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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday:  
4:00 pm Vigil

Sunday:  
9:00 am  
11:00 am en Español

Mon, Tues, Thurs:  
8:00 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm Español &  
Friday 6:00 pm

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday:  
8:30 am to 9:30 am

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm  
(closed 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm)

Friday:  
8:30 am - 12:00 noon

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# **St. Mary Roman Catholic Church** Iglesia Católica Romana de Santa María



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**SUNDAY, December 25th, 2022**



*The Nativity of the Lord*

**Parish Mission Statement:**

We the people of St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Called by God,  
Approach the Father in Word and Sacrament, Live relationship with Jesus in Catholic  
Community, Seek the Called in the Love of the Holy Spirit

**MASS INTENTIONS, DAILY GOSPEL****The Nativity of the Lord****December 25, 2022**

Year A

<b>Sat. Dec. 24</b>	Jn. 1:1-18	4:00 p.m.		<b>Seigworth Family</b> (Chris Seigworth)
<b>Sun. Dec. 25</b>	Jn. 1:1-18 <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ +	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Iris Matthews</b> (Joey & Carla Matthews)
<b>Mon. Dec. 26</b>	Mt.10:17-22 <i>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</i>	8:00 a.m.	+	<b>Martina Aguila</b> (Anonymous)
<b>Tues. Dec. 27</b>	Jn. 20:1a, 2-8 <i>St. John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i>	8:00 a.m.	+	<b>Iris Matthews</b> (Joey & Carla Matthews)
<b>Wed. Dec. 28</b>	Mt. 2:13-18 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	6:00 p.m.	+	<b>Alvaro Cobian (Child)</b> (Rebeca Cobian)
<b>Thurs. Dec. 29</b>	Lk. 2:22-35 <i>St. Thomas Becker, Bishop an Martyr</i>	8:00 a.m.	+ +	<b>Juan De La Peña</b> <b>Julita De la Peña</b> (Aida Zlomke)
<b>Fri. Dec. 30</b>	Mt. 2:13-15, 19-23 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	6:00 p.m.		<b>David Kent</b> (Anonymous)
<b>Sat. Dec. 31</b>	Lk. 2:16-21 <i>Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	4:00 p.m.		<b>Seigworth Family</b> (Chris Seigworth)
<b>Sun. Jan. 1</b>	Lk. 2:16-21 <i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.		<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>

## Reflection for The Nativity of the Lord: Year A

**The Grand Illusion**

Fr. Mark Suslenko

We are easily misled. Media stories often leave us wondering what really happened. Faked photos of astounding things go ‘viral’ and many believe they are real. The internet can be a confusing and often misleading place to find what is true. Is what we are seeing or hearing the truth or simply some illusion created by an imaginative or devious mind? We tend to follow the masses and are easily convinced of something’s authenticity when it is seemingly verified by a majority of folks. This is the case for fashion trends, the latest figures of speech, philosophies or social styles. We need a yardstick to measure whether what we are buying into is authentic, trustworthy, and real or just something trendy and illusory. Perhaps we do not need to be too careful about the trustworthiness of matters like fashion and style, but we certainly ought to be when it comes to understanding ourselves as human beings. The World Wide Web may affirm what we want to hear, but it cannot tell us who we really are.

Who are we? To what reliable and trustworthy source do we look to understand ourselves? We live in a consumption based, disposable world. If something breaks, we buy a new one. In our materially dependent world, it is easy to cast aside the permanent in favor of the changeable and replaceable. Everything becomes fluid. What worked yesterday is replaced with a new and improved version tomorrow. We fill our lives with business. Often feeling stressed, what is immediately before us is enough to attend to. It is no wonder that many choose not to explore deeper existential questions. Human life runs the risk of being viewed with the same lens as everything else: disposable, replaceable, and changeable.

However, there is one interesting fact about life that is most certain: none of us chose to be here. We simply are. Taking the world at face value, one can certainly conclude that human life is just a random affair. Make the best of it, get whatever you can, avoid hardship and suffering. Soon enough, the ride will be over. Is this true? “But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man’s decision but of God.” (John 1:12-13) Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, a birth that reveals God’s greatest accomplishment. Today humanity knows that it is not here by some random act or by pure human choice but because of a magnificent and wonderful Divine blessing. The humble birth of Jesus Christ shows the world that every human being is a unique, incredible, blessed and infinitely loved child of God. God wants us to be who we are! There is no way that the world can reveal this eternal truth to us. All the world can do is offer us illusions and myths that entertain us but do not redeem us.

