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Schedule of Masses

Monday

11:30 am Novena and 12:05pm Mass (English)
No public Mass and Novena on Federal Holidays

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

12:05pm – Mass in English

Friday

8:00 am TLM*

12:05pm – Mass in English

Saturday

First Saturdays: 9:00am TLM*

5:00pm – Sunday Vigil Mass (English)

Sunday

9:00 am – TLM*

10:30 am – Mass in English

11:30am – Chinese

7:30pm – Mass in English

Staff

Parish Secretary: Soraya Strobach

Custodian: Jimmy Vines

Director of Music: Bray McDonnell

Priest in Residence

Fr. Vincent Rigdon

TLM*- Traditional Latin Mass

Saint Mary Mother of God Catholic Church

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November 3rd, 2019

21st Sunday After Pentecost – TLM

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Novus Ordo

Dear Visitors,

***We hope you were blessed by your visit with us.
You are welcome here at historic Saint Mary's!!! Please
feel free to visit and stop by for some coffee and donuts
in the Parish Hall every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass.***

***We also welcome new residents to our parish
community. Please register by filling out a census form
available at the Rectory office, our website, or at the
back of the church.***

***Fill it out and send it to us. You can also send us an
email at stmarys20001@gmail.com and we will send it
to you.***

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Online

Sign up at www.faithdirect.com

Our church code is: DC347

To donate by text:

Text \$ amount to 202 410-4240

Follow the link and complete a one-time process

You can also support our parish through smile.amazon.com by searching for:
"Stmarys church" in Washington, DC. Every time you make an amazon purchase a
portion will be sent directly to St. Mary's!



Our Lady of China Pastoral Mission: Celebrate Mass in Chinese each Sunday at 11:30am. There is sacrament of reconciliation before Mass. For more information contact Fr. John Ming Ruan (301) 738-2459
The Mission Center is at 1001 Grandin Ave. Rockville, MD 20851

SACRAMENTS AT SAINT MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Marriages: Preparation requires arrangements be made at least 6 months before the date of the wedding.

Please call the Rectory or send us an email to make arrangements.

Baptisms: Call the Rectory or send an email to make arrangements.

Sacraments of Penance:

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

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

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

Sacrament of the sick: Contact the Rectory concerning parishioners who are ill.

Schedule of Masses

Sunday November 3rd

9:00am – Forgiveness of Souls in Purgatory
10:30am – Forgiveness of souls in Purgatory
7:30pm – Forgiveness of souls in Purgatory

Monday November 4th

12:05pm – Forgiveness of souls in Purgatory

Tuesday November 5th

12:05pm - Forgiveness of souls in Purgatory

Wednesday November 6th

12:05pm - Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

Thursday November 7th

12:05pm – Forgiveness of souls in Purgatory

Friday November 8th

8:00am – Forgiveness of souls in purgatory
12:05pm – Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

Saturday November 9th

9:00 am – Forgiveness of souls in purgatory
5:00pm – Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

Consider offering Masses for your beloved ones.



They will be grateful for all eternity. You can also offer Masses for your loved ones who are still with us. A beautiful card of Saint Mary's altar is included in your request. You can send us an email with your request to stmarys20001@gmail.com, or a phone call at 202 289-7771 or simply fill out a form provided at the church.

Dedicatory Vespers and Recital. Saint Peter's Catholic Church, 313 2nd Street SE Washington DC 20003. Thursday November 14th 2019. 7:00pm Vespers (Evening Prayer) 7:45pm Recital. Please visit www.saintpetersdc.org if you need further information,



At Saint Mary Mother of God

This Saturday, November 9th, there will be a traditional Latin Mass offered **at 9 a.m.** on the feast of the Dedication of the Archbasilica of Our Savior, aka Saint John Lateran.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the church. (This is in addition to our monthly Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each First Saturday following the 9 a.m. Low Mass.) Please consider coming to Adoration after work, or perhaps before dinner, on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. to spend some time with our Lord.



Young Adults Group every Wednesday, at 6:30 pm after Adoration. Come and join other young adults for faith-study and fellowship.



Beginning in November, There will be adult faith formation courses at the parish **on Sunday at 11:30am**. The goal will be to help adult Catholics understand the basics of the faith in an adult way... updating what is, for many, an 8th-grade catechesis from before the time of their confirmation. Meetings will be held in the Rectory dining room.

Quo Vadis Come and See Retreat

November 8 – Sunday, November 10, 2019 at Saint John Paul II Seminary

Young men in grades 11 and 12 are invited to experience seminary life firsthand. This is an opportunity to meet and talk to our seminarians, pray with them, listen to great talks, and enjoy time for sports and recreation. Please encourage high school juniors and seniors to consider attending this great weekend event.

Visit www.DCpriest.org and select "Events" to register. Please call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email Fr. Mark Ivany at vocations@adw.org with any questions.

Theology on Tap. Tuesday, November 12th 6:00-8:00pm. Speaker: Fr. Dan Leary & Jessie Tappel. Topic: Uniting Mind and Heart in Spirit: A Spiritual and Psychological Approach. Join us for this Theology on Tap, in which Fr. Dan and Jessie talk about healing in both a spiritual and psychological perspective. All are welcome! Catholic or not! Bring your friends and meet other young professionals for Happy Hour specials from 6-7pm with talk starting at 7pm! Public Bar Live is located at 1214 18th St NW, Ste B, Washington, DC 20036

Solemn Pontifical High Mass at The Basilica of The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Archbishop Cordileone along with Master of Ceremonies Canon Avis, will be celebrating A SOLEMN PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS on [SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019 at 10AM](#) at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

This is the world premiere of the Mass of the Americas composed by Frank La Rocca. It is a once in a lifetime celebration, filling the National Basilica with breathtaking sacred music, elevating our minds and our hearts to God and help us honor Our Lady under her titles Immaculate Conception and Guadalupe.

