St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Please remember St. Mary's Renovation Fund in your will.

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM / 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday / Thursday / Friday / Saturday	9:00 AM

MASSES AT OLD ST. MARY CHURCH

Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00 AM every week
(Memorial Day Weekend to October) at Old St. Mary Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday	9:30 AM
Saturday	3:00 - 3:45 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

EMERGENCY NUMBER: (603) 504-5430
This number is to be used to reach Fr. Sebastian outside office hours in cases of emergency.

CATHOLIC OUTREACH HOURS

Tuesday 2:00 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL—24/7

Please come by the Parish Office to receive the code and instructions.

ST. MARY CEMETERY Old Church Road

Please call the Parish Office for inquiries or other information regarding the parish cemetery.

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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1st

A reading from
the first Book of Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

THE LORD SAID TO Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.
The word of the Lord.

PSALM 23

℟ (1) **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose.
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. ℟

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage. ℟

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. ℟

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come. ℟

2nd

A reading from
the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14

BROTHERS AND SISTERS: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper,/ and arise from the dead,/ and Christ will give you light."
The word of the Lord.

A reading from
the holy Gospel according to John 9:1-41

[For the shorter form (9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38), omit the text in brackets.]

AS JESUS PASSED BY he saw a man blind from birth. [His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this,] he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam"—which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." [So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."]

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

[Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."] They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. [Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains."]
The Gospel of the Lord.

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March 14, 2026—March 22, 2026

Sat. Mar 14	**Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent (StJ)**
4:00 PM	Dennis and Danielle Chadwick & Family By Mary K. Keating
Sun. Mar 15	**Fourth Sunday of Lent (StJ)**
10:30 AM	Peter and Mary Liz Lynch By Steve Denis
Mon. Mar 16	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)**
9:00 AM	Peter McCusker (†) By a Friend
Tue. Mar 17	**Lenten Weekday**
	No Mass
Wed. Mar 18	**Lenten Weekday**
	No Mass
Thur. Mar 19	**St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary (OSM)**
9:00 AM	Sally Michaud (†) By Ray Michaud
Fri. Mar 20	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)**
9:00 AM	Special Intention By Steve Denis
Sat. Mar 21	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)**
9:00 AM	Norman Savoie (†) By Kevin & Claire Krawiec
	Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent (StJ)
4:00 PM	Marie Lozito By Patrick Lozito
Sun. Mar 22	**Fifth Sunday of Lent (StJ)**
10:30 AM	For the People of St. Mary Parish

The Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be prayed after each Mass during the week in Lent.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Mar 16	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tues. Mar 17	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wed. Mar 18	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thurs. Mar 19	2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
Fri. Mar 20	Wis 2:1, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat. Mar 21	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sun. Mar 22	Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY – MARCH 8, 2026
Collection amounts not available at time of printing.

ONLINE GIVING
Amounts not available at time of printing.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Relief Services	March 14/15
Church Maintenance	March 21/22

Donations to Catholic Outreach should be made payable to "Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish."

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal checks should be made payable to "New Hampshire Catholic Appeal."

Capital Campaign checks should be made payable to "God's House, Our Home."

PRAYER LIST
Call the parish office to add/continue a person on the prayer list

Michael Aaron	Carol Fontaine	Mary O'Grady
Mark Baril	Dennis Fontaine	Mary Ouellette
Marc Bissonnette	Bill Garren	Denise Pantanella
Georgette Boudreau	Geoffrey Houle	Janet Ruest
Paul Boudreau	Timothy Houle	Nancy Ruest
Eliott Brown	Gregg Howe	Paul Ruest
Michael Cirre	Ricky Kaynew	Nancy Sammataro
Sandra Colby	Don Keating	Christine Snyder
Scott Colpas	Al Kulacz	Andrew St. Pierre
Christine Currier	Donna Kulacz	Barbara St. Pierre
Dana Davidson	Robert Labelle	Edward Stone
Norman Dion	John Laushance	Mary Sullivan
Susan Doody	Diane Lavigne	Ryan Sullivan
David Doster	Matthew Limoges	Pauline Trottier
Nichole Dunkel	Fr. John Loughnane	Louise Unger
Jimmy Dunn	Patrick Lozito	Gary Vezina
Charles Eastman	Sylvia Michaud	Victoria Willis
Frank Emig	Mark Miller	Barbara Woodin

Give a gift of the greatest prayer for your loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the Parish Office to schedule. The 2027 calendar is now available.

