

Reverend Vincent De Rosa  
Parish Priest



Schedule of masses

Monday

11:30 novena and 12:05pm Mass

5:15pm – Mass.

No public Mass and Novena on federal holidays.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

12:05 pm – English Mass

Friday

8:00 am – Tridentine Mass

12:05 pm – English Mass

Saturday

First Saturdays: 9:00 am Tridentine Mass

5:00 pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday

9:00 am – **Tridentine Mass**

Second Sundays - 5:00pm- High Mass

(not during the months of July and August)

10:30 am (English)

11:30 am – (Cantonese)

1:00 pm – English

7:30 pm – (English)

Staff

Parish Secretary: Soraya Strobach

Custodian: Jimmy Vines

Director of Music: Bray McDonnell

Priests in Residence:

Fr Vincent Rigdon

**St. Mary Mother of God Church**

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National Shrine's Annual Tower Tour.



This September, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will once again offer the extraordinary opportunity to view our nation's capital from the spectacular vantage point of its bell tower. Tour opportunities are available on:

**Friday, September 7  
from 10am-4pm.**

Visitors will ascend the tower elevator to the observation level, where they can take in outstanding views in all four directions. The ability to climb stairs and ride in a small elevator is required to take this tour. Tours are on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no tickets or reservations required. The Basilica is located at [400 Michigan Ave NE](http://www.nationalshrine.com), offers ample free parking, and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For more information please visit [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com) or call 202-526-8300.

Volunteering at the National Shrine

**Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church?** The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel, Director of Visitor Services, at 202-526-8300, x111 or [dsteel@bnsic.org](mailto:dsteel@bnsic.org). Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

**New Parishioners** We welcome new members to our parish community. Please register by filling out a Census Form available at the Rectory office or at the back of the church. Or send us an email at [stmarys20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com) and we will assist you.

**Visitors:** You are welcome here at historic Old St Mary's!!! Please feel free to visit and stop by for some coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall, every Sunday!! After the 9:00 am Mass.

**Our Lady Of China Pastoral Mission:** Celebrate Mass in Cantonese and Mandarin each Sunday at 11:30 am – Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass. For more information contact Fr John Ming Ruan (301) 738-2459 or Clare Tang (301) 251-7831 The Mission Center is at 1001 Grandin Ave. Rockville, Md 20851



Sacraments at Saint Mary Mother of God Catholic Church

**Marriages:** Preparations require arrangements be made at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Please call the Rectory or send an email [stmarys20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**Baptisms:** Call the Rectory (202) 289-7771 or send an email to [stmarys20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**Sacraments of Penance:**

Weekdays at 11:30 am before the 12:05 pm Mass.

Saturdays at 4:30pm before the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm Mass.

Sundays at 8:30 am before the 9:00 am Mass and Sundays at 7:00pm before the 7:30 pm Mass.

**Sacrament of The Sick:** Please contact the Rectory concerning parishioners who are ill.

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## Schedule of Masses

### Sunday, August 26th

9:00am- Carlos Perez (D)  
10:30am- Patricia Baumgartner (D)  
1:00pm- Ms. Germaine Jordan (L)  
7:30pm- Eduardo Franco (D)

### Monday, August 27th

12:00pm- Ryan Mckenzie (L)  
5:15pm – Bob Lane (D)

### Tuesday, August 28th

12:00pm – Brinda Thomas (L)

### Wednesday, August 29th

12:00pm- Mrs. Darryl T. Williams (D)

### Thursday, August 30th

12:00pm- Alice Turner (D)

### Friday, August 31st

8:00am- Katherine Hadford (L)  
12:00pm- Jenny Sweeting (D)

### Saturday, September 1st

9:00am- Sarah Joy Mitchell (D)  
5:00pm- Vincent B. Costello (D)

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Remember to honor your loved ones, alive and deceased, or just for any special occasion.** They will be grateful to you for all eternity. Fill out the provided envelopes in the church and put it in the collection basket. A beautiful card of Saint Mary's for whom the Mass is requested is included upon request.

### **Run or Ride for Vocations! Register NOW!**

Registration is open for these two fun opportunities to help support our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood. The "Run for Vocations"/Marine Corp 10K will be held on **Sunday, October 28**. The "Ride for Vocations"/Southern Maryland Century bicycle ride will be held on Monday, September 3. Visit [www.DCpriest.org/promote](http://www.DCpriest.org/promote) for more information and to register for either of these events. It is not necessary to be part of a parish team to run or ride. Plan to register soon, as the races fill quickly. All funds raised will support vocation promotion and seminarian formation in the Archdiocese of Washington. Please email [RFV@adw.org](mailto:RFV@adw.org) with any questions.



### **GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK WMET 1160am**

We invite you to join us for wonderful evening of fine dining and fellowship on **October 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6:30pm** at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington DC. You will be inspired by the dynamic presentation of Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM. Fr Ken will be speaking on *the Good, The True and the Beautiful Transforming the Culture Through Catholic Radio*. We are so excited and thankful that our award honoree this year is, His Eminence, Donald Cardinal Wuerl.

Join us for an inspiring evening and hear the fascinating conversion story of Father Ken. He lived the life of the prodigal son for most of his young adult life. Raised in a nominally Catholic family, who only lived the externals of the faith, Father Ken left the Catholic Church for many years. It's an evening you don't want to miss. For information or to purchase a table or tickets: [www.grnonline.com](http://www.grnonline.com) or call 202 288 0150.

### **Make a Difference for Christians in Syria**

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity, the place of St. Paul's conversion.

Learn more at [myfranciscan.org/Syria](http://myfranciscan.org/Syria) or call 202-526-6800, x895.

