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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 17th, 2019***

*Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost – TLM  
33rd 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](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com) and we will send it  
to you.***

## **DONATE ONLINE OR BY TEXT**

**Online**

Sign up at [www.faithdirect.com](http://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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup>

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

### Monday November 18th

12:05pm – Forgiveness of Souls in purgatory

### Tuesday November 19th

12:05pm - Forgiveness of souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday November 20th

12:05pm - Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

### Thursday November 21st

12:05pm – Forgiveness of souls in Purgatory

### Friday November 22nd

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

### Saturday November 23rd

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](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com), or a phone call at 202 289-7771 or simply fill out a form provided at the church.



to you for all eternity.

**We are still collecting Holy Souls envelopes** with the names of your beloved who have gone before us. Please fill them out and put them in the collection baskets and we will pray for them at all masses during the month of November. They will be grateful

## At Saint Mary Mother of God

**A traditional Latin Low Mass will be offered at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 30th for the feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle.**

**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.

## **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.



Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dear Friends,

So often in my columns or when speaking at mass I'm... in a sense... *obligated* to talk with you about important teachings of the Gospel, challenges in daily life, or our duties as members of Christ's Body. It's all part of proclaiming THE Good News and I love it, but it can also be a bit... what's the word... *heavy*. This week I'm happy to present some news that's simply small "g" good! Some of this you may have heard last week at mass... some is fresh data.

The October Headcount Numbers are in: each year in October, every parish counts every man woman and child at Sunday mass throughout the month. Our results are very positive:

5pm mass - stable  
9am mass - UP 5% from last year's count  
10:30 mass - stable  
7:30pm mass - UP 7%

Following up on the October headcount I asked our parish secretary to do some further digging in our parish census software. Between November 1 2018 and November 1 2019 **we ADDED 61 HOUSEHOLDS to our census!!!**

Our Finances are blessedly stable and the amount of revenue taken in from our E-Giving system, FaithDirect has increased noticeably. This is all the more impressive since we eliminated the 1pm mass this past January.

Our growth and stability give me confidence as we advance the research phase of our capital campaign to renew our parish organ and the side chapels in our sanctuary. I hope that buoyed by further growth we will get the green light from the powers that be early next year (our 175th anniversary) to begin our campaign in earnest.

At dinner this week with a parishioner I remarked that each parish a priest serves has its own highlights. In some places it's the school, in others its rectory life or the blessings that come from hospital ministry. I've served in several parishes and each had its high points, but this is the first where I can say, unreservedly that it's our people that are my pride and joy. YOU give me God's grace for perseverance. Thank you for your fidelity to Christ and to his parish.

Your parish priest,

Father De Rosa

**On Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am** we will celebrate mass at our parish cemetery here in DC on Lincoln Road, praying in a particular way for the souls of our deceased parishioners and for the founders of our community.

