



SAINT MARY'S
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Sunday, July 25, 2021
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

12:00pm (Español)

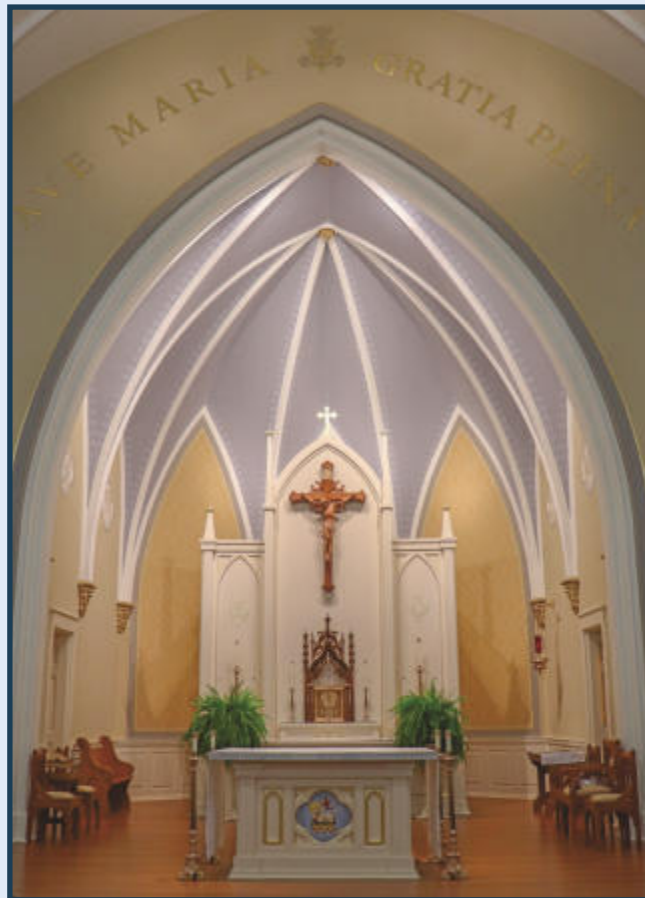
Monday through Friday

6:15am

Confessions and Adoration

Thursdays

5:30pm-6:30pm

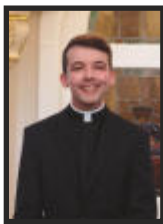


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FROM FATHER CARLOS



Dear friends at Saint Mary's and Saint Frances Cabrini parishes,

This month of July we celebrated the feast day of our Lady of Mount Carmel. In the opening prayer for Mass on July 16th (the actual feast day of our Lady of Mount Carmel,) we asked the Lord that through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, "we may be able to reach the mountain which is

Christ." For this bulletin column, therefore, I would like to reflect on the idea of Christ as the mountain, following the imagery offered by the opening prayer I just mentioned above.

As I have also mentioned in the past, mountains are part of the geography of my home state in Colombia. They surround my hometown called Sabaneta (which means "little valley".) Being familiar with mountains growing up, I have learned that they are hard to climb and that it takes much effort and perseverance to reach the top.

In the Gospel, Christ shares with his disciples what it will take to follow him: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24) and elsewhere he says: "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62.) The mountain which is Christ is also demanding to climb and will very likely require effort and perseverance on our part to follow the "narrow path" (Matthew 7:14) that the Lord presents to us to reach the top. Our savior,

however, assures us of his presence with us till the end (Matthew 28:20,) assisting us with his grace to fulfill what he commands.

Going back to the imagery of mountains, they also help us rise above the clouds. For some mountains it is the case that, as you go up and begin to near the top, the path starts becoming cloudy and foggy. All of that gloom, however, is left behind once you reach the top of the mountain. In the case of the Christian life, it is through the mountain which is Christ that we are able to rise above the clouds of sin and darkness and thus enjoy the true light that conquers death and dispels every evil.

