

August 30, 2020 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, August 30th, 8:00 am
 Elizabeth Flaherty-Lovy

Sunday, August 30th, 10:00 am
 † Wayne Johnson
 by Karen and Mike Macedo

Sunday, August 30th, 1:00 pm
 People of the Parish

Monday, August 31st
No Mass

Tuesday, September 1st
 Tracey Green Wakeland

Wednesday, September 2nd
 Bonnie Geitz

Thursday, September 3rd
 Sydney Johnson

Friday, September 4th
 James A. Harrelson, Jr.

Saturday, September 5th, 5:00 pm
 David Smith
 by Sandy and Colin Peterson

Sunday, September 6th, 8:00 am
 Kristin Melfi Fournier

Sunday, September 6th, 10:00 am
 Chris Dixon

Sunday, September 6th, 1:00 pm
 People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for August 22nd and 23rd was \$3,419.00. **This includes \$999.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,981.00 under our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

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.

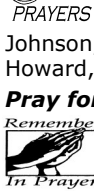
*Thank you for worshipping with us!
 If we can help you in your walk with Christ in any way, please call the church office.*

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:



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 Matteredo, 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, Francly Green, James Manford, Pasquale Manto, Thomas Lusby, James A. Harrelson, III, Laura Saporito 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"**

Joseph M. Ros Sr. Council 3067 would like to welcome Father Michel Muked to our St. Mary's Parish and we look forward to serving him over the coming years.

The Red Cross Blood Drive August 18 was very successful, with all 44 Appointments advanced-filled, 41 persons attempted to donate and a total of 41 usable units were successfully generated (37 whole units and 2 power red donations). THANK YOU to all those who donated their time and/or blood to this very important and successful project! Our next Blood Drive is Tuesday February 16, 2021.

Council 3067 Board met for the first time since March at the Maryville Social Hall on August 18th to discuss plans going forward. While we will continue to operate under the COVID19 guidelines (until further notice), we did schedule our next Membership Meeting back to the regular schedule of "the 2nd Thursday of each month". That next meeting therefore will be Thursday September 10th at Maryville Social Hall. Our new Grand Knight Bob McMahan (will announce specific times and the agenda will be announced by September 1st.

Knight of the Month for August will be Jim Lauro for his excellent management plan and execution of the very successful Red Cross Blood Drive August 18th. Knight Family of the Month are Tom and Diane Macedo for their immediate return and continued serving at weekend Masses when St. Mary's re-opened a few months ago from the COVID19 precautions.

The Annual Knights of Columbus Assembly 3272 Golf Tournament to continue our pledge to support the maintenance of the Georgetown County War Memorial Site at Broad and Church St. in Georgetown has been postponed due to COVID 19 concerns until 2021. As announced earlier, however, Donations have begun to come in toward this commitment. Further, an anonymous 4th Degree Knight has also made a pledge to match any donations up to \$2,500! If you are interested in donating, please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus Assembly 3272", mark in the memo "GCWM Fund" and you can leave in the Knights mailbox at St. Mary's; or you can mail it to the same at 317 Broad St., Georgetown, S.C. 29440. Thanks to all those who have contributed thus far.

Knights of Columbus Field Agent Shane Goheen remains available to address any insurance issues; and please call him as needed at 843-457-5757.

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Weekly Readings

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

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

Sept 5th Saturday 5:00 pm	Sept 6th Sunday 8:00 am	Sept 6th Sunday 10:00 am
Lectors: J Strenk	J Dumm	B Renault
Ushers: C Walker S Salamon P Wolfe D Smith	B Roberts M/T Clarke G Johnson C Bryant	K/B Yacavino A/J Spaguolo
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: N/A N/A N/A		
Altar Servers: B Mathis C Carrasco M Carlton		
Altar Care: A White A Boone 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.



Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Wayne Johnson, who passed away on August 24, 2020. Please keep them in your prayers. May Wayne's soul rest in peace.



New Daily Mass and Adoration Schedule



Beginning this week, there will no longer be a daily Mass held on Mondays. This Mass will be moved to Friday. On Fridays, Mass will be at 5:30 pm followed by Adoration from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

RENEW THE SPIRIT AND REFRESH THE MIND

Enjoy time out for a personal retreat at Springbank retreat in nearby Kingstree, SC. Private rooms ensuite, spiritual direction available. Set on 80 acres of quiet beauty with rich cultural history, Springbank offers retreats, programs and small group meeting space. Safety protocols in place. Contact Sr. Anita Braganza, IBVM at 843-372-6311.

Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education will continue after the Sunday Masses until September 13th. 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, we will be giving 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 know someone that is interested, please contact the office.

A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for donating a television for one of the Religious Education classrooms.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity

The Diocese of Charleston has just partnered with the **University of Dayton** (sponsored by the Marianist Brothers and Priests) to offer virtual courses for a minimal amount -- \$40 for seminars; \$50 for courses -- for any interested parishioner or staff person. Go to <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/> and sign up as a student and get a profile. Check out the number of courses offered. For more information, please contact Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF, Associate Director of the Office of Spirituality and Formation for Ministry at 843-261-0498 or e-mail: kadamski@charlestondiocese.org.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel Meditation

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.