### **Give the Gift of Service**

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer)

### **Volunteering at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land**

The Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild is seeking one or more persons who can commit to a few hours each week to provide administrative support for this important community outreach program that feeds hundreds of those in need each year. Hours are flexible. Persons with organizational and clerical skills who are interested in helping the friars grow this program are encouraged to contact Ann Jones at [ann@myfranciscan.com](mailto:ann@myfranciscan.com) or 202-526-6800, x852.

## **Father De Rosa's Weekly Column**

Dear Friends,

As is our custom, every other year we welcome a fellow Catholic from the mission territories of the Church to speak at our masses. This year's missionary is Fr. Joseph Kaye from the Diocese of Butare, Rwanda. He will be preaching at St. Mary's the first weekend of September. Below is a description of the pastoral work that goes on in Butare. I hope you'll pray over Fr. Kaye's words, both below and when he arrives... and that you'll consider supporting the good mission of our brothers and sisters in Africa. Having studied with many of them during my seminary years in Rome, I can tell you that the African Church has a lot of great ministry going on... often in the face of exceptional struggles. I remember my classmates from Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya and Nigeria fondly and look forward to welcoming Fr. Kaye to St. Mary's.

Please remember we have **added masses to our calendar for special feast days**. More masses = more sacrifices offered to God = a greater sense of self-mastery and freedom. The following are in addition to the regular schedule of masses in September (OF = English, EF = Latin):

*8th - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9am OF Mass*

*12th - Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus 7:30pm EF Mass*

*14th - Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross 7:30pm EF Mass*

*15th - Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows 9am OF Mass*

*21st - Feast of St. Matthew Patron of our Cathedral 7:30pm EF Mass*

*29th - Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 9am EF Mass*

Peace - Fr. De Rosa

### **The mission work of the Diocese of Butare in Rwanda.**

Rwanda is a small country situated in the heart of Africa that in 1994 experienced a horrific genocide that was politically motivated during which one million people were murdered in approximately 100 days. The genocide left behind many broken hearted like orphans, widows, traumatized..., and many destroyed infrastructures like schools, medical centers, even churches. The good news is that now there is peace in the country. The challenge is to rebuild the Church and the nation and to help people to recover from genocide.

Pastorally, in the years since the genocide, the Diocese of Butare has focused its mission on the catholic education for the youth who are the future of Rwanda, impressing upon them the themes of unconditional love, peace and reconciliation so that the country may heal and experience a brighter tomorrow. Catholic education plays a great role not only in teaching the youth sciences but also in teaching them Catholic faith which help them to form their moral conscience based on Christian values. This effort has made a great difference and has contributed tremendously to the building of a new Church and the nation we see today. Rwanda has resurrected from ashes to new life. The Church in Rwanda is flourishing; 60% of the country's population is Catholic. Vocations to priestly and religious life are booming. There is a brighter future for the Church in Rwanda.

We want to carry on this mission, but we have limited resources. Through the financial support from you, our partner in Christ's mission. we can build more classrooms and train our seminarians and carry on the mission of making the love Christ known. Thank you for your generous sacrifice for our mission. We thank your Pastor and your Bishop for inviting me to share our mission.

May God bless you abundantly

Rev. Joseph Kaye

Missionary from the Diocese of Butare in Rwanda, Africa

## Collection for The Catholic University of America

During the **weekend of September 8-9**, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up a second collection for The Catholic University of America. This national university of the Catholic Church was established by Pope Leo XIII and the United States bishops in 1887, and it currently provides an education based in Catholic intellectual tradition to over 6,000 students, including clergy, religious, seminarians, and young lay men and women. For more than 100 years, this national collection has been a pillar of support for the University and, by helping fund financial aid and more, is critical to a successful academic year for both students and faculty. You can learn more at [collection.cua.edu](http://collection.cua.edu). Thank you for your generosity.



## Join us as the official World Youth Day Cross makes a historic visit to Washington DC! World Apostolate of Fatima: Mass and Healing Service

On Saturday, **September 15**, the Archdiocese of Washington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will have a Mass and healing service celebrating the division members' Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. This event will be held at St. Catherine Labouré Church in [Wheaton, MD \(11801 Claridge Rd.\)](http://www.washingtoncatholic.org), with Fr. Thomas Morrow as the celebrant. Confession at 9:30am and Mass at 10am will be followed by the Rosary and individual prayer for healing. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Monica at 301-949-5710.



### Let's Talk About Faith and Life

**Through Sunday, September 23**, a series of talks on various topics concerning the dignity of human life will be held each Sunday evening (except Labor Day weekend) from **6:30-8:30pm** at **St. Dominic Church** in [Washington, DC \(630 E Street, SW\)](http://www.washingtoncatholic.org). Co-sponsored by the parish and the archdiocesan Department of Life Issues, topics include abortion, just war, foster care and adoption, persons with disabilities, the sexual revolution, euthanasia, poverty, sex trafficking, capital punishment, racism, and immigration. The talks will take place in the Parish Meeting Room, and please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner. For more information, please email [prolife@adw.org](mailto:prolife@adw.org).

- **August 26<sup>th</sup>**: Belonging Starts Here: Inclusion of People with Disabilities.
- **September 9<sup>th</sup>**: Catholicism and Capital Punishment
- **September 16<sup>th</sup>**: The Challenge of Racism Today
- **September 23<sup>th</sup>**: "Who is My Brother?" immigration as a Life Issue

### Save the date. Mother of Africa Pilgrimage.

The Archdiocesan Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach invites you to join them in a special Mother of African Pilgrimage on **Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-4:00pm** in the Upper Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception. For further information contact Sandra Coles Bell at 301 853 4469 or email at [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org)



*"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior"*

### REMINDER:

**The Rectory will be closed on Labor Day and there will be no Masses for the public on that Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. The priests of Saint Mary will offer their private Masses for the people for whom those Masses were requested on that day.**