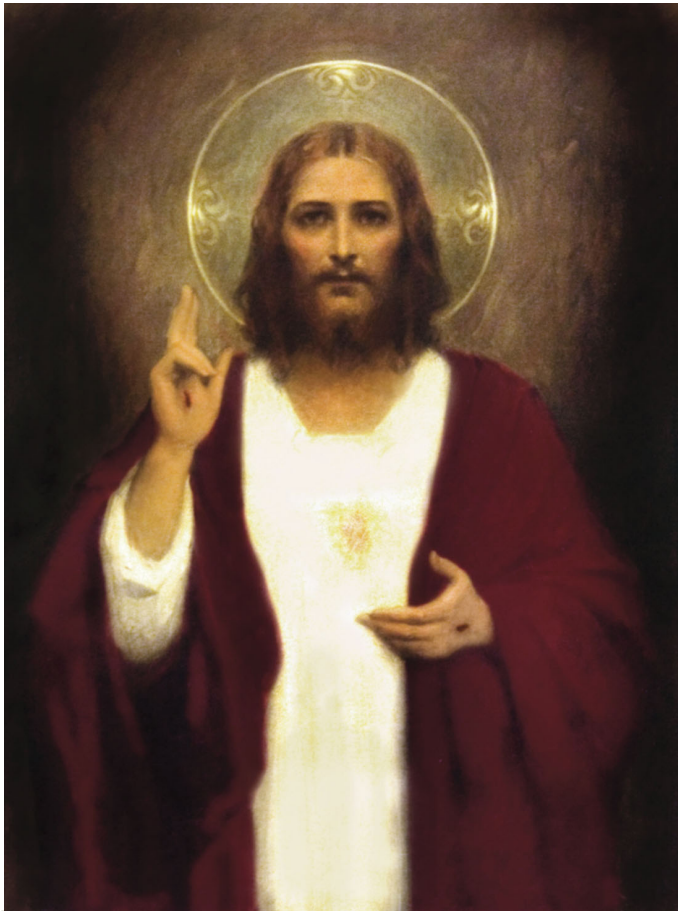


Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Mary Church

February 16, 2020



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Mass Schedule:

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before every Mass.

	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>
Tuesday	12:05 p.m.	
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	
Thursday		7:00 a.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m.	
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.

Pastoral Staff

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MASS INTENTIONS
FEBRUARY 16, 2020-FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Tuesday, February 18, 2020, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 12:05 p.m.:

Wednesday, February 19, 2020, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 6:00 p.m.:

Thursday, February 20, 2020, St. Mary Church, 7:00 a.m.:

Friday, February 21, 2020, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 7:00 a.m.:

Saturday, February 22, 2020, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 4:00 p.m.: Elias and Avenire Guidroz, Ansley Smith, Michael Race

Sunday, February 23, 2020, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 7:00 a.m.: Donald Bourgeois

Sunday, February 23, 2020, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 9:00 a.m.: Parochial Mass for all Parishioners

Sunday, February 23, 2020, St. Mary Church, 11:00 a.m.:

First Saturday Mass will be on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Sacred Heart at 9:00 a.m.

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus
Collections**

February 9, 2020

Offertory:
\$3,437.00

Capital Improvements:
\$1,791.00

**St. Mary Church
Collections**

February 2, 2020

Offertory
\$1,495.47

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CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE February 22

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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FEBRUARY 16, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGION CLASSES

No religion classes on February 23, 2020.

Mardi Gras Break.

Ash Wednesday is February 26, 2020. All religion students attend Mass to receive ashes.

St. Mary First Communion will be March 8, 2020 during 11 a.m. Mass. Practice will be March 5, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Sacred Heart First Communion will be March 15, 2020 during 9 a.m. Mass. Practice will be March 12, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Confirmation is on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Practice and confession is on Friday, March 6 at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

12:05 MASS AT ST. MARY CHURCH
**6:00 P.M. MASS AT SACRED HEART
CHURCH**

*****All religion students attend and receive their ashes.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

3:00 P.M. - SACRED HEART OF JESUS
5:00 P.M. - ST. MARCH CHURCH

LENTEN ROSARY

A Lenten Rosary will be said every Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. starting March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies' Kaycee member. Everyone is invited.

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, February 25 and Thursday, February 27, 2020

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