



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

- Jn 1:14

December 25, 2021

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Merry Christmas from the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary

A Christmas Message from the Pastor

In Bethlehem, before the Child Jesus, Hope is born!

This Hope, this Gift of Christmas, gives us the light to understand many things:

We can desire a great and beautiful life!

We can hope to attain it!

We can anticipate this greatness and beauty in

the fragility of our life!

We can build it with our actions!

Together, as a parish, we can hope! In our family, in our work, in our friendships, in our leisure, we anticipate greatness and beauty!

How is such a great desire possible? Because hope is born in us when we know that we are loved.

In Bethlehem, where we adore the Child Jesus, Hope is born. It is there that the love of the Father shines upon us. From the Manger, Christ places in us the desire for a great life because He gives us the gift of His Presence and a promise of more.

Where can we find Christ today?

Like the shepherds and like the Magi, we find Christ in Mary. Mary engenders our hope by giving us Jesus. In our parish we find Mary, and in her, Christ.

Together we can hope! With gratitude for our common hope, have a Christmas full of light and joy.

In Mary, Christ Fr. Jose Noriega, DCJM





Christmas Schedules

DCJM Regional Convocation Monday December 27- Friday, December 31

From Monday, Dec. 27 through Friday, Dec. 31, the DCJM will travel to Virginia for their yearly convocation with the DCJM Community at Our Lady of Angels. Arrangements have been made for visiting priests to cover daily Masses and emergency anointing calls (see the information below).

Please keep all of them in your prayers during this important time of prayer, fellowship, and formation with their religious family

Parish Offices

The Parish Offices will be closed Thursday, Dec 23rd through January 2nd. We will re-open on Monday, January 3rd at 8:00am. For Sacramental Emergencies (Anointing of the Sick and Funerals) or Facility Emergencies please call 303.798.8506 and follow the prompts to be directed to our Answering Service.

Confession Schedule

Monday, December 27th—Friday, Dec. 31st:

We will have a visiting priest during this time. Confessions will not be available. Confessions will resume at 3:15pm on Saturday, January 1st.

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

The Solemnity falls on a Saturday this year and so the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed. The Mass schedule will be:

Friday, December 31st 4:30pm Anticipatory Saturday, January 1st 8:30am and 10:30am Saturday, January1st 4:30pm Anticipatory for Epiphany

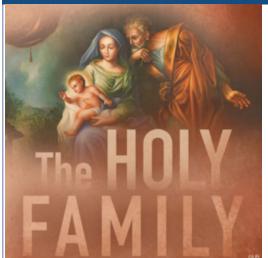
Mary's Little Flock Nursery Closed

All nursery services will be unavailