St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Homebound Ministry Director	Steve Denis
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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 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

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1st

A reading from the Book of Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!" The Lord answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?"
The word of the Lord.

Psalm 95

℟ (8) **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him. ℟

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. ℟

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works." ℟

2nd

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.
The word of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4:5-42

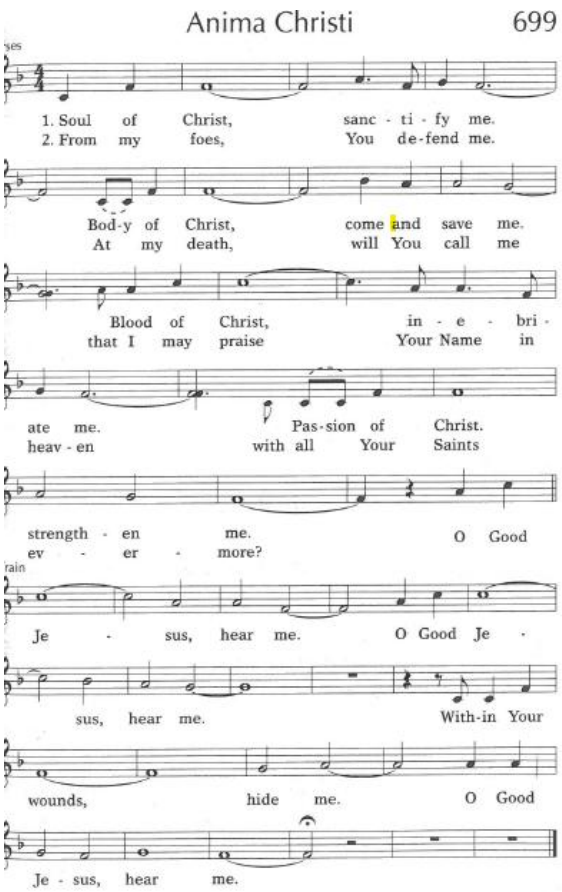
[For the shorter form (4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42), omit the text in brackets.]

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

[Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir,] I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one (who is) speaking with you."

[At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."]

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him [because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done."] When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."
The Gospel of the Lord.

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March 7, 2026—March 15, 2026

Sat. Mar 7 4:00 PM	**Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent (StJ)** Dr. Leo Abbott (†) By Mike & Sharon Gilbert
Sun. Mar 8 10:30 AM	**Third Sunday of Lent (StJ)** Jack and Jackie Merrill By Steve Denis
Mon. Mar 9 9:00 AM	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)** Leonard & Alma Newell (†) and Their Children, Lillian Harvey (†), Ida Bresell (†), and Arthur Newell (†) By Deborah Harvey
Tue. Mar 10	**Lenten Weekday** No Mass
Wed. Mar 11	**Lenten Weekday** No Mass
Thur. Mar 12 9:00 AM	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)** Roland LaPointe (†) By Ray & Sally Michaud
Fri. Mar 13 9:00 AM	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)** George Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow
Sat. Mar 14 9:00 AM	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)** George Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow
4:00 PM	**Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent (StJ)** Dennis and Danielle Chadwick & Family By Mary K. Keating
Sun. Mar 15 10:30 AM	**Fourth Sunday of Lent (StJ)** Peter and Mary Liz Lynch By Steve Denis

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

Father Sebastian turns 49 on March 10th! Be sure to wish him a happy birthday!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Mar 9	2 Kgs 5:1-15/Lk 4:24-30
Tues. Mar 10	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wed. Mar 11	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thurs. Mar 12	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Fri. Mar 13	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Sat. Mar 14	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sun. Mar 15	1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory – March 1, 2026

Envelopes (49).....$2,019.00
Loose.....$1,173.50

Online Giving

Offertory.....$401.32
Capital Campaign.....$190.65

Upcoming Second Collections

Fuel	March 7/8
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	Jennifer Viger
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.

Priests in the Diocese of Manchester will be holding their Lenten Day of Prayer together on Wednesday, March 11th. Please keep them in your prayers. The Mass at St. Joseph's on Wednesday will be at 9:00 AM.

The Parish Office will be closed beginning March 9th and will reopen on March 16th.

HYMNS—Third Sunday of Lent

Processional Hymn: #356—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Offertory Hymn: #243—Forty Days and Forty Nights

Communion Hymn: #429—You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Recessional Hymn: #237—From Ashes to the Living Font

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 last 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