

St. Mary's Church, Cranston

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Weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday
8:00am
(Lower Church)

Saturday Evening:

4:00pm

Sunday Morning

8:00am, 9:30am &
11:00am

The Baptism of the Lord



*“ You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.”
Luke 3: 22*

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Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled for the First Sunday of the month. Please call the rectory office to schedule an appointment. Families must be registered in the Parish.

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Weddings

Parishioners may contact the Rectory Office at least 1 year before.

We are a parish family journeying together in our faith in Jesus Christ, trusting in his love for us, and growing in kindness and charity toward one another.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

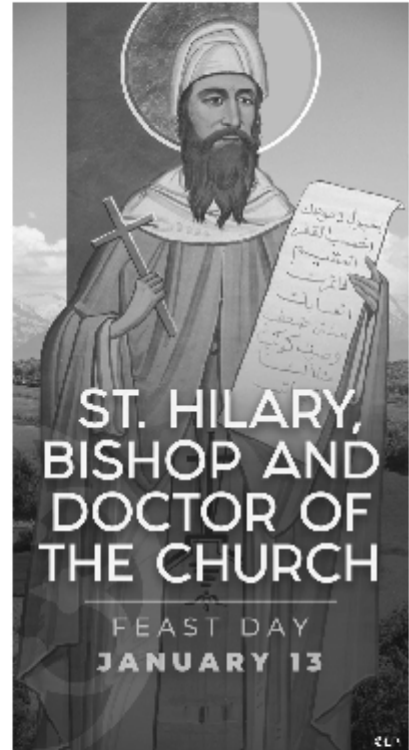
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6 //Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]//Acts 10:34-38//Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11//Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]//Ti 2:11-14; 3:1-7//Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8//Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19//Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20//1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7. Babcd//Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 15-20//Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10//Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11//Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25//Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:1-7, 10-22a//Ps 89:16-17, 18-19//Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a//Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6 //Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5//Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]//1 Cor 12:4-11//Jn 2:1-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled in Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

January 9, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

We remember in prayer this week....

January 9th

8:00am

Albert & Jacqueline Caruso
Ryan Patrick Fitzgerald

9:30am

John Tirocchi – **3rd Anniversary**
Domenico Aceto

11:00am

Alevera “Edie” Russo
Frank Lepizzera

January 11th

8:00am

Rev. Andrew Farina

January 12th

8:00am

More Vocations for
Priests & Religious Life

January 13th

8:00am

Rachel Marisi
Linda Goolgasian
52nd Anniversary

January 14th

8:00am

Mass of the People

January 15th

4:00pm

Anthony & Anna Buonomano
Anniversary
Jennie Patenaude
Anniversary

SANCTUARY CANDLES 1/10 – 1/16

The Upper Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of:

Pasco “Pat” Picano, Jr.

By: Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Both Lower Sanctuary Candles will burn in memory of:

Pasco “Pat” Picano, Jr.

By: Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Weddings

Congratulations to the following couple:

Ryan AlMBERG & Francesca Branca

May God bless you abundantly in love, joy, and happiness. Wishing you all the best as you begin your new lives together!

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

The collection for the weekend of
January 1st & January 2nd was \$7,330.00.

Thank you for your continued support!

ADORATION

Adoration with Benediction every Friday from 8:30am-9:15am. Please note that confessions will also remain at this time.

MASS RESERVATIONS

Mass reservations for loved ones will continue to be accepted by mail or drop off only. All intention requests may be dropped in the Mass Ticket Box or mailed to the rectory office (1525 Cranston Street, 02920).

Please remember each mass needs its own form and the donation and the form are both required at the time of booking. For your convenience Mass forms are available on the parish website:

www.saintmarycranston.org

or in the upper and lower church if you attend Mass. At your request we will also mail intention forms or leave them in the Mass Intention box for pickup. Please keep in mind at this time we will not book or reserve any Masses over the phone or in the office. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

2021 CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

All parishioner contribution letters for tax purposes will be mailed by the end of January 2022.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

January 16th,2022 the second collection will be for The Catholic University of America! Your gift will make great things possible by providing direct financial aid to *more than 4,000* students from dioceses across the country.

LATIN AMERICA

January 30th,2022 the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

If you have booked a weekend Mass in memory of a loved one and would like to participate in the Offertory procession and bring up the gifts, please let one of the ushers know at least ten minutes prior to Mass.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SCHOOL

Please call me (944-4107) or email me at llepore@stmaryschoolri.org to request the flag to be flown in someone's honor or memory.

THANK YOU - To All Who Use Online Giving!

Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. For your convenience we are now accepting Visa, Mastercard and Discover Card. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option. This is a perfect tool for anyone who shops online! By using Online Giving you are helping the parish improve our operational efficiency.

Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Please notice that our offering envelopes now have a check box which indicates "I've given online," which you can use to present during offertory at Mass. Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the Internet. If you haven't already signed up, then go to our parish website at www.saintmarycranston.org and select Online Giving.

NOTICE TO ALL PARISHONERS

In the event of inclement weather and other unusual circumstances, going forward when there is a school closing in the Cranston School system and St. Mary's School is closed there will be no 8:00am morning Mass. Those who have booked intentions will be able to have their intentions added to the following day. Also, if the closing of school falls on a Monday there will be no Team counting. Counting will be on Tuesday.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to St. Mary's parish! We extend to you a warm invitation to join our parish community. We are a parish family journeying together in our faith in Jesus Christ, trusting in his love for us, and growing in kindness and charity toward one other. For your convenience, registration forms can be found at the entrance of the Church on the left or on the parish website www.saintmarycranston.org. We encourage new parishioners to introduce themselves to the parish Priests or Deacons so that we can meet and welcome you to our parish family. **To be eligible to be a Godparent for Baptism/Confirmation or to request a date for a Wedding you must be a registered member of the Parish and actively practicing your faith.**

Notice to all Parishioners

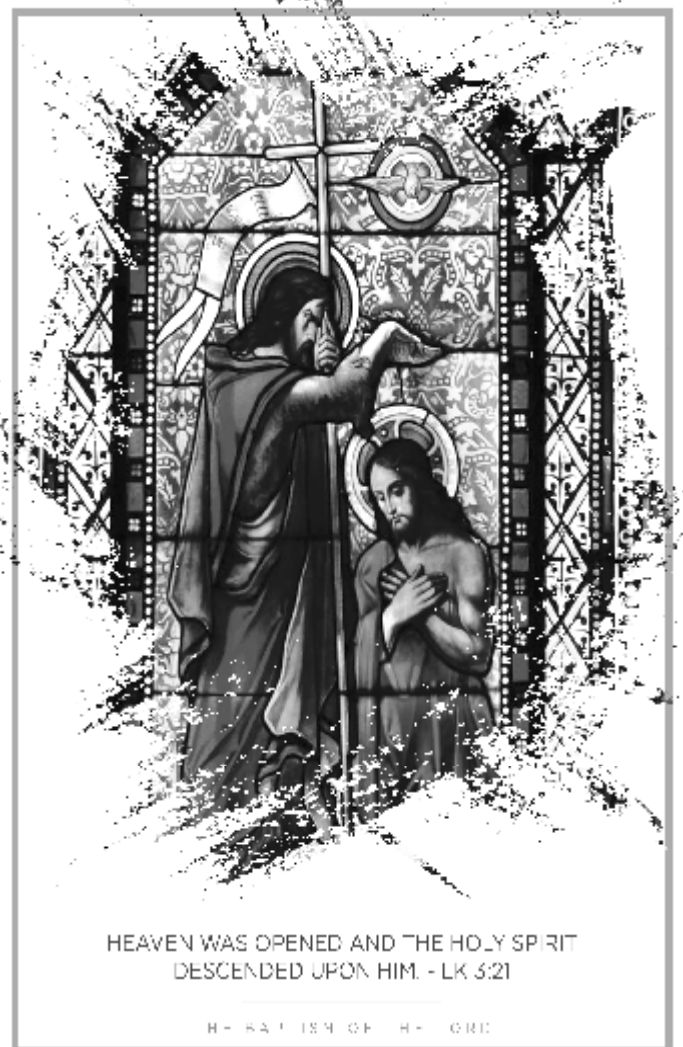
Masks are required when attending Mass.

Pope's prayer intentions for 2022

JANUARY

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SP RIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

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