

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 24, 2021 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JANUARY 23- JANUARY 31

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Rodney Hanley Jr.
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Barbara Spice
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Joan Parrigon Birthday Remembrance
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Frances Rehrauer

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, January 25

Tuesday, January 26

Wednesday, January 27

Thursday, January 28

Sunday, January 31

Feast of Saint Paul, Apostle

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

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

National Catholic Schools Week

5th Sunday Breakfast after Mass. This breakfast is free, but donations are welcome.

(Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, February 1

Tuesday, February 2

Wednesday, February 3

Friday, February 5

Saturday, February 6

Sunday, February 7

Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

8:15 a.m. Mass

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

7:30 p.m. Mass

Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:15 a.m. Mass

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

The Mirror subscription is due. The diocese wishes that all families receive The Mirror-please help

defray costs by paying the \$14 toward your subscription. Checks should be made out to

St. Mary's Church.

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 3570.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO FR. MATT AND HIS FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER FRANCES

REHRAUER. May she be living with God and may her family feel her peace.

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.)

HELP WANTED: We are looking for someone to clean the gym and cafeteria after rentals. The pay is \$200.00 each event. If you are interest please contact Shelly Wroblewski at (417) 476-2827 or by email at st_marys@live.com

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Catholic Schools Week will begin the last Sunday of January (the 31st) and run to February 6th. We will have a few activities going on throughout the week to highlight the great things that happen at our Catholic School. We will also be doing family activity, similar to the challenge presented last year. Keep an eye on the school Facebook page for the updates on these activities.

We are trying to do a Zoom style career day. If you would be interested in sharing your career and experiences with the students via a Zoom call, please let me know. 417-476-2824 or jason.kramer@stmarys-piercecity.org

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: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

Saturday, Jan. 30 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski
Ushers: Larry Gasser, Doug Witt

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

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

Sunday, Jan. 31 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton
Ushers: Dale Jasumback, Ellis Motley

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5,10
Ps 25:4-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Monday January 25
Conversion of St. Paul
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc,2
Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday January 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus
2 Tim 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday January 27
Hebrews 10:11-18
Ps 110:1-4
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas
Hebrews 10:19-25
Ps 24:1-6
Mark 4:21-25

Friday January 29
Hebrews 10:32-39
Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday January 30
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Lk 1:69-75
Mark 4:35-41

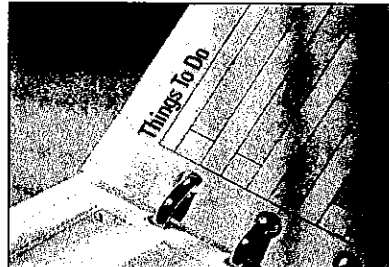
Today's Gospel reading is a call to surrender ourselves fully to God. "Now is the time of fulfillment" – not just 2000 years ago, not at the Second Coming of Christ, but right now in your life when and where you need Jesus the most.

"The kingdom of God is at hand" – what you need from the Lord is right here, at hand, ready for you.

"Repent, and believe in the gospel" means "Come follow Me and learn from Me to become like Me." For the first disciples, it meant dropping whatever they were doing to spend so much time with Jesus that their whole lives were forever affected.

And this is what it means for you and for me: We have to put aside our own agendas and overly busy schedules to spend more time following Jesus wherever he leads us.

Sundays and other days of rest. Why? Because we need to spend that time with Jesus quietly being restored and re-energized.



Unfortunately, Jesus doesn't walk through the door and circle dates on our calendar and write "Rest with Jesus" on it so that we can

plan ahead. We have to follow his lead at a moment's notice – every moment. To experience the kingdom of God on the earthly side of heaven, we have to be willing to drop everything to follow Jesus into unfamiliar places at unexpected times. We have to learn to follow his lead even in situations where his way is the surprising way.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What's on your to-do list? What keeps you busy? What are your goals for the future? What are you dreaming of?
2. If Jesus has a different plan for your day or for your life, how easily could you switch over to new ideas and plans?
3. What are some of the nets you've abandoned in the past in order to follow Jesus? How difficult was that to do?
4. Are you happy about it now? Why? How was this an experience of the kingdom of God on earth?

In the modern world, we have become more dependent on our technological devices than on Jesus. Many of us cannot even go on vacation without remaining accessible to their employers via the cell phone. Somehow, we need to find a way to take a stand against this.

It's one of the social justice teachings of the Church: We are actually called by God to rebel against working on