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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

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Priest in Residence

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TLM*- Traditional Latin Mass

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December 8th, 2019

*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with
a Commemoration of the Second Sunday of Advent --
TLM*

Second Sunday of Advent – 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.***

DONATE ONLINE OR BY TEXT

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 December 8th

9:00am – Santiago Soutuyo (D)
10:30am – Ms. Mary Howard Critchell (D)
7:30pm – Henry Dominguez Yaeger (D)

Monday December 9th

12:05pm – Advent Taylor (D)
6:30pm – Fr. Garrett O'Brien (L)

Tuesday December 10th

12:05pm – Venerable Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty (D)

Wednesday December 11th

12:05pm – Sr. Maria Carmen of Christ, OCD (L)

Thursday December 12th

12:05pm – Sarah Lopez (L)
7:30pm – Maria Enriqueta Aguilar (L)

Friday December 13th

8:00 – William M. Schulz (D)
12:05pm – Sarah Lopez (L)

Saturday December 14th

5:00pm – George Szele (L)

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.



Coming up: Priesthood Day at St. Mary's, Sunday, January 12, 2020. Will be celebrated Sunday, January 12 during coffee hour after 9:00am mass. Spiritual bouquets, including rosary, mass, divine mercy chaplets, holy hours, etc. for the intentions of St. Mary's priests, will be collected. **Sign up days will be Sunday, December 15, and Sunday January 5, 2020, after 9:00am mass.** Sponsored by St. Mary's Schola Cantricum

Second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious Orders. The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held December 7-8 in Catholic parishes across the nation. Now in its 26th year, the collection is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) and benefits over 34,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Donations will be used for underfunded retirement plans, medications and nursing home care.

At Saint Mary Mother of God



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.

On Sundays 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.



Sunday is the scheduled Christmas Flower offering. Parishioners should have received an envelope in the mail for today for donations for Christmas flowers. Please be generous in contributing to the costs of our floral arrangements and poinsettias.

THE SUSPICIOUS
CHEESE LORDS

Christmas Concert here at Saint Mary Mother of God
December 18th at 7:30pm Suspicious Cheese Lords.



Join our young adult group for a day hike Saturday December 14th. It will be an all day event, and we encourage people to drive if you have a car. The group will meet at ST. MARY'S at 9am to depart. Contact the group leaders Br. Luke & Br. Luke at smmogsmallgroups@gmail.com to let them know if you're joining!

A letter from Father DeRosa

Dear Friends,

With Advent upon us... and Christmas hurtling our way (Why does this Advent seem shorter than others??), a number of parishioners have very kindly asked if there's anything they can gift to the parish. On the thought that more people may be so inclined... below is an Advent/Christmas wishlist. It's a combo of needs to serve the local poor, as well as a few nice items for parish life... It'll also help you to see some of the renewal projects we've been working on this year. Many thanks for your kind consideration and for all you do to make St. Mary's a holy home for our people all year long!

Fr. De Rosa

Advent/Christmas Wish List for St. Mary's

Matching Decorative Linens for the Altars - Last year with generous support from parishioners, we purchased the basic white linens needed for all our altars, fitted specifically for them. Parish Council has suggested it'd be nice to add some more decorative cloths to the collection to adorn the altars on a regular basis. These would be in addition to the sets we currently use for Christmas and for Easter. (Main Altar \$329, Side Altars \$185each)

New Cassocks and Surplices for Our Altar Servers - After years of use, our current collection of cassocks and surplices (the black and white robes worn by servers) has thinned out. It's normal; buttons break, robes get caught/torn, wax drips and ruins material. It's time to fill out the collection again. Would you consider sponsoring 1 altar server?? (\$150 each)

Supplies for the Patricia Handy Women's shelter - Just like last year, you can sign on to [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and help out our local women's shelter. With one click, items from their wishlist can be sent directly to the shelter to help our neighbors in need. Search for the "N Street Village" List to send gifts.

Food for St. Francis Xavier Parish Food Bank - Bins will be put out at the main entry of the Church... feel free to drop a bag of imperishables for our brothers and sisters in Wards 7 and 8.

Church Hall and Bathroom Renewal - Though a comprehensive full scale refurbishment of our school spaces (classrooms, hall, and passageway to church) is currently beyond our means, the parish is taking some basic steps to make these spaces usable and at least a little classier than they've been in the past.

Classrooms - Our brothers and sisters in the Our Lady Queen of China community are cleaning out and soliciting bids for the renewal of our two classrooms. Our goal is to make these spaces more fit for the children currently using them for Sunday school... and to make them fit and accessible for other parish events. I'm so grateful to our Chinese brothers and sisters for the effort and zeal they've exercised on this project so far!

Refurbish the Church Hall and Bathrooms. These spaces serve folks at Cofee/Donuts as well as at special events. Little by little we've begun addressing the needs of this space: a professional cleaning crew is now maintaining the bathrooms each week. An industrial cleaning crew gave the hall itself a once-over. New tables/chairs have been ordered. If you'd like to contribute to these efforts, any help would be appreciated... a sampling of the costs follows:

Estim. Cost of Hall Bathroom Renewal: \$75,000 - We already have monies set aside for this project, but using them will effectively empty the maintenance fund for our school building... this fund is supplied by setting aside a portion of the rent we collect every month from our tenants, the architects working on the 3rd floor. Parish Council and Finance Council agreed that the bathrooms are in bad enough condition that it merits using these monies, but it wouldn't hurt to help refill the fund some.

We've ordered 15 tables for the hall... cost of each table \$140

We've brought in 100 brand new folding chairs... total cost \$1200

Waterproofing the South Side of the Rectory: Last year we waterproofed the North (parking lot) side of the Rectory arresting water damage from rain seeping through our masonry. If you walk outside and give a look to the south (church alley) side of the house you'll notice that the paint peeling in sheets from the brickwork. Water seepage is the enemy of old houses, so we'd like to repaint this wall before damage occurs inside the building.

Estim. Cost based on last year's project: \$12,000



NO MARRIAGE IS BEYOND HOPE

The Retrouvaille marriage program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship.

For more details, please contact us at 443-400-7017, 3015@retrouvaille.org or www.HelpOurMarriage.org

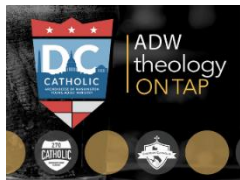


As we get closer to Christmas, the joy of the holidays can be misery for some. This is why **January is often called "Divorce Month."** The misery that many couples feel during the holidays can push a struggling couple past the breaking point.

All young professionals (21-late 30s) are invited to our monthly DCCatholic Theology on Tap at Public Bar Live in Dupont Circle to explore the role of faith in our daily lives.

Join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month to grab a drink and hear straight talk and honest answers to your questions about faith, love, work and other real life experiences. All are welcome, Catholic or not! Bring your friends and meet other young professionals for Happy Hour specials from 6-7pm with a talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm. #totDC - +Co-hosted by the Catholic Information Center

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