

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 8:00 AM every week
(June to October) at Old St. Mary Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

ST. MARY CEMETERY Old Church Road

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday ONLY 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Chapel Hours

Monday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday	6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Sunday	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

March 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"For the sake of the Gospel"

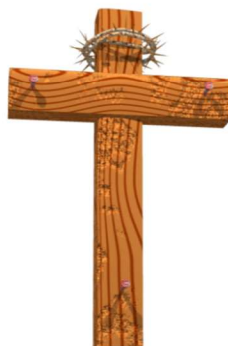
The cross stands at the end of any path which the Christian may take, even if it is true that it is always the resurrection that attracts him. It is an unavoidable fact that, whatever path the Christian feels called upon to take, sooner or later he cannot escape the necessity of giving up everything: himself, his loves, and his possessions, whatever they may be. Sooner or later everyone has to do this. Christianity itself cannot be blamed for this harsh necessity. It falls on all men equally.

To reproach Christianity with bringing the cross into men's lives is to shut one's eyes to the evidence. It had no need to do so; the cross was there already. Christianity did not put it there. But what Christianity alone could bring was a meaning for the cross. The Gospel alone adds to the necessity of the cross the promise of the resurrection. It does more: it teaches us how to make the cross the way to resurrection. It enables us to look evil in the eye, because it makes us find in evil itself the means to overcome it. Consequently, what distinguishes the Christian from the non-Christian is not that he is vowed to the cross but that he has found the means to make the cross life-giving....

Not only the religious but every Christian must advance consciously towards the moment when, with Christ, he puts his spirit in the Father's hands and gives up once and for all every earthly love, every earthly possession, even that of his own body. In any Christian life this last moment should not seem like a final failure, to which we must simply resign ourselves, with death in the soul, when effective resistance is no longer possible. On the contrary, in every Christian life, this moment of death should seem, as it was for Christ, the moment of final consummation. In other words, in every Christian life everything should lead to it. The great renunciations which some Christians feel called upon to make in advance are nothing more than means of liberation which make us more resigned to the greatest, the final, the real renunciations when God calls and leads us to them.... In the last analysis the ascetic never gives up the things of this world in themselves; he only gives up ways of possessing them which carry within themselves the seeds of their own decay.

FATHER LOUIS BOUYER

Father Bouyer († 2004) was a French priest, theologian, author, and convert. He was a member of the Congregation of the Oratory of Jesus and Mary Immaculate. / From Christian Initiation, J.R. Foster, Tr., Michael Heintz, Ed. © 2018 by Cluny Media, P.O. Box 1664, Providence, RI 02901. Used with permission.



March 5, 2022—March 13, 2022

Sat. Mar 5 4:00 PM	Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent For the People
Sun. Mar 6 8:00 AM	First Sunday of Lent Rita Michaud (†) By Her Children
10:30 AM	Eugene Fowler (†) By Nancy Fowler
Mon. Mar 7 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday J. Park and Mary R. Goddard (†) By the Estate
Tue. Mar 8	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Wed. Mar 9	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Thur. Mar 10 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Peter McCuster (†) By a Friend
Fri. Mar 11 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Special Intention
Sat. Mar 12 <u>9:00 AM*</u>	Lenten Weekday Lorraine Dube (†) By Brian & Cynthia Lessard
4:00 PM	Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent For the People
Sun. Mar 13 8:00 AM	First Sunday of Lent Rita Michaud (†) By Her Children
10:30 AM	Eugene Fowler (†) By Nancy Fowler

The Rosary will be prayed before each weekday Mass, beginning 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass.

15-minutes Stations of the Cross will be prayed following each weekday Mass during Lent.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Mar 7	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tues. Mar 8	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wed. Mar 9	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thurs. Mar 10	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Fri. Mar 11	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Sat. Mar 12	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sun. Mar 13	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28-36

WEEKLY OFFERING . . . Stewardship
Giving of Time, Talent and Treasure in gratitude
for all of God's gifts.

Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you also for those who make up envelopes!

