

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 17, 2021 - Baptism of the Lord

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## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JANUARY 16- JANUARY 24**

### **ST. MARY'S**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maria (Parrigon) Logan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Edmund & Rose Anna Abramovitz
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	+For Deceased Members of the PCCW
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Barbara Spice
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Fr. Richard Rolwing
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family

### **ST. AGNES**

Tues.	8:30 a.m.
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Monday, January 18

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.**

**6:30 p.m. Mass**

**PCCW Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.**

**8:15 a.m. Mass**

**PSR/CCD Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.**

**Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

**8:15 a.m. Mass**

Tuesday, January 19

Wednesday, January 20

Thursday, January 21

Friday, January 22

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, January 25

**Feast of Saint Paul, Apostle**

**Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.**

**Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

**8:15 a.m. Mass**

**PSR/CCD Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.**

**St. Mary's School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Via ZOOM**

**Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor**

**8:15 a.m. Mass**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast after Mass. This breakfast is free, but donations are welcome.**

**(Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)**

Tuesday, January 26

Wednesday, January 27

Thursday, January 28

Friday, January 29

Sunday, January 31

## **OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in February: Tom & Sharon Swift**

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2623.00

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Fr. Peter J. Morciniec, Peggy Heidlage, Jerry Gasser, Charlotte Sloan, Louise Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTER:** If you would like a copy of your end of year contribution letter for 2019, please print your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church. (If you have already signed-up to get your tax letter in the back of church your name will be crossed off and your letter will be in the back of church.)

## JANUARY APPOINTMENTS

If you are unable to make your appointment, please find a replacement

### Saturday, Jan. 23 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski  
Ushers: Larry Carver, Leonard Fenske

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Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

### Sunday, Jan. 24 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell  
Ushers: Jim Barchak, Ian Brottlund

### Sunday, Jan. 24 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Heather Gripka, Cody Washam  
Ushers: Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet

# Good News

## INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19  
Ps 40:2,4,7-10  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20  
John 1:35-42

### Monday January 18

Hebrews 5:1-10  
Ps 110:1-4  
Mark 2:18-22

### Tuesday January 19

Hebrews 6:10-20  
Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c  
Mark 2:23-28

### Wednesday January 20

Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17  
Ps 110:1-4  
Mark 3:1-6

### Thursday January 21

**St. Agnes**  
Hebrews 7:25 -- 8:6  
Ps 40:7-10,17  
Mark 3:7-12

### Friday January 22

**Pray for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**  
Hebrews 8:6-13  
Ps 85:8,10-14  
Mark 3:13-19

### Saturday January 23

Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14  
Ps 47:2-3,6-9  
Mark 3:20-21

Like Jesus did to Simon Peter, he says to each of us: "What are you looking for?" When you pray, and when you look at a crucifix, or when you see a picture of Jesus, *what* exactly are you looking for?

Jesus says: "Come and see!" Come and see what? His love? His healing power? His supernatural ability to answer our prayers? Whatever we're looking for, the reason we're seeking it is because we don't yet have it.

Jesus is the fulfillment of every promise by God the Father. Jesus is the fullness of love, the provider of mercy, the divine healer, the perfect mediator of all our prayers and concerns, and everything else we truly need. So, why does it feel like something is still missing? Why do our lives feel incomplete? Why do our prayers seem unanswered?



Yet with all of this, Peter did not really find all that he was looking for (remember how easily he felt afraid or confused or uncertain) until he was on the giving end of it. He didn't discover the fullness of Jesus until Jesus was no longer present in the flesh and Peter accepted the call to continue Christ's earthly ministry.

The same is true for us who have never seen Jesus' actual eyes or heard his actual voice. We find what we're seeking when we give it to others. Why? Because then we discover that we really had it all along! This is the miracle of "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What do you need from Jesus that he doesn't seem to be providing yet? At the core, what is it you're really seeking?
2. How can you find it by doing the will of God? Figure out something to *do*, then do it and see what happens.
3. Describe a time when you gave away what you thought you did not have (money? time? patience? hope? love?) How were you doing the will of God?
4. What happened to your own needs afterward?

The answer is revealed in what happened after Peter began to follow Jesus. We read about it in Samuel's response to God's invitation. We proclaim it in the Responsorial: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Peter was privileged to witness first-hand the wondrous miracles of Jesus. He personally experienced God's love through the gentle eyes of Jesus, the tone of kindness in his voice, and the forgiveness that was visible in his smile.