

St. Mary Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am (EF)

Daily Mass and Devotion times are subject to change depending on feasts and Holy Days. Every 12th of the month (T-F only) Mass will be at 7:00 pm with devotions to Our Lady of Guadalupe. (Live streaming of Daily Masses will be as per Fr. Jose's availability)

Saturday Anticipatory Mass:

4:00 pm (English); this Mass is for our "High Risk" parishioners. Use of face masks and hand sanitizer is mandatory. If you cannot wear a mask please attend one of our three Sunday Masses.

Sunday Mass:

8:00 am (EF); 10:00 am (English); 12:00 Noon (EF)

Confessions :

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm

Sunday: 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each Mass.
The priest will stop hearing confessions 5 minutes prior to Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

We will resume our Thursday Holy Hour on January 14 (Vocations & Sanctification of Clergy) at 5-6 pm.

Emergency Food Distribution

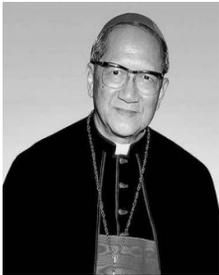
In this chaotic time, many find themselves at risk for their food supplies and others wish to help out. Here are a few opportunities.

- Loaves & Fishes
 - To arrange for boxed food pick up at L&F HQ, 901 Portage St., call: 269- 343-3663.
For questions: info@kzoolf.org
 - To arrange for boxed food pick up at the Eastside Pantry @ Sunnyside Methodist, 2800 Gull Rd. on Thursdays 6-7:30 PM, call (269) 488-8918 after 9:00 AM.
 - L&F Mobile Food Initiative food drop off sites: <http://kzoolf.org/mobile-food-initiative/>
 - L&F delivery to Eastside seniors and disabled persons who cannot get out. Call Candy at the Eastside N'hood Assn @ 269-381-0700.
- Catholic Charities Emergency Food Distribution
 - For those in need, contact Toni Newell, Supervisor of Community Outreach, at toninewell@ccdok.org or the Hot Line at 269-910-3390
 - To volunteer, contact Jeannine Boehm, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at jeannineboehm@ccdok.org or 269-382-1234
- Fresh Food Initiative
 - Every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am. Eastside Neighborhood Association Center, 1301 E. Main St. and Charlotte Ave. Bulk fresh produce trucked in. Bring your own boxes and bags.
 - Diapers are provided too (and wipes) every Tuesday 11:30 - noon at the neighborhood center. One sized bag of diapers and wipes per family.
- Fresh Fire AME Church Pantry
 - At 2508 Gull Rd; offers boxed food with parking lot pick up. Pre-register at 269-381-8050.
 - Saturday, December 5, 11am-2pm: Fresh Food Initiative
 - Saturday, December 19, 11am-2pm: Christmas Baskets
 - They are also looking for volunteers to help distribute.

May the Lord protect you and may you serve as an instrument of His Grace ~ Dcn. Pat (269-744-5136)

St. Mary's Weekend of Dec 26/27

Weekly Collection	Mass Attendance
Weekly Goal \$5,675.00	Saturday, 4:00 pm 42
Collections..... \$6,047.00	Sunday, 8 am 71
E-giving..... \$800.00	Sunday, 10 am..... 106
Total \$6,847.00	Sunday, 12 Noon 88
Goal Percentage..... 120.7%	Weekend Total 309
<i>This week in 2019. \$2,250.51</i>	<i>This week in 2019..... 241</i>



Venerable Nguyen Van Thuan

An excerpt from his 2002 address "God's liberating power," touching on the 13 years he spent in a communist prison.

"From the very first moment of my arrest, the words of Bishop John Walsh, who had been imprisoned for 12 years in Communist China, came to my mind. On the day of his liberation Bishop Walsh said, "I have spent half my life waiting."

It is true. All prisoners, myself included, constantly wait to be let go. I decided then and there that my captivity would not be merely a time of resignation but a turning point in my life. I decided I would not wait. I would live the present moment and fill it with love. For if I wait, the things I wait for will never happen. The only thing that I can be sure of is that I am going to die.

No, I will not spend time waiting. I will live the present moment and fill it with love.

A straight line consists of millions of little points. Likewise, a lifetime consists of millions of seconds and minutes joined together. If every single point along the line is rightly set, the line will be straight. If every minute of a life is good, that life will be holy."

RESPECT LIFE MINSITRY

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to join 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place Thursday, January 21 - Friday, January 29. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join today at 9daysforlife.com!



For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. ~ Psalm 139:13-14

Creative Connections:

Persons with Disabilities are invited to a virtual gathering from 1-2 pm on Sunday January 24. The focus is to build fellowship and have fun. We'll spend some time getting to know each other and catching up, have a brief reflection on Sunday's scripture passage and end with prayer. To learn more or to register go to <https://www.diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities> or contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org by January 20. Zoom link will be sent to those who register.

Merry Christmas!

Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia

Feliz Navidad

St. Mary Church invites you to join our parish community.



Please fill out this form if you wish to register or have our parish Priest or Deacon contact you. Place your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to us.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

- I would like to enroll as an active parishioner.
- Please change my address to that shown above.
- I would like to learn more about parish activities.
- I would like to offer the name of a Catholic who is homebound or seriously ill and is not being visited: _____
- I would like to speak with a Priest about a vocation to the priesthood.

You may also visit: www.stmarykazoo.org

The Feast of the Epiphany

On January 5 at 7:00 pm we will be exorcising the Epiphany water. Please feel free to bring as much water and salt as you would like to be blessed.

On January 6 we will have a Mass for the Epiphany in the Extraordinary Form (EF) at 7:00 pm with the blessing of chalk.



Your Prayers Are Needed

Please pray for the sick & homebound of our parish as well as their dedicated caregivers:

Catherine Hill
 Roger “RJ” Davis
 Darin Luchies
 Chuck Pike
 Brandon Buxton
 Trula Springman
 Gary J. Dominowski

Jan Hall
 Lou and Chris Hernandez
 Joel Ziolkowski
 Sid Shane
 Linda Barrett
 Ed Keto
 Rosemary MacKenzie

Jeffrey Woodhouse
 Ray Brandt
 John and Mary Gazi
 Matt Hall
 Joy Stefanski
 Gaynell and Roy Breeding
 Mary Myers

Paula Hernandez

Call the parish office if you know someone who should be added to this list.