Much of the violence we see in the world occurs at the hands of people who do not know they are loved. Loving well can only happen when a human soul first knows that it is loved by God and then realizes his or her sacred obligation to love others. Rooting the gift of love in God is the only way to perfect it. Sadly, due to centuries of sin and error, human love has been distorted and the unloved and unaccepted now walk among us. Consider what life would be like if Advent’s peaceful and harmonious vision could be tasted just a bit as we walk through this world. Life would look so different if we only believed, with our whole hearts, minds, and souls in God’s vision for who we are meant to be. Harmony, gentleness, and peace would more easily be found. Christmas would not be something we simply celebrate, but actually live.



If a person takes their cues about who they are solely from the secular world, they will most certainly be lost. Many people aren’t willing to give up on the whole “god-idea” but are very reluctant to invest themselves completely into specific ideologies, conceptions, and theologies about God. Hence, we find the growing popularity of the phrase “spiritual but not religious.” Instinctively they realize there is something more to who they are but are hesitant to

commit to what precisely that is. Given the growing popularity of this illusion, it is no wonder why in many parts of the world, including here, institutional Christianity is in decline. Yet, in the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, this longing for the anchor of faith that makes sense of it all still pulses within each soul.

In order for the birth of Christ to have power and effectively mean something, it cannot be something that is just celebrated once a year. We have to completely buy into what God is saying to us today and find the courage to allow it to change our lives. How do we live the incarnation? Do we really have faith that God became one of us in Jesus Christ? If we do, we will see that it is a game changer for sure. A real living faith in the incarnation means that our lives need to change. Our priorities have to shift, how we understand our identities in God becomes clearer, our life goals, and our souls all take on a crisper importance. As we sing Silent Night, O Holy Night, Joy to the World and Hark the Herald Angels Sing with fervor these next couple weeks, we also ought to be thinking about how all this talk can translate into greater action.

Christianity is in decline. That is for sure. There is a reason why people are no longer finding faith, hope and love within our walls and in our lives. The birth of Christ will not fit into a neat little box like those we find under our Christmas trees. It never did and it never will. The incarnation is always carried forth by the creative and rejuvenating power of God’s Holy Spirit. The message today confirms that God never abandons his people, he is always with us. And so, God is with us even in the confusing moments of where the tides of life are bringing us today. The silence is not really silent as it speaks softly to us and always calls. There are people, who may not call themselves Christian, who are living the Beatitudes and the unconditional love taught and embodied by the Son of God. There is something instinctual about the incarnation. God does not leave his people.

If the systems around us, both secular and religious, are losing their effectiveness and relevance, then what are we going to do about it? This question needs to be at the heart of dialogue in the Church’s magisterium, dioceses throughout the world, every parish in every town and in every home. We have been given the gift of a message today that God wants the world to hear. If it remains just a pious sentiment with little relevance or purpose, then the sights, sounds, and smells that lift up our souls today will soon become a nostalgic memory. Trusting in the guidance that led that first star to Bethlehem, we have to trust that if we can remain open and listen, God will bring us where we need to be. We need to trust. Faith inspired Joseph and Mary to leave their home, love brought them to Bethlehem and hope was brought into the world. People need this. People need to believe in the Gospel. People need a Church that can bring that Gospel into the world. People want what is real.

## Sharing our Gifts

### What We Gave Back to God

December 18, 2022

Attendance unknown

Needed to meet weekly expenses	\$ 8,000.00
Plate Collection	\$unknown
Online Giving	\$unknown
Building Fund	\$unknown

#### November 2022

Monthly Operating Expense	\$30,221.00
Monthly Plate Collection	\$32,233.52
Deficit or Gain	+\$ 2,012.52

### Our Daily Bread

Thank you for your continued support of Our Daily Bread ministry. We have made and distributed 18,807 sandwiches year to date, and 324,080 since inception (September 2013).

**WE ARE IN NEED OF MONEY DONATIONS, FOR LICENSE, APRONS, HAIRNETS.** You may drop your donation off at the Parish Center.

**Due to the increase demand for sandwiches we are need of more volunteers every Monday 9:00AM TO 11:30AM**

If you are interested, please come  
David Hunter at 714-726-6130.



Thank you, once again!

## Donate your Change

Be sure to pick up a special offering box or can at the back of the church. Write that it's for the building fund, your name and phone number on it before you turn it in.

All monies will go toward future building improvement projects in the parish campus.



### Featured Advertiser

# Affordable Income Tax

## Business & Individual Dominick Varallo

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Thanks to our advertisers we receive our bulletins—free of charge.

