

Saint Mary, Newport CATHOLIC CHURCH & Shrine of St. John Vianney



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil5:00 p.m.
Sunday9:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.
Thursday 7:00 a.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Monday..... 6:00 –7:00 a.m.
- Tuesday 6:00 –7:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 6:00 –7:00 a.m.
- **Thursday 7:00 –8:00 p.m.**
- Friday 6:00 –7:00 a.m.
- Saturday 7:00 –8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursdays7:00—8:00 p.m.
Saturday4:00—4:45 p.m.

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SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY:
Contact the Pastor six months
before the anticipated day.

BAPTISM:
Arrangements are made at the
Rectory. At least one of the
sponsors must be a practicing
Catholic.

CEMETERY:
Those who wish to purchase plots
should call Catholic Cemeteries at
301-932-1766.

COLLECTIONS
September 5: \$2,621.00
September 12: \$1,970.00
Faith Direct 8/16—8/31: \$1,117.20



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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mt 9:35b-37a

Dear Church,

Either Jesus of Nazareth was who he said he was, the Lord God, Creator of the Universe, or he was not. And if he was not, then either he was a liar or a lunatic. But Jesus exhibited none of the traits of mental illness: all testified how extraordinarily self-controlled and perceptive this man was, steady and clear. On the other hand, great liars are often able to deceive others by their poise and control. But at some point, the character of even the greatest liar will be revealed: and the greater the lie, the more depraved the character of the liar must be, to deceive so many so greatly. But all sources indicate the Jesus was known to be exceptionally virtuous: not only is there no evidence of duplicity and malice in any of his actions; his personal integrity and kindness toward others was recognized by all.

If it is not reasonable to judge Jesus of Nazareth to be either a lunatic or a liar, than he must be who he said he was. But the one thing he cannot be is simply a good man. A mere good man would not deceive so many and lead them to think him divine, let alone make them willing to suffer martyrdom for him. But Jesus said on multiple occasions, both subtly and more overtly, that he was the Lord. Therefore, the one thing Jesus cannot be is merely a good man. But if all recognize that he was neither crazy nor malicious, and he cannot be merely a good man, than he must be who he said he was: the Lord God. There is no reasonable alternative.

“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.” (1 Pet 3:15)

The argument above is a classic example of such an explanation. It’s true, we can’t prove faith. Faith takes a leap, a willingness to trust the message-giver, that what he says is true. But the reasonability of what he says *will* make their proposal more or less credible.

In other words, does what we believe make sense? How do we know the teachings of the Church are true? Does Church teaching change? What existed before the Big Bang? Does evolution contradict the Bible? If God is guiding and directing all things, how come he allows so much evil and suffering in the world? How can someone be both God and human at the same time? Did Jesus really found a church? Did he institute the sacraments, or were these invented by the Church later on? Is the Bible always true? Can it contain error? Does faith alone justify, or is it faith and good works? Does one need to be baptized to go to heaven? Does one need to be Catholic? It is enough to try to be a good person, or must one be free of all mortal sin? When is something a mortal sin? Does the Church still teach that missing Mass, getting an abortion, using contraception, divorce and remarriage, lying and stealing are mortal sins? Is Confession and Absolution necessary for forgiveness? What is heaven like? Can one hear God in prayer? How do you know it’s God in prayer, and not just your own thoughts? Are miracles real?

All good questions, all deserving good answers. While good answers will not compel faith, they can clear away confusion and consternation, obstacles that can make it hard to believe. And those answers can still do even more: they can make one appreciate the great beauty and harmony of what we do believe, helping one not only accept the truth, but love it—which is to say, love God, even more. The more we understand what we believe, the greater our love for what we do believe.

This is precisely what RCIA aims to provide: not compulsion for faith—for faith must always be a choice that one makes in the depths of one’s heart—but a motive to believe, a support and strengthening of what we believe, so that those who do choose to believe find the fullness of all that faith gives.

As I’ve mentioned, RCIA will be starting at the end of this month: each Tuesday evening in the parish hall from 6.30pm – 7:30pm. As you may know, RCIA is provided for those wish to become Catholic (or adults who wish to be confirmed)—*but these classes will be open to the entire parish.* We’ll be going through the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a question-and-answer abridgement of the Catechism, from the end of September through May. Each week I’ll give a 30 minute presentation, and then we will have time for questions.

This is great chance for us to appreciate the beauty and harmony of the teachings of our faith, together. I hope you’ll join me!

In Christ,
Fr Matt

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REMEMBERING THE SICK

We are asked to pray for: Ralph Andeer, Andeer Family, Carmen Asperas, Noellie Asperas, Brad Ballentine, Debbie Bennett, Connie Bennett-Muckey, Frances Bean, Janice Blackstone, Doris Bradburn, Burkey and Margaret Boggs, Tess Cuddy, George Desmarais, Rosanna DiDomenico, Aidan Asperas Dulay, Martha Gray, Ellie Guy, Cathy Floyd, Cindy Kilmon, Fr. Fred MacIntyre, George May, Jesse and Benedict McIntyre, Nicole McIntyre, Dennis Houser, Devon Pascal, Jimmy & Tammy Payne, Fr. Pittman, Scott Raye, Deacon Rourke, Bob & Gail Seith, Paula Stansburg, David Steger, Donald Stevens, Leslie Summers, Phil Wade, Frank & Mildred Wheatley, Kathy Windsor, Leigh Windsor, Laura Yarus, Emmogene Yates, Bobby, Jake. Please also pray for an increase in vocations, especially in our parish; pray for our parish Priests. To add or remove a name on the prayer list, please email or call the parish office.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Friday:

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Herman Louis Yates

who recently died.

Eternal rest grant unto him,

O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING AND REFRESHER COURSE

Fr. Matt is holding a brief altar serving training and refresher course for current and new altar servers. **Location: St. Mary Newport (inside the church).** **Date: Saturday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m.** Boys and girls who have celebrated their First Holy Communion may become altar servers. Whether your child is a current altar server, or interested in becoming an altar server, this training is a great opportunity. Please be sure that your child attends this training so that they become familiar with their role as a server here at St. Mary's.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, LECTORS, USHERS

Fr. Matt is holding a training and refresher course for current and new Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Ushers. Saturday, September 25, 12:00 in the church. If you are interested in this becoming a part of this ministry please attend this training. For additional information contact the parish office 301-934-8825.

RCIA

RCIA class is beginning! Classes will be offered every Tuesday evening, from September 28 to May 31 (with breaks for Christmas and Easter), 6:30-7:30pm in the parish hall. RCIA is the program the Church uses for those who would like to become Catholic, as well as for adult Catholics who want to receive Confirmation. This year, Fr. Matt will be opening the classes to all parishioners who wish to attend, as he goes through the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a Q&A abridgement of the Catechism. This is a great chance to learn more about our faith -- or to refresh our memory about what we learned long ago! For more information, contact the parish office.



SATURDAY, September 18

8:00 a.m. Herman Yates (D)

FRIDAY, September 24

7:00 a.m. Joey Garrow

FRIDAY, October 15

7:00 a.m. Tony Batts (Birthday)



Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in loving memory of

Herman Yates

If you would like to remember your beloved deceased by lighting the Sanctuary Candle in their memory, or for a special intention, please call the parish office at 301-934-8825. A \$10 good will offering is suggested.

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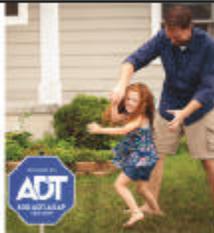
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