The Sanctuary Candle Memorials will be temporarily on hold until Our Eucharistic Lord returns to St. Mary Church.

Welcome New Parishioners… Just moved to this area? We welcome you to St. Mary Parish!
Parish registration forms are available in the back of the church or on the parish website.
Please contact the Parish Office at stmarysclaremont@comcast.net or (603) 542-9518 if you have questions.

HYMNS—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Processional Hymn: #305—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Offertory Hymn: #342—Amazing Grace

Communion Hymn: #431—O Lord, I Am Not Worthy

Recessional Hymn: #306—Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PARKING AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

1. There is **no street parking** allowed on Elm Street. St. Joseph Church has **two parking lots**: one behind the church and the other on Elm Street, on the left side of the Rectory. Snow will be cleared so that all available parking spaces will be accessible.

2. **One-way traffic will enter the Elm Street driveway between the Rectory and the Church** and continue on to find a parking space in the large lot behind the church. Drivers may stop at the side door for passengers to get out there and be assisted to the door by Security/ Ushers. An **ELEVATOR** is located at the far end of the side entry doorway. Exiting the parking lots after Mass will be via Gold Street at the back side of the lot.

3. **Please be considerate** of parishioners with mobility issues by leaving them the parking spaces closest to the entry door (alongside the church, behind the rectory, immediately behind the church) However, following a storm, the possibility of snow and ice sliding off the roofs make it risky to park along the side or directly behind the Church. Please avoid those parking places under wintry conditions.

4. Once Mass starts, if the side entrance facing the Rectory is unattended it will be locked and only the front door unlocked. Security/ ushers will be in the back of the Church and in the vestibule area to assist.

Traveling Statue of Mary

A program of the New Hampshire State Council of the Knights of Columbus. Parishioners are encouraged to welcome the statue into their home for a week or two and gather family, friends, or neighbors to pray the rosary daily during the statue's stay. Pamphlets and blessed rosaries are provided.

To sign up call Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209.

Campaign Corner

We are still hopeful that the work will be completed by Holy Week but do keep it in your prayers so there is no unanticipated delay! We ask that everyone please fulfill their pledges and thank you to everyone who has made their final donations.

The main body of the church is almost finished, and the crew will move next to the sanctuary dome! Meanwhile plaster repair is almost completed in each wing. Visit the parish website to see more pictures of the project progress!

Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish

If you or someone you know needs assistance with food or living expenses, please call Denny Francis of Catholic Outreach at 603-543-0551

Life is a Gift from God

St. Mary ProLife Ministry
Contact Juanita Sweet
or the Parish Office

Roman Catholic Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Fr. Sebastian, please call Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209. Visits are made on the 2nd Monday of every month. Father is assisted by one of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Calling all parents/caregivers of adults with special needs (18+ years old)! We are looking to connect with others within the Catholic community to start a ministry within our local area for those of all abilities. The mission of the ministry is to provide opportunities for participants to grow spiritually, offer prayer support for others, make lasting friendships, and use their individual gifts and talents in supporting each other allowing God's light to shine through each of them! If interested in finding out more, please contact Kathy Prieto at Kathy@prietos.us

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Reminder that sacramental classes began Sunday, March 1st. Class times are from 9:15 to 10:00 am and held in the classroom on the second floor of the chapel (next to St. Mary Church). All children should be registered for classes, as well as having their baptism certificates available. Questions, please call or text Kevin Krawiec at 1-603-801-6130.

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Keep in your prayers the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Ava Blake
Jamison Blake
Ryan Blake
Geovanna Da Silva
Alison Gauilema
Anthony Gauilema
Dilan Gauilema
Priscilla Gauilema
Priscilla Millette
Damaris Tasinchana
Justin Tasinchana