

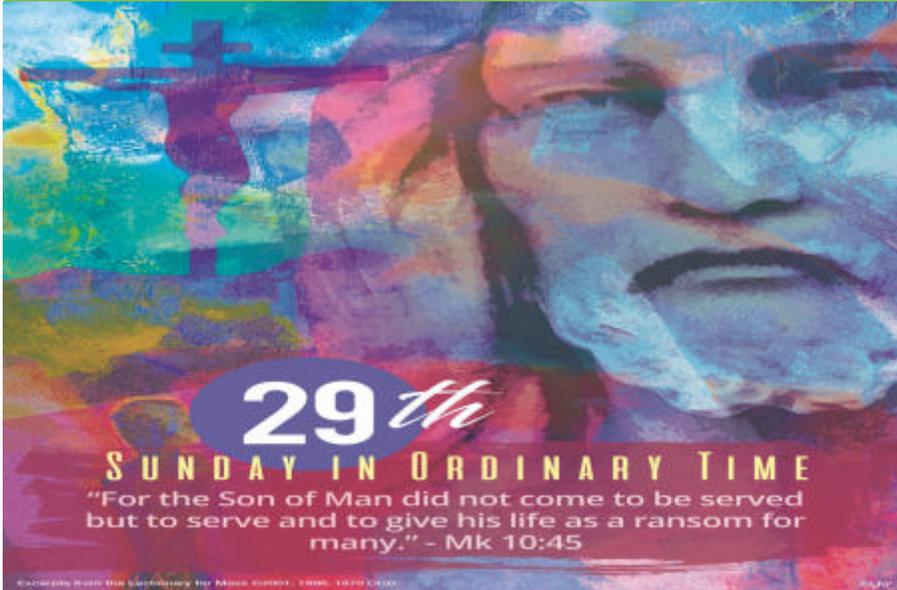
October 17, 2021 • *Twenty - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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MISSION STATEMENT

To share the gifts God has entrusted us by "being Christ to one another" through welcoming, comforting, healing and teaching in loving service of our brothers and sisters, mindful of His unconditional love for all His children.



Sunday 10:30 am Mass

Entrance: #914 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Introit

Psalm:

Refrain - Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the Lord and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of kindness of the LORD the earth is full. **Refrain**

See the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness. To delivery them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. **Refrain**

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you. **Refrain**

Recessional: #670 All Creatures of Our God and King

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 12:00 pm

Mass Schedule:

Weekend:

Saturday 4:30 pm;

Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays:

Mon. - Fri. 12:00 pm

Holy Days: 12:00 & 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Mon. - Fri. 11:30 am - 11:50
am

Sat. 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm and by
appointment

Baptism & Marriage:

Call Pastor for arrangements

Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Hotline 651-291-4497

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 16th

4:30 pm Intentions of Roland and
Ellen Bedard

Sunday, 17th

7:30 am Jim Schaeffer†
10:30 am Bill, Bev, Colleen and
Tommy McDonough†

Monday, 18th

12:00 pm George Menard†

Tuesday, 19th

12:00 pm Chris Neuheisel†

Wednesday, 20th

12:00 pm Gerald Albright†

Thursday, 21st

12:00 pm Gregory and Erin Joseph†

Friday, 22nd

12:00 pm Rita E. Jalonack†

Next Saturday, 23rd

4:30 pm Vernon Edstrom†

Next Sunday, 24th

7:30 am Thomas Veesenmeyer†
10:30 am Mary and Martin Larson†
† Denotes deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19,
20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or
10:42-45

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-
13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps
40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-
6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4
and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76,
77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3,
4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52 ©LPI

FROM THE PASTORS

The Nobility of Christian Generosity

A famous Canadian historian of Christianity said recently that, whereas in the past people came to the Church in order to have their sins forgiven, in our contemporary society people come to the Church in order to have a place to exercise their generosity. The hint seems to be that the Church ought not remind people of their sins too much (we don't have sins anymore, I suppose), lest the people go elsewhere with their money and leave the Church flat broke!