February 27, 2022

Offertory	\$2,430.50
Catholic Outreach	\$ 511.00

Upcoming Second Collections

Fuel	Mar 6
Buck-A-Month	Mar 13

PLEASE NOTE ... Offertory checks made payable to: St. Mary Parish.
You are welcome to indicate a second collection in the memo section of your check. Donations to Catholic Outreach should be made payable to "**Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish.**"

PRAYER LIST

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

Becky Baril	Dennis Fontaine	Sylvia Michaud
Bill Beattie	David Grey	David Montano
Gloria Beattie	Jake Grey	Mary Ouellette
William Beattie	Deborah Hemingway	Melvin Parker
Deb Bedard	Renee Honeman	Don Pederson
Carol Braga	Timothy Houle	Brian Smith
Pauline Buckner	David Immic	Andrew St. Pierre
Stephen Burlew	Elaine Keating	Elaine St. Pierre
Angie Chicoine	Richard LaCasce	Marcy St. Pierre
Brendon Collins	Lisa Laliberte	Mary Sullivan
Rebecca DeVoyd	Claire Lessard	Peter Sullivan
Susan Doody	Matthew Limoges	Linda Supernois
Thomas Eagen	Roy Lucier	Todd Supernois
Charles Eastman	Jon Manning	Christine Snyder
Joan Flaherty	Terry McGuire	Chee Chee Tyrrell
Charles Fletcher	Shirley McNutt	Louise Unger

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LOVED ONES

Zachary Long... US Army
Raymond F. Parizo, Jr....US Navy
Call the parish office to add your loved ones in the service.

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions—March 2022

For a Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

REMEMBERING DURING THE YEAR

"Memorial Candle Fund"

Candle burning in the Church for the souls in purgatory.



Welcome New Parishioners...Just moved to this area? We welcome you to St. Mary Parish. Please stop by the parish office or call (603) 542-9518 for "new parishioner" information!

***There will be 9:00 AM Mass every Saturday unless a funeral Mass is scheduled. An email will be sent if there is a funeral.**

HYMNS—First Sunday of Lent

Processional Hymn: #232—Praise to the Lord

Offertory Hymn: #188—Lord Jesus, Think On Me

Communion Hymn: #181—Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Recessional Hymn: #197—Now Thank We All Our God



Knights of Columbus Fr. Cote Assembly 1820 Spiritual Night

Monday, March 7th, 7:00 PM
St. Joseph Hall—Claremont NH

Guest Speaker: Deacon Jim Wilton
Light refreshments included.
Open to all degrees and all parishioners.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting

Tuesday, March 15th
6:30 PM—St. Joseph Church Hall
Bring a "Green Gift" for Yankee Swap



Men of St. Joseph

The next meeting of the Men of St. Joseph will be on Wednesday March 16th at 7:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus Room in the St. Mary Gym next to the church. The topic for the evening will be: "Virtues of St. Joseph?" All men of St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes are welcome to attend! For information, you may contact Kevin Krawiec @ 603-801-6130.

Invitation to Pray with Fr. Sebastian for 15 minutes for the souls in purgatory:

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." 2 Mach 12:46

Completely helpless, the Holy Souls can do nothing. They are your friends and relatives, trapped in Purgatory. You have the power to release them, to allow them entrance to heaven. How? By praying The Way of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross to die on Calvary. The church teaches that the Souls in Purgatory undergo a process of purification that must include suffering. By praying and making sacrifices for the Holy Souls, you have the marvelous power and privilege to relieve their pain. In return, their gratitude will bring you countless blessings. May a stream of mercy flow from Our Lord to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The stations will be prayed after each weekday Mass.

Vocations HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Every Thursday Evening

6:00–7:00 PM

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PICK OF THE WEEK

March 6, 2022

WATCH

EVERYDAY HEROES

Heroism isn't restricted to decorated soldiers or persecuted saints. It's something achievable for all of us even in our ordinary lives. In this documentary, see how the Knights of Columbus have embodied this everyday heroism!



LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS

In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith: Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity.

LEARN

LISTEN

12 STORIES ABOUT AQUINAS WITH PETER KREEFT

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote the equivalent of 500 books, all with a quill pen! Join Dr. Peter Kreeft, an influential teacher of Catholic thought, as he shares some entertaining anecdotes from the life of this genius saint!

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OPERATION RICE BOWL... a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten Program that calls all participants to

PRAY with their families and faith communities, FAST in solidarity with those who are hungry, LEARN about our global community and the work of Catholic Relief Services overseas, GIVE sacrificial contributions to those in need around the world and in our diocese. RICE Bowls are available at all the Church entrances.