You're invited to attend in person or watch live on EWTN. This is free to attend, however, we ask those attending to RSVP for planning purposes.

A tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception.

November 16th, 2019 at 10:00am



The Little Sisters of the Poor is holding its Fall Bazaar



Saturday, November 23 beginning at 9 a.m.
Household Décor, Linens, Jewelry, Knick Knacks, Christmas Décor, Bake Shop Items, Refreshments Available, and much more! The Little Sisters are accepting saleable donations from now until November 16. Baked goods accepted until November 23 at 9 am. (Please, NO clothing, shoes, books, or audio and video cassettes). The Little Sisters of the Poor—Jeanne Jugan Residence- 4200 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC 20017.



Natural Family Planning 101 Class for Married Couples: To register <https://adwnfp101.eventbrite.com/>
Office for Family Life 301-853-4499 visiblesign@adw.org. Multiple dates available.

A Letter From Father DeRosa

Dear Friends,

“The world is too much with us...” the great poet Wordsworth was correct in his own time... and how much more so today. Long have we known that the cares of the world are many and overbearing, but now -as if that weren't enough- we begin to discern that the *manipulations* of the world weigh heavily on our simple shoulders. What do I mean by *manipulations*. Some are pro-active and some more passive. Pro-active manipulation might include the use of mundane, even benign data by powerful socio-corporate forces to actively manipulate our shopping patterns, real estate values, political opinions and voting patterns etc. To them we are objects, pawns on their chessboard to be used for increased profit margins and power. Other manipulations are more passive: the design of smartphone screens, for example, lulls our eyes such that physiologically it gets harder to look away as time goes on. Algorithms prompt us, “Based on reading article X we think you might like reading article Y.” Before we know it we're only reading things we agree with. Such manipulations result not only in the fracturing of civil society into partisan and identity-based groups... they even result in doing psychological damage. As Bishop Barron recently reported, studies have shown that there is direct link between smartphone screen time and increases in depression! “The world is too much with us.”

In the life of the Church the manipulations of the world (active/intentional and passive/unintended) have similar effects, driving wedges between Catholics who ought to see each other as fellow subjects of divine love, and not as problems to be solved. The faithful begin to murmur about each other in the same way that the crowds/pharisees “murmured” about Jesus... and as a result of digital manipulation we end up blowing things way out of proportion and far from the truth. A brother or sister in Christ... or a priest... or a bishop suddenly becomes the focus of all our digitally-hyped rage... *WE*, who should've been most immune to it all given the many gifts we've received from God in the Church. It reminds me of the words of Psalm 52 from morning prayer this past week:

*“Why do you glory in what is evil,
you who are mighty by the mercy of God?
All day long you are thinking up intrigues;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor,
you worker of deceit.
You love evil more than good, lying rather than saying what is right...”*

This is a societal epidemic; certainly non-specific to the Church, but as Church we are divinely called to pull ourselves out of it for our good, for the good of our neighbors and for the effective spread of the Gospel throughout the world. I've been a victim of this dynamic; as a priest I often have a target painted on me... ‘comes with the job. In a few of my assignments I've been labeled a “neo-con” or even -in one case- “fascist patriarch,” for teaching Biblical truths. In other cases I've been called “big lib,” or even -and this one I had to chuckle at - and “unwitting dupe of the left.” I take comfort that folks on both sides of the present divide aim arrows at me, I assume it means I'm doing something right. BUT... I've also given in to the temptations of the world in this regard. I've discovered that my own senses are sometimes tuned by the world and not by Christ. I might go into a conversation assuming the other person is going to be “a problem,” or automatically assuming that he/she is “coming after me,” when nothing could be further from the truth.

If this is the challenge, where is our solution? Psalm 52 gives us a great image of the holy one:

*But I, like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God,
I trust in God's mercy forever and ever.
I will thank you forever for what you have done.
I will put my hope in your name
for it is good, in the presence of those devoted to you.*

The olive tree: source of a major life staple for everyone else, itself totally dependent on God for life. The olive tree lives sometimes over a thousand years. Gnarled and twisted by all it experiences, it nonetheless perseveres quietly, steadfastly. It's entire attention, as the psalmist suggests, is turned toward God... not to a screen, a commentator, or even to its own natural fears/anxieties; it is wholly focused on its Creator and Sustainer, God alone... and in HIM the olive tree finds its peace, its serenity.

Brothers and sisters, if you feel like “the world is too much with you,” if you feel like screen time has taken over, if you feel fear, anger, hurt vis a vis the world, if you feel you are anything other than that olive tree, seek out silence. Come to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Wed. 5:30-6:30), stop in to the confessional, open up Scripture in a physical book rather than your phone. Fast from the digital and feast on the divine. I promise you, you will find peace. I'll leave you with just a few words from A Letter to the Corinthians by Pope St. Clement I:

Let us put on the unity of mind, thinking humble thoughts, exercising self-control, keeping ourselves far from all backbiting and slander, being righteous in deed, and not in word only... It is our duty then to be eager to do good, for everything is from God.

Your priest,
Fr. De Rosa