I can think of a number of ways to respond to such a claim. I'm quite tempted to say that a church which can no longer preach the gospel of divine forgiveness of sins *simply deserves* to go broke. However "generous" one may be (and we can tend to overrate our own generosity, can't we?), Christianity isn't first of all about simply "being generous." We offer ourselves in thanksgiving for what we have received: the priceless treasure of salvation through adoption by the Father in the Son. Is it really the case, as that historian has implied, that most who go by the name of Christian in our society no longer believe they need forgiveness of their sins, no longer act from this motivation, but instead imagine themselves to have achieved peak generosity by personal moral achievement? I don't know. *But let it never be said of us.*

The word 'generous' incidentally, means at its root "one who is of noble birth." To be a member of a noble family, in the former age, was to have the duty of generosity precisely because nobility brings privilege and the wealth that comes with it. The nobleman therefore has a social debt, an obligation to provide for those who otherwise must fend for themselves in the cold world, with no guarantee of livelihood except what can be extracted from nature by skill and energy. Pure skill and energy were rarely enough, and so the worker depended on the generosity of the nobility to ensure a just social order.

In our time, privilege and the economic prosperity that come with it have been greatly extended such that the proportion of those in our society who are doing fairly well is greater than at any time in human history. We should not take this for granted, and we must always ask ourselves if our generosity has grown with our wealth and privilege, or if it has receded. Traditionally in our society the Christian churches have provided the bulk of the social safety-net through the generosity of Christians, who have by means of the institutional churches acted as both collection agencies and distributors of all manner of social goods, material and spiritual, necessary for human flourishing. We have seen over the last eighty years or so the secularization of charity such that the word "charity" increasingly no longer applies—everything will be handled by the All-Mighty Nanny State.

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There is a proper responsibility that the State has to the poorest of its citizens in the realm of justice—this we do not deny but must affirm, as the Church does. More and more we see, however, the demand that the State subsume the gifts of its citizens to itself as the sole entity responsible for social well-being. The State, however, cannot love and so cannot be truly generous. Only human beings can be generous, and Christianity gives us the best reason to act generously, and the grace to do so. We are Sons of the King, the truly noble, the truly privileged, the ones truly capable of generosity. Let us be what we are.
From Fr. Hagan

Upcoming Events

SYNOD Small Group Sessions:
 Angel Giving Tree - Nov. 7th thru 28th
 Over 75 Dinner—December 5th
 Santa Breakfast—December 12th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
*** NO CLASS — OCTOBER 23RD ***
MEA WEEK
Classes will resume next weekend

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS FUND COLLECTION TODAY! There will be a second collection for the Additional Operations Fund for the month of October. If you mail your donation in to the parish office, please note on the payment that is for the Additional Operations Fund. You may also donate online thru our website. Your continued support and generosity to this fund is very much appreciated.

Thanks in advance



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Bill Mc Donald. Bill was the former music director and cantor here at St. Mary's for 10 years. Bill's Mass of Christian burial was held at Presentation Church earlier this month. Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers.

SYNOD NEWS

2nd SYNOD Small Group Session will be held today, October 17th, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm in the Blessed Monti Community Room. No registration needed. All are welcome to join.



Next Weekend, we will be having a second collection for World Mission Sunday. The theme of this year's collection is "Witness of Life" as we recognize all those who "Cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20) which "is a summons to each of us to 'own' and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts." (World Mission Message, Pope Francis). The World Mission Sunday Collection supports the many activities of the Mission Church in over 1,100 struggling areas throughout the world. Please support these mission dioceses by offering prayers and financial gifts during World Mission Sunday. You can contribute to this appeal at your parish, or at centerformission.org/contribute-donation-form/. For more info contact Eric Simon at 651.291.4446.



Charlet Allen 16th, Jane Boeck 17th, Ava Hall 17th, Shelley Rasmussen 18th, Paul Schuster 19th, Abhijit Parsekar 21st, Amanda Classen 21st and Carol Smith 22nd.



Erin Kinney Ellison, Brian McDonough, and Irene Stackpole



"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- Mk. 10:43-45 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

COLLECTION FOR WEEK OF

October 5th THRU October 11th
 Additional Operations Fund: \$280

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes.....	\$1,242
Plate.....	\$2,161
Auto Withdrawal & Online Giving....	\$345
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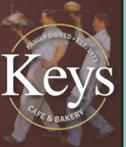


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