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Masses

Saturday 9:00 AM Sunday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:45 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:15 PM
Latin Mass 1:30 PM, first three Sundays
2:30 PM fourth Sunday of the Month.
Weekdays 9:00 AM
Holy Days 6:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

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Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays at 2:45pm except the 4th Sunday of
each month by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:30 PM. Anytime requested.

Sacrament of Marriage

Six months advance notice is mandatory.
Marriage preparation course required.
Call rectory for appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Call the rectory for attention to home-bound

Parish Registration

Contact the rectory

Parish

Monday 6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance
Monday 7:30 PM R.C.I.A.
Tuesday 1:00-4:00 Leisure Club
Tuesday 8:00 PM Charismatic Prayer
2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM Men's Group
Wednesday 9:30 AM Playgroup
Thursday 7:00 PM A.A. Beginners
Thursday 7:00 PM Al-Anon Beginners
Thursday 8:00 PM A.A. Closed Meeting
Thursday 8:00 PM Al-A Teen
Thursday 8:00 PM Al-Anon
1st Friday 9:30-11:00 Adoration
1st Friday 7:00 PM Holy Hour
Friday 7:30 PM Boy Scouts
Saturday 9:30 AM Religious Educ. PreK-8
Sunday 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Sunday 7:00 PM Sl-Anon Parents Meeting

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Parish Meetings

Pregnancy Hot Line

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 27, 2020



MASS *Intentions*

<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Dec. 26, 2020</u>
5:00 Daniel Gaughan (birthday memorial) daughter	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Dec. 27, 2020</u>
7:45 Vito Giordano	Arthur Bregartnes
9:15 Dawn Wood (Anniversary)	Family
10:45 Christopher & Ellen English	Joan Odell
12:15 Patrick Donnelly	Family
2:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Dec. 28, 2020</u>
9:00 Pasquale Magliulo	Family
12:00 Steve Macri (living)	Mike & Iden Goodwin
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Dec. 29, 2020</u>
9:00 James G. Fay	Jane Fay
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Dec. 30, 2020</u>
9:00 Tom Carney	Helen & Frank Brady
12:00 Bridgit Broderick	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2020</u>
9:00 MaryAnn McLaughlin (living)	
12:00 Iden Goodwin (living)	Michael Goodwin
5:00 Francis Fox	Kathy Brady
10:00 For the People of the Parish	
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 2021</u>
6:45 Peter Daly	Daly Family
9:00 Michael Allick (living)	Kathleen Jacob
10:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Jan. 2, 2021</u>
9:00 Tom Carney	Angela & Peter Donaghy
12:00 Genevieve Lucas	
5:00 Cecelia Favareau	Mary Hoar
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Jan. 3, 2021</u>
7:45 Michael Bruic	Teresa & Sean Smyth
9:15 Daniel & John Murphy	
10:45 William O'Brien	Marie Barnes
12:15 James Flynn (16 th Anniv)	Family
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	

Pray FOR THE SICK

Michael Curtin, John Henighan, Phyllis Esposito, Dominic Mannocho, Johnpat Cassidy, Charles Coglitoni, Mary Byrne, Dorris Perry, Rey O'Mayan, Maureen Baratka, Gerry Segreti, Betty Mancuso, Noel Marku, Gail Dempster, Jennifer Del Grosso, Yolanda Matias, Rick Ciucio, Matthew Benestad, Janzon Teng, Nunzio Siciliano, Casey Sparks, Elaine Noll and Richard Lyons



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially Joseph Doolity, Sean Bellew, Carmelina Teng Albaraccin, Frank Yozzo, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Dec. 27 th 7:45	9:15 M. Guglielmo
10:45 J. Hayes	12:15 R. Vitulli

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 13, 2020:

Total \$7,909

STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 20, 2020:

Figures unavailable at the time of printing.

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The Riches of the Church's Liturgy and Heritage of Prayers

One of the sources of the Church's beliefs is the liturgy and sacraments of the Church belonging to the Church's received Tradition from the Apostles. Another area which reflects the Church's teachings is the area of prayers approved by the Church for use. In the prayer below, used by the priest in preparation for Mass, there is a wonderful exposition of the meaning of the Mass and the Incarnation:

I adore You, Lord Jesus Christ. I believe You are the Son of God begotten by the Father, You, Who with Him, share the divine nature and with immense love embrace Him and direct Your entire will to Him.

I believe also You are truly Man, Who descending from heaven, gave glory to Your Father on earth, and dying on the Cross have given Yourself entirely to Him.

Finally I believe You are truly present both God and Man in the Most Holy Sacrament, through which You renew the sacrifice in an unbloody way, what You carried out in a bloody way on the Cross.

*I thank You for having handed over Yourself as Victim for us and each day You hand Yourself over once again and You give to the Father fitting honor, the debt owed to Him,** (See note below) which we are incapable of and most of all I thank You because You have called me Your unworthy servant to the order of the priesthood so that in Your Person among the faithful I may be able to bring to You, to offer the sacrifice, essential words and action in the manner specified.*

Thus, grant that moved by the sublimity of this mystery, with the required fear, with contrition and humility I may draw near to the altar; grant, next, that with attention and reverence I may carry out my office; most of all, grant, that I may be joined to You in spirit and with You I may offer myself to Your Father as a sacrifice.

Fire up the same spirit of devotion and sacrifice also in all those Who assist in my sacrifice so that they themselves may be present intimately recognizing the nature of the sacrifice and with earnest desire for the same sacrifice, with all their mind, they may assent and offer themselves as victims to the Father: in all of theirs and in my own name to sacrifice again to the Father, Lord Jesus, to adore Him and honor Him in a manner befitting the Lord and origin of all things; to thank Him for all benefits granted to us; to offer satisfaction for our sins especially my own and those of the whole world; finally to implore divine grace for us. Look again Lord, holy Father, upon this Immaculate Offering, which Your beloved Son, is about to offer to You, look again upon the countenance of Your Christ, in which You have been well pleased. Through Him, Whom You have given to us as Brother, and shortly are about to give to us as Food, grant us your Fatherly benevolence and grace and all things necessary and useful for salvation.