Lastly, mountains bring us closer to heaven. In Scripture, the top of a mountain is referenced as the closest place to God on earth. Often times in Scripture we find passages where God encounters others on the top of a mountain, as he did with Moses when he received the ten commandments from the Lord (see Exodus 19:20) Christ, the mountain, also brought us closer to heaven by restoring our relationship with the Father and opening wide the gates of paradise for his faithful ones through his sacrifice on the cross. As Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity would say about Christ: "He is my heaven!"

My invitation these days, brothers and sisters, is that we engage in the adventure of climbing the mountain which is Christ. It does take effort and perseverance, yet it will lead us to reach heights that as Christians we are called to attain and that we are reminded of every time the priest invites us at Mass to "lift up [our] hearts." May the Lord assist us with his grace.

CATHOLIC FORMATION

The Seven Signs of the Gospel of John With Father Nathan...

[saintfrancescabrini.com/
seven-signs-of-the-gospel-of-john](http://saintfrancescabrini.com/seven-signs-of-the-gospel-of-john)

Registrations are being accepted for the 2021-22 year

REP * Confirmation * First Communion
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Journey Ministry

"We Are All Wonderfully Made"

A retreat of faith for children ages 6-14
with developmental and cognitive disabilities.
Saturday, August 14 from 9-11:30am at Saint Mary's

The Journey Ministry is also taking registrations and looking for volunteers to mentor and to help out.
Contact Christina at 262-338-2366 ext.124 or cspindler@wbparishes.org

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 26

6:15am +Bernie Hoppa

Tuesday, July 27

6:15am +Ted & +Jim Mueller

Wednesday, July 28

6:15am A Special Intention for Healing & Conversion

Thursday, July 29

6:15am +Virginia Feucht

Friday, July 30

6:15am +Mary Wohlwend

Sunday, August 1

7:30am +Francis & +Lorraine Braun

9:30am +John Bartol

12:00pm(Spanish)Pro Populo

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PARISH CONTACTS

Please see the website for a complete staff listing

Parish Office.....(262) 338-5600

Catholic Formation.....(262) 338-5605

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Father Carlos Londono.....clondono@wbparishes.org

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

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daughter of Luke and Caitlin Fichtner*

*Emersyn Allen,
son of Matthew Gonia and Krystal Schailer*

*Ellie Jaeleen,
daughter of Nicholas and Lisa Wagner*

SCRIP SALES

No Scrip Sold in July. Sales Resume in August

CHURCH CLEANING:

Our next church cleaning is August 28th at 7am. Come and join the fun. Light is the task when many share the toil.

TWINNING NEWS

Sunday, August 1st

Fair Trade coffee, tea, and cocoa will be sold by the San Gaspar room after the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses
The Lending Library, located in the San Gaspar Room, will also be open from 7:30am to 11:00am.

PARISH INFORMATION

New Members

Welcome! Please call the parish office or visit our website.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-12noon

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366 X114 for information.

Baptism

Contact Julie Braun for information on Baptism Preparation Classes, preferably before the child is born.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor as soon as you are considering marriage, but no less than six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Communion for the Homebound

Call the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrated the last Sunday of the month after both Sunday morning Masses. Or call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Signing for hearing impaired

2nd Sunday of the month at the 9:30am Mass

Miscarriage Ministry

Please contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366

Bulletin, E-bulletin, Website, and Pulpit announcements

Contact Tammy Waech twaech@wbparishes.org.

Sign up for our E-bulletin on our website.

Parish Social Media

Facebook: [@ImmaculateConceptionWestBend](https://www.facebook.com/ImmaculateConceptionWestBend)

Twitter: [@WBParishes](https://twitter.com/WBParishes)

Honduras Mission:

Visit: www.stmaryparishwb.org/twinning-san-gaspar for details and to get involved.

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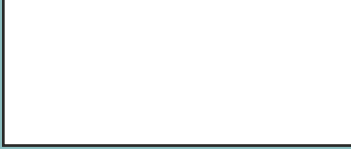
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