

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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January 23, 2022 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JANUARY 22- JANUARY 30

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Betty Rakoski
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Robert & Rose Ann Knott
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15a.m.	+Ken Garrison
	6:30 p.m.	+Mary Jennett
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Barbara Roberts
Saturday	4:00p.m.	+Leo & Joyce Parrigon
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Jeannie (Gasser) McInnis 30 th Anniversary

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, January 23

FREE THROW CONTEST doors open at 12 noon and contest will begin at 1:00 p.m. For ages 9-14 Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

Monday, January 24

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Feast of Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishop

8:15 a.m. Mass

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

6:30 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. St. Mary's School Board Meeting

Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. Mass

All School Liturgy

Catholic Schools Week

Friday, January 28

Sunday, January 30

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 31

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

8:15 a.m. Mass

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

7:30 p.m. Mass

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

8:15 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 4

Saturday, February 5

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in January:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1315.00

TUCKPOINTING PROJECT: To date our parish has \$45,088.00 toward our \$65,000.00 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by mailing or putting your pledge in the collection marked tuckpointing. We are still short \$ 19,912.00 of meeting our goal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Dawnata Hopkins, Louise Bellm, Ester Miller, Charlotte Sloan, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

ATTENTION PCCW LADIES, the annual dues for our PCCW are \$10. If you received your January envelopes, the yellow one is for PCCW. For those not receiving envelopes simply place your \$10 in an envelope with your name labeled PCCW Dues.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTER: If you would like a copy of your contributions for the 2021 year, 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 have a check mark by it, and your letter will be in the back of church.)

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We hope everyone in the parish is doing well. Please, keep us in your prayers. The school has been hit by the illness bug the last week or so. Monday, we will be making up for a missed snow day. We look for many of our students who have been out to be back in school. Continue to pray for each other and everyone at the school to stay safe during these wild times.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, January 29 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Ushers: Bryan Stellwagen, Michael Abramovitz

Sunday, January 30 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: St. Mary's School Children

Ushers: St. Mary's School Children

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT : NEXT STEP

I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO OFFERED INPUT INTO THE CHOICE OF BEST DAY FOR A MONTHLY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, WE ARE LOOKING AT THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE TIME FRAME WILL BE, 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. EXPOSITION WILL CLOSE WITH BENEDICTION AT 7:00 P.M. WE WILL NEED AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE IN CHURCH AT ALL TIMES DURING EXPOSITION FOR ADORATION.

IN SERVICE TOWARD FINDING OUT HOW MANY HOURS WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE PEOPLE WANTING TO SPEND TIME WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, THERE WILL BE SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.

THE SHEETS WILL HAVE TIME SLOTS FOR ONE HOUR OF ADORATION TIME. WE ARE ASKING FOR A COMMITMENT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE TIME INDICATED EACH MONTH FOR SIX MONTHS. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COMMIT FOR AN HOUR, PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME. ALSO, IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SUBSTITUTE ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR SOMEONE WHO SIGNS UP, PLEASE INDICATE THAT ON THE SHEET.

IF EVERYTHING GOES TOGETHER AS IT SHOULD, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO START ON FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10
Ps 19:8-10,15
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday January 24
St. Francis de Sales
2 Samuel 5:1-7,10
Ps 89:20-22,25-26
Mark 3:22-30

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

Wednesday January 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus
2 Tim 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,7-8a,10
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday January 27
2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29
Ps 132:1-5,11-14
Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas
2 Samuel 11:1-10a,13-17
Ps 51:3-4-7,10-11
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 29
2 Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17
Ps 51:12-17
Mark 4:35-41

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus announcing the reality of his ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.... Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Did this ministry come to an end when he ascended to heaven and disappeared off the face of the earth? As the reading from Corinthians points out, we are now the Body of Christ on earth.

We are *all* – every one of us – *important* parts of this body! Do not underestimate yourself. God created you and brought you into the Church because you can make a significant difference. No one else can do what you can do, the way you can do it, in the plans that he has for making this world a better place through you.

We Christians are, as a community of believers, the Body of Christ on earth. Every time we receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, we receive what we are, and thus we're renewed in the continuation of Christ's ministry. His mission is our mission.

By receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we consume not only Jesus in his full humanity and his full divinity, we



also consume his ministry. The Spirit of the Lord comes upon us. Every Mass is a renewal of our vocation to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim what is acceptable to God.

Whenever the prayers of others are not answered, whenever evil is allowed to prevail, whenever souls suffer because they have not heard the good news of salvation in Jesus, it's because the parts of Christ's earthly body that can do something about it are not doing it. God provides everything that's needed on earth *through us!* Jesus continues his ministry on earth *through us!*

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How does it feel to know that you're called to continue Christ's ministry? Reflect on how important you are to the Body of Christ and his mission.
2. What are you good at? What do you feel passionate about? What particular evils disturb you most? This is where you can make a difference!
3. Name ways that ordinary people can bring good news to the poor, or free captives, or help the blind see, or set the oppressed free, or proclaim what is acceptable to the Lord.
4. What are your experiences doing this?