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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

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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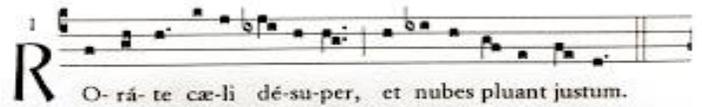
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## December 22nd, 2019



Fourth Sunday of Advent – Rorate Sunday – TLM

Fourth 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](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 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 22nd

9:00am – Health of Sylvia Graf (L)

10:30am – Damaris Travieso (D)

7:30pm – Katherine and Stephen Hadford (L)

### Monday December 23rd

12:05pm – Equestrian Order of  
The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (L)

### Tuesday December 24th

10:00pm – Joshua Watson (D)

### Wednesday December 25th

12:00 midnight – Father Alfred J. Harris (L)

9:00 am- Carlos Perez (D)

10:30am – Phil and Louise Beudet (D)

### Thursday December 26th

12:05pm – Stephen Higgins (L)

### Friday December 27th

8:00 – Terry Catherine Kennis (D)

12:05pm – Dr. Aldo R. Giusti (D)

### Saturday December 28th

5:00pm – Katherine Hadford (L)

**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.

**Second Sunday Coffee Hour.** We have recently lost two key families that have volunteered for many years to bring us coffee and doughnuts after Sunday's 9 am Mass. Our immediate need is for a family or individual to commit to helping out, just once per month, on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please see one of the volunteers behind the coffee counter or contact Amy Wolfe at amychristinewolfe@gmail.com if you are interested in helping this tradition to continue.



## Christmas at St. Mary's

- **Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24 December**

8:15 pm - Mass in Chinese

10 pm - Mass in English

- **Christmas Day: Wednesday 25 December**

12 Midnight - Latin High Mass (extraordinary form)

9 am - Latin High Mass (extraordinary form)

10:30 am - Mass in English

11:30 am - Mass in Chinese

- **Dec. 26-31: Normal schedule**

- **New Year's Day: Wednesday 1 January**

9 am - Latin Low Mass (extraordinary form) for the Octave of Christmas

11:30 am - Joint English/Chinese Mass for the Mother of God

- **Jan 2-3: No public Mass**

- **Jan. 4: Regular schedule resumes**

**Archbishop Gregory invites men in their 20's-40's who are interested in learning more about the priesthood**, to attend a discernment retreat at John Paul II Seminary. The retreat will be an opportunity to pray and reflect on God's call, meet priests and seminarians, hear their stories, and learn more about the seminary and priesthood. The retreat will be held on the weekend of: **January 31-February 2, 2020** The retreat will begin Friday evening and conclude Sunday after brunch. It will include prayer, talks, Mass, time for quiet reflection, and the opportunity to discuss the priesthood with seminarians, priests, and other men who are considering the priestly vocation. There is no cost to attend. Registration is now open at [www.DCPriest.org](http://www.DCPriest.org) – For more information contact Fr Mark Ivany 202 636-9020 / [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org)

**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

## Pray for our Military

**Let's pray for our military this Christmas season.** They are a deserving community that sacrifices so much for our country and the freedoms we enjoy. Let's pray for the Archdiocese for the Military Services and their priests serving abroad

### By the Numbers:

479,411 Soldiers on Active Duty  
335,791 Soldiers in the Army National Guard  
190,719 Soldiers in the Army Reserve  
1,005,921 Soldiers in Total  
1,332,165 Family Members of Soldiers  
87 Active Duty Priests  
33 Army National Guard Priests  
41 Army Reserve Priests



Our Soldiers and Families serve across the nation and the globe. Their work is hazardous and puts them on the cutting edge of technology and weaponry. Many are in stressful situations at work and at home as the rigors of serving mount during the holidays. Please pray that the Lord would protect and nurture this military family!

Merry Christmas and God bless you,

Chaplain Dave  
CH (MAJ) David S. Keller  
Chaplain Recruiter

Learn more about Army Chaplaincy - <https://www.goarmy.com/chaplain.html>

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me"

## The Knights of Columbus at Saint Mary Mother of God



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. We are investigating starting a council here at St. Mary's and we recently held a membership drive - we might have missed you. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to

join today simply go to [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus) and enter our Parish name for local information. More information to come about starting our council here at St. Mary's. Contact Julius Jackson for more information: [jackson@dcknights.org](mailto:jackson@dcknights.org).



### 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](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org) or [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://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.



Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.

This program has helped many

couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 24th - January 26th, 2020, please visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), call (443) 400-7017, or email: [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org)

### 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).



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