, Tirik Drayton, Jay Rivers, and 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.**



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

Thanks to all those who were able to volunteer for our August 18th Semi-Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Chair Jim Lauro reports that we had all the blood donation times filled with advance registrations; and we will have the actual number of successful units of blood that were donated by next week's report. Again, a great job by Jim and his team!

Our monthly Food Pantry Drive at St. Mary's Catholic Church, the third weekend of each month, was once again a success last weekend, August 15-16th, allowing us to exceed 2000 pounds of donated food for 2020! The food was delivered to St. Cyprian Outreach Center and Georgetown Helping Hands. The next Food Pantry Drive will be the weekend of September 19-20, 2020. Donations can be dropped off either of those days in the boxes located in the narthex of St. Mary's Church.

While the annual Knights of Columbus Philip Grant Assembly 3272 golf tournament to raise money for the on-going maintenance of the Georgetown County War Memorial site located between the VFW Post 6444 and the American Legion at Broad and Church Sts. in Georgetown has been canceled for this year due to precautions associated with COVID-19, donation checks can still be made payable to "Knights of Columbus Assembly 3272", c/o St. Mary's Church, 317 Broad St., Georgetown, S.C. 29440. Please note in the check memo "GCWM Fund". Any questions, please contact Colin Peterson at 843-344-9771. Further you are encouraged to take some time to review these impressive monuments, which pay tribute to those persons from Georgetown County who served our nation and gave their lives to ensure our freedoms are maintained.

You are encouraged to review the glass display board on the right as you enter St. Mary's Church which displays some of our Council's past charitable contributions to our Parish and community before the onset of COVID-19! New Grand Knight Bob McMahan (843-729-6463) will update as soon as we decide to once again resume our monthly meetings and other charitable programs in the Georgetown community.

Knights of Columbus Field Insurance Agent Shane Goheen remains on call as needed: ph. 843-457-5757 or email at shane.goheen@kofc.org.

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.



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Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10-13 Mt 22:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21
Mk 6:17-29
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

PARISH EVENTS

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

August 29th Saturday 5:00 pm	August 30th Sunday 8:00 am	August 30th Sunday 10:00 am
Lectors: M Roberts	C Ramsey	P Lazzari
Ushers: J Lauro P Medved C Peterson	P Karre N Giesler W Hoppe T Clarke	S/M Edwards K/F Pieterse
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: N/A	N/A	N/A
Altar Servers: D/T Macedo	J Espinoza J Espinoza	G Baker
Altar Care: A White	M Boelke	L Ortiz
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.		

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.

Welcome Fr. Michel Mukad !

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom parishioners and office staff would like to warmly welcome Fr. Michel to our church.

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PRIEST

Lord, we ask for your blessing upon our new priest, Fr. Michel. We thank you for the gifts and talents that you have bestowed upon him to fulfill his mission, Christ's work. May we be generous in our welcome and ever grateful for his ministry. May we grow evermore deeply spiritually, socially and in service to one another to Christ our Lord.
Amen

State of Grace

Sister Pamela Smith, SSCM Diocesan Director of Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs, has written a book detailing the long presence of Catholicism in South Carolina & the 200 year history of the Diocese of Charleston! Softcover, 224 pages; 32-page full-color insert: \$26.99 plus S&H. Now available at Pauline Books & Media, 243 King Street, Charleston or online at charlestondiocese.org/bicentennial.

Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education will begin after the Masses on Sunday, August 23rd. REMOTE learning classes will begin in September and will continue until we receive notice that the Georgetown County School District starts HYBRID learning. At that time, you will be given the option of in-person classes for those that are interested. The children that were scheduled to receive their First Communion last May are required to attend in-person classes. The registration fee is \$20/child and \$10/additional child within the immediate family. If anyone is interested in becoming a Catechist or knows someone that is interested, please contact the office.

New Ministry Opportunity

Tutoring Hispanic Children: Grades Kindergarten to Third grade, after school hours, here in Parish Hall. Would you like to help? Contact Yorky at the Parish office. Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00. Thank you!

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel Meditation

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?