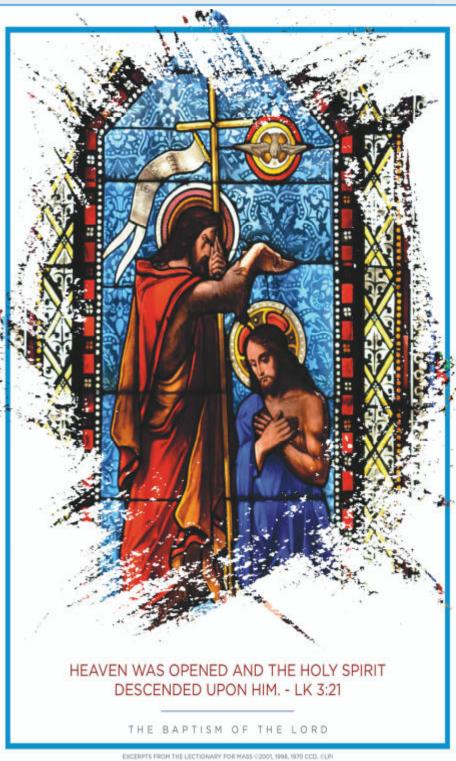
Mary, Mother of Mankind Church

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January 9, 2022

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am Holy Days: see bulletin

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am (The Rosary is prayed prior to Daily Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

M-T-W-Th. 9:00 am-1:00pm

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From Fr. Varghese's Desk



It is often said, "You can't go home again." Not so with the Catholic Church. No matter how long a person has been away, he or she can always come home. By virtue of our Baptism, we are forever God's children. And no matter how far away we wander from the Church, we are welcome to come

home because Jesus loves us yesterday, today and forever!

Yet Jesus never forces us to come home. He only invites—and so must we! Whether or not a person returns to the Church is a decision only he or she can make. Our work is to speak about Jesus and welcome them to join us at any time. But why would people want to return to the Church? What draws them back? Here are the top ten reasons that influenced the decision of people to return to their Catholic Faith:

Number 10: Because they want meaning in life. In today's busy world, lots of people suddenly realize that their lives have lost a sense of meaning or purpose. They begin to ask, "Who am I? What is my life about? Why do I do what I do?" The Church has answers to all these questions.

Number 9: Because childhood memories surface. As children, we feel deeply connected to God. That wanes as we age and commit more and more sin. Some people recall that connection later in life and long to have it anew. The Church will happily help them to reconnect.

Number 8: Because they made mistakes. Sin wearies and burdens people. The guilt of hurting others weighs on them. They want to start over again with a clean slate. Confession frees them from their sins and gives them that new beginning.

Number 7: Because they need to forgive others. Anger and resentment toward individuals who have hurt us are spiritual cancers that eat away our heart. People want to learn how to forgive others so they can find peace. The Church teaches them how.

Number 6: Because they want to be healed. Some people carry deep spiritual wounds. Some struggle with anger at God over bad things that have happened. The Church cannot change these things but can give spiritual healing and hope through the power of the sacraments.

I hope you found those helpful. The last five will follow next week. May God bless you with a new year filled with good health, prosperity and peace!

> Have a Good Week and God Bless Father Varghese



Saturday, January 8

4:00 p.m. Florence Patriarca (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, January 9-Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory 10:30 a.m. Lapati and O'Grady Family

Richard Manning & Ken O'Grady

Monday, January 10

Carolyn Kilmartin 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 11

8:00 a.m. Fred L. Scungio

Wednesday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Madeline DaSilva and Helen Geary

Thursday, January 13-Saint Hilary

8:00 a.m. Trish McGee

Saturday, January 15

4:00 p.m. Francisco Ferreira

Sunday, January 16-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Domenic DiMario

10:30 a.m. Jean Lombardi (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Candle, Altar Candles & Altar Bread Candles will burn from 1/6 thru 1/13

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

Deborah Klus

The *Altar Candles* will burn for:

Dorothy Bianchi

The *Altar Bread* is offered for:

Jacqueline McMullen

(Cost of the Sanctuary Candle, pair of Altar Candles or Altar Bread is \$10 for a living or deceased remembrance) Please call the Rectory at 231-3542 to reserve yours Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

> Weekend of January 2, 2022 Offertory Reports

Weekly Offering \$5.551.00 On-Line Giving \$1.458.00 Helping Hand Fund \$ 111.00

Thank you for your support!



Daily Mass

Please join us for Daily Mass every morning at 8:00 A.M., Monday through Thursday at Mary, Mother of Mankind Church. 25 minutes that could radically change your life and deepen your relationship with our Eucharistic Lord. Join us for Adoration beginning at 7:00AM and the recitation of the Rosary before Daily 8:00AM Mass.

SAVE THE DATE

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS AND ALL INTERESTED:

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN With Fr. Varghese; October 19 - 29, 2022. Highlights include Bethlehem, Nazareth, Basilica of the Annunciation, Cana, Mount of the Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Via Dolorosa, Petra, Madaba, Church of the Holy Sepulcher and other special places of interest within the origins of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Daily Mass is also included at key religious sites. Please call the rectory 401-231-3542

Calling New Readers (Lectors) & Eucharistic Ministers for Church

If you believe God is calling you to serve our parish as a reader (lector) or Eucharistic minister, please speak with Father Varghese personally to discuss this role of service.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adult: What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

Child: Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?

SUNDAY SMILE

Father buys a lie detector that makes a loud beep whenever somebody lies around it. The son comes home in the afternoon. Father asks him, "So, you were at school today, right?" Son: "Yeah." Detector: "Beep. "Son: "OK, OK, I was in a cinema." Detector: "Beep." Son: "Alright, I went for a beer with my friends." Father: "What?! At your age, I wouldn't touch alcohol! "Detector: "Beep." Mother laughs: "Ha ha ha, well, he really is your son! Detector: "Beep."

Please remember Mary, Mother of Mankind Church in your will or estate.



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Classes will be held January 9th No classes on January 16th

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY There will be a meeting on Thursday

January 13, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

On behalf of St. Vincent DePaul Society thank you for your donations to our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. We were able to provide a total of 34 baskets to families. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Bible Study will take place Monday, January 10th at 7:00 PM

Welcome New Parishioners

This week we welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Joel Brown and Alfred Ricci to our Mary Mother of Mankind Parish Family!

Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of America and Protectress of the Unborn, will visit Mary, Mother of Mankind Parish, Saturday, January 8 & 9, 2022. There will be veneration of the Image with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2022 Mass Book is open! You may book your masses during office hours on: Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am-1:00 PM. Weekends/Holy Days-\$25.00 Weekdays-\$10.00 Sanctuary Lamp/Altar Candles-\$10.00-one name Please note that there is a maximum number of masses booked per family to be fair to all of the parishioners wishing to book masses.



GRATEFUL

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Annual Statement

Let us pray for all who have died - our relatives, friends, and fellow parishioners, especially, Alfreda Farias whose funeral took place this week.

Grateful for God's Providence

As you may recall, our parish's goal is \$353,427.00. Per the latest update report, out of our more than 1100 registered families, 91families made one-time gifts or pledge that totaled \$185,000.00.

Please fill out your family's pledge card today and place it in the offering basket or hand it to our pastor! No

To submit a prayer request for our 'Prayer Chain' please contact Alexandra P. (300-2062) or Pauline N. (231-8012)



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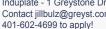
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