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## Brick Garden



*We are continuing to take brick orders. This is a wonderful way to pay honor to someone you love or to be remembered as part of St. Mary history for years to come. Bricks are \$50 for a 4x8 and \$100 for a 8x8. Call the Parish Office for an order form or to place your order.*

*The brick garden is growing — don't miss the opportunity to be a part of it.*

## Parish News and Events

### Parish Events This Week

**Monday, Dec. 26**

Parish Office Closed Christmas

**Tuesday, Dec. 27**

**Wednesday, Dec. 28**

Rosary	10:00am	Rm. 5,6,7
Choir-Eng.	4:30pm	Church
Choir	4:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7
JPC	6:30pm	JB House
CERS	6:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7

**Thursday, Dec. 29**

R.E.	5:30pm	Rm 5,6,7
	All classrooms,	Library

**Friday, Dec. 30**

Choir	4:30pm	Church
CERS	6:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7
	Library &	Kitchen

**Saturday, Dec. 31**

Confessions	8:30am	Church
Mass	4:00pm	Church



### Gift Shop

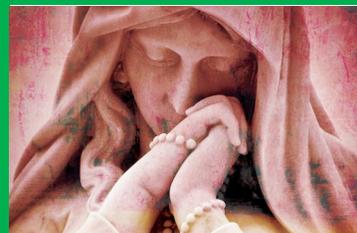
#### Hours of Operation

**Saturdays,  
Before & After Mass**

**Sundays,  
Before & After Masses**

We have medals, bibles, rosaries, Chapel veils, prayer cards, missals, large print bibles, religious candles, various statues. *New items have arrived.*

Come soon for the best selection.



### First Saturday Devotion

Saturday,  
January 7, 2023  
2:30pm to 3:30pm - Chapel



### \*\*\*Altar Flowers\*\*\*

Parishioners now have the opportunity to contribute to the Altar Flowers “in memory” or “in honor” of a loved one.

Donation is \$50.00. There are two bouquets for the altar. It is your choice of donating for one or two. The names will be published in the bulletin.



*Thank you to the Hispanic  
Community for the  
beautiful flowers*

*Fr. Victor wants to extend an  
invitation to the parish  
community to make donations  
for altar flowers.*

## Parish News

### REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

In order to baptize your child in our parish, the following documents are required before you begin the process.

1. Must be registered parishioner
2. Must have child's birth certificate
3. Godparents must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing. This means they have received Confirmation (certificate is required). If they are married, a copy of their Catholic marriage is required. A letter of good standing and proof of completion of a baptismal preparation is required for both parents and Godparents. These forms will be included in packet.

Preparation takes time. Please call the Parish Office (928) 377-3435 ext. 0 information.

I can not set a date for baptism unless all requirements are met.



To learn more about Catholic Charities Veterans Service or to donate, call 1-855-256-9419 or visit us at [CatholicCharitiesAZ.org](http://CatholicCharitiesAZ.org)

Did you know? There are more than 48,000 homeless veterans in the United States.

Catholic Charities' Veterans Services in Northern Arizona serves low-income men, women and families who are facing a housing crisis to obtain stable housing.

From Catholic Charities to all veterans, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



### Rosary Group

**Wednesdays at 10:00am in Parish Center: Room 5,6,7**

If you are unable to attend the Wednesday rosary, but would like to be included in prayer, please leave your prayer petition on the clipboards in the Gift store. God Bless



### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

*Invites all women of our parish to join us in Love, Faith and Fellowship*



**Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life** Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, a study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today through engaging videos presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship.

We meet on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings, 6:00pm – 7:30pm in the Parish Center Library.** First meeting – **September 20th Order through [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com)** – Study Program: \$29.95 includes book, workbook, timeline chart and online access for one year. For more information, contact Rina Rabaiotti at 928-279-2167, [caterinar1986@gmail.com](mailto:caterinar1986@gmail.com) We hope you can join us!

## Events & News



### *Please pray for all who are sick or infirmed:*



*Carl Cena, Lori Davies, Robert Comstock, Linda Pinnick, Carol Kreft, Diane Schatz, Stella Dombrowski, Ray Martin, Rita Cownie, Mark Kucharek, Fr. Charlie Urnick, James Cleary, Angie Huizenga, Sandra Lyons, James Driscoll, Michael Barrett, Diane Seiler, Frankie Daiber, Fermin Esquibel, Joseph Matthews, Richard Potts, Mary Woodward, Toni Grzechowika, Ron Tuohey Sr., Don Hall, Richard Fernandez, Anthony Fernandez, Richard Bothwell Susan & Steve Richards, Ventura Villalobos, Jaime Fernandez, Susan Regino, Ellsie Taylor, Ryan Smith, Olivia Sanchez, Ann Peterson, Helena Hall, Gabriel Esquibel, Teresita Mocato, Aurora Marchece, Caitlin Amburgue, Peyton Mann, Jaime O'Niell, Art Penfold, Jerrod Wetzal, Teresa Stafford, Jacque Sweetman, Fernando Galvan Jr, Gary Gallant, Rocco DiConza, Rick Maiero, Alex Freiday, Jimmy Gifford, Nora Wisely, Marietta Green, Yolanda Gallegos, Josh Lazarski, Ann Collins, Patrick & Jennifer Weinmiester, Con Sanchez, Don & Pam Weinmiester, Bob Lucero, Susan Cowin, Carmen & Robert Clemente, Andrew Cotton, Lupe Natividad, Michael DeGraff, Jean Marie Hunt*



**Please pray for all those who have died, especially;**

**Luna Slane,  
Abraham Gonzalez  
John Mayr**



### **Musicians and Singers Wanted !**

St. Mary Music Ministry is still looking for singers, piano, guitar, or any instrument players of any skill level and of any age. Please consider and pray about joining us. The more the merrier and you are needed and wanted. Every person that joins or rejoins can only make us stronger and better. As the Christmas Season rapidly approaches we need you more than ever! We are also taking steps toward having a children's choir. All are welcome! See us after Mass, call the office 928-377-3435 ext. 4, come to practice on Wednesday at 4:30 pm in the Church, come try us out. We need you! The parish needs you!

## **FORMED**

Formed ofrece una gran cantidad de películas, charlas de audio, programación infantil y muchos estudios diferentes. Esta semana en Formado puedes encontrar:

1. Con Dios en Rusia Bien conocido por su heroica historia de sobrevivir 24 años en campos de prisioneros rusos, esta película sobre el gran jesuita P. Walter Cizek traza su increíble resistencia y lucha por la supervivencia.
2. Las últimas cosas La película presenta la realidad de la muerte y lo que seguirá para cada persona, primero el Juicio Particular ante Dios, y segundo, el Cielo o el Infierno como nuestro destino por toda la eternidad.
3. ¿Qué es el cielo? ¿Existe el cielo? ¿Es el cielo la Iglesia eterna?

Este es un servicio GRATUITO, pagado por St Mary. Por favor, sintonice para aprender más sobre nuestra hermosa fe.

Visita [signup.FORMED.org](http://signup.FORMED.org) Ingrese el nombre y la ubicación de nuestra parroquia Ingrese su nombre y correo electrónico Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al 928 377-3435 ext. 0

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

- Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
- Next Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

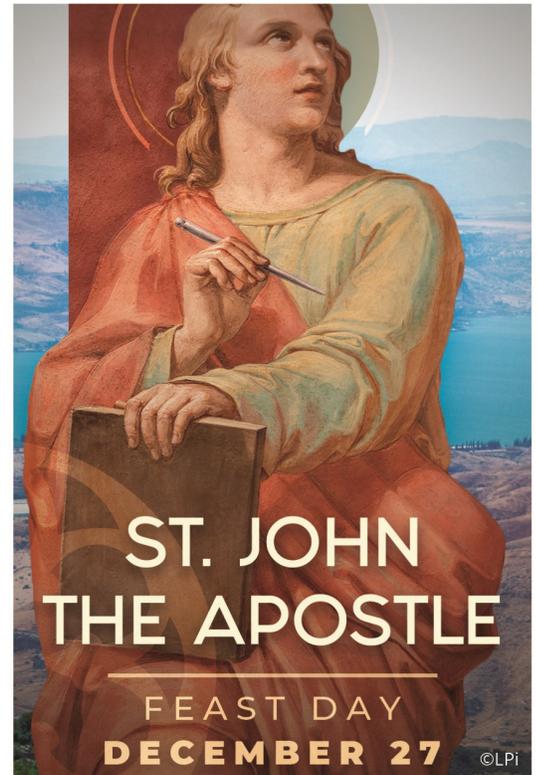
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## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

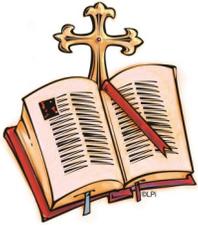
Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death.

Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion.

Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written.

Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan.

## Religious Education and News



# Youth Bible Study



"But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say that you are too young, but go to the people I send you to, and tell them everything I command you to say.' " -Jer. 1, 7 Hey you! We are inviting all the youth ages 13-18 to join us Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm for our Youth Bible Study! Come and join us to learn more about your faith and the Word of God! Be sure to bring a Bible and a notebook! For more information contact Mariela Balderrama @ (928) 769-2707.

"Pero el Señor me dijo: 'No digas que eres muy joven. Tú irás a donde yo te mando, y dirás lo que yo te ordene.' " -Jer. 1, 7 Atención jóvenes de edades 13-18! Te invitamos a que vengas a nuestro curso bíblico para jóvenes los miércoles de 7pm-8pm. Acompáñanos para aprender más de la fe y de la Palabra de Dios! No olviden su biblia y cuaderno! Para más información contacta a Mariela Balderrama @ (928) 769-2707.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests. (Is 9:5)

### PSALM:

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. (Ps 96)

### SECOND READING:

Beloved:  
The grace of God has appeared, saving all. (Ti 2:11)

### GOSPEL:

"Do not be afraid;  
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.  
For today in the city of David  
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."  
(Lk 2:10-11)

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## Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother



Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is a powerful bible study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. You will experience the gospel through the eyes of Mary and get a vivid glimpse into her daily life. Seeing her in this way will lead you to a deeper relationship with the Blessed Mother and her son, Jesus.

If you are interested in this study, come join us on the first and third Tuesday, mornings at 10:00am in Parish Center room 5,6,7 beginning September 6, 2022.

You can order your book through Ascension Press titled "Mary A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" by Edward Sri. Contact Grace McNair at [grace.mcnair@gmail.com](mailto:grace.mcnair@gmail.com) or see her at either the Sat. at 4:00pm or Sun. 9:00am Mass

## World Day for Consecrated Life

God of all goodness, you have called people to follow you faithfully. Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives. Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters. Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world.

We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.



## The world needs you

God calls you. We invite you...with other Catholic Young Women to our Vocation Discernment Retreats or invite us to meet you where you are.

## El mundo te necesita

Dios te llama. Te invitamos... con otras mujeres católicas a nuestros Retiros de Discernimiento Vocacional o invita nos a encontrar contigo donde estés ”.

Sister Julie Ann Sheahan, OSF  
Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

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Instagram: FSCC Called To Be ([@franciscansisters](https://www.instagram.com/franciscansisters)) • Instagram photos and videos

# Parish News and Events

## Jail Ministry

It's that time of year when we start collecting items for the Jail Ministry Christmas Gift Project. So look around and notice if you have any National Geographic, (or that type of magazine) (please no gun, hunting, or provocative magazines), religious magazines, spiritual reflection books, paperback books (novels, mysteries, or classical), prayer cards, playing cards, new Christmas cards, Little Debbie cakes, individually wrapped candy (NO candy canes.) Please drop off items at the parish center.

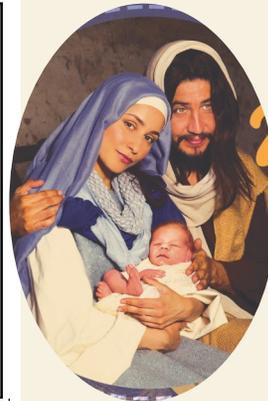
Contact Ray Martin at 251-233-9490 or Rita Martin at 928-404-3257 for more information. Also **looking for volunteer** to take over this ministry as Rita and I will no longer be able to do so. Thanks and God Bless.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

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We would like to thank everyone that participated in the Food Drive in November! It was such a success and filled our empty shelves in the pantry, as there is always a need. May God bless your families during this Christmas season.



## Parish Office Closed

Monday,

December 26, 2022

*Let us search like the three kings for that encounter with our Lord and Savior.*



*For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.*

*They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:5*

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Together we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, and in the community. We are inviting all Catholic men age 18 and over to consider joining us.



The Knights meet the first Thursday of every month at 6pm and would love to meet you! For more information please talk to any Knight after Mass, stop by our table in the vestibule, email [steve.couch51@gmail.com](mailto:steve.couch51@gmail.com), call or text 402-415-1296 or call 928-377-3435 ext. 4.

### Campus Corner

Peace Be With You! Thanks for helping to keep our Campus beautiful and safe. Thanks to Scott Kleinhesselink and Richard Bojorquez for their assistance with some plumbing issues. There are always ongoing projects around Campus. If you'd like to add your assistance in any way, and there's always something that can use an extra pair of hands and ideas, please call the office at 928-377-3435 extension 4, or call 402-415-1296, or email at [scouch@stmarykingman.com](mailto:scouch@stmarykingman.com). As always, if you see something that needs attention or if you need assistance with anything let us know.

Food For Thought: Hold on tight to your dreams! Pray that they come true. Keep Smiling and Praying! Peace And May God Bless Us All!



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