I commend to You all for whom I ought to pray, who have been given over to my care; who have asked that I remember them; all the afflicted and troubled all sinners; and the universal Church and human race. Amen.

****Fitting worship, the debt owed to God is called condign worship. The Opening Prayer on December 31st in the Roman Missal goes as follows: *Almighty ever-living God, who in the Nativity of your Son established the beginning and fulfillment of all religion....* It reminds us that there was no true religion possible before God became flesh, but only attempts at religion because the human race was incapable of giving God the worship he deserves until God became flesh and bridged the gap between God and the human race. Only now in with and through Jesus Christ can human beings give proper worship to God because our Offering, Jesus' Body and Blood is the God-Man equal and consubstantial with His Father. The virtue of religion is to give God the worship that is due to Him. From the moment of the Incarnation Jesus Christ is the great High Priest not according to the law of Moses but according to the order of Melchizedek. See the *Letter to the Hebrews* chapter nine.**

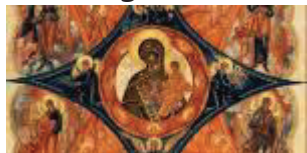
The Church teaches that the ordained priesthood and the baptismal priesthood of the laity are different in essence and not simply in degree. The ordained priest acts *in persona*, that is, in the very Person of Jesus Christ in offering the sacrifice. The sacred character received in ordination so configures a priest to Christ that He acts in His very Person. The priesthood of the laity is such that they share in Christ's priesthood to offer sacrifice and fitting worship to the Father. The Morning Offering is the prayer that emphasizes this: all prayers, works, joys, and sufferings are offered to God in union with the sacrifice of the Mass, the true worship of God through Jesus His Son. The Mass is the same sacrifice as the sacrifice of the Cross: the Priest is the same, the offering is the same, His Body and Blood, and the altar is the same, His Sacred Humanity. The only difference is in the Mass the sacrifice is offered in unbloody fashion while on the Cross it was offered once and for all in bloody fashion.

Here's another prayer which speaks to attributes of God, His eternity and mercy: *O my God, have toward me the mercy and liberality of enabling me to repair before I die all the losses of grace that I have had the misfortune or foolishness of bringing upon myself. Enable me to reach the height of merit and perfection to which in Your first intention You did desire to lead me, which intention I have hitherto frustrated by my infidelities. Deign to repair in souls those losses of grace they have incurred through my fault.*

This is quoted in Father Antonio Royo Marin's *The Great Unknown*, in the section on making reparation for our infidelities. He found this prayer in Auguste Saudreau's, *The Ideal of a Fervent Soul*. People often say, "You can't undo the past." In the spiritual life you can, because of God's mercy and power and hence lost graces can be recovered if God so grants. He of course is not bound by time or our limitations of time and space. God knows us and loves us from all eternity. His plan for us is from all eternity. See Ephesians 1:3

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is January 1st. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 6:45am, 9am, 10:30am (Latin) Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this day

The early Church summed up Mary's Maternity in a single Greek word.



In the year 431 there was a fierce debate raging in the Catholic Church regarding a specific title of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The debate required a rare Ecumenical Council at the city of Ephesus to resolve the issue. Two different arguments were presented, one by Bishop Nestorius of Constantinople and the other by St. Cyril of Alexandria. Nestorius firmly believed that Mary should be called *Christotokos*, "Birth-giver of Christ" (also translated as "Christ-bearer"). Fr. Dwight Longnecker explains that "Nestorius used language that was perceived as asserting that there were two separate persons conjoined in Jesus Christ. Thus the Blessed Virgin Mary in giving Jesus human flesh could be the 'Christ-bearer' but not 'God-bearer.'" This was determined to be false teaching, heresy. St. Cyril and a great number of bishops taught that Mary should be called *Theotokos*, "Birth-giver to God" (also translated as "God-bearer" or "Mother of God"). This terminology affirmed that Jesus is "one person in two natures which are united." It was decreed by the Council of Ephesus that *Theotokos* was the correct title for Mary, and Nestorius was subsequently removed from his position as bishop of Constantinople as a heretic.

The title "Mother of God" does not mean Mary somehow existed before God or created God, but that Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is fully God and fully man.

The *Catechism* puts it like this, "In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly 'Mother of God' (*Theotokos*)" (CCC 495).

The Eastern Church continues to theotokos, preferring it to any other of her titles. An ancient hymn in their liturgy poetically summarizes this complex truth, "He whom the entire universe could not contain was contained within your womb, O Theotokos."

The decision to call Mary *Theotokos* was a pivotal point in the Church's history. It clarified the Church's belief in Jesus

Christ and gave further confirmation regarding the nature of Christ's incarnation. What the Church believed about Jesus since apostolic times was ratified at the Council of Ephesus. Furthermore, the granting of this title confirmed Mary's privileged role in salvation history and deepened understanding of the great mystery that occurred in her womb.

To honor the memory of this council, Pope Pius XI in 1931 established the feast of the Divine Maternity of Mary on October 11, which after the Second Vatican Council was transferred to January 1 and renamed the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God in the ordinary form of the Mass. The original date of the Maternity of Mary is kept on October 11 in the traditional Latin liturgy of the Church called the extraordinary form.

Mother, help our faith! Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise. Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature. Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One. Remind us that those who believe are never alone. Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!



NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES


5PM AND 10PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

6:45AM 9:00AM 10:30AM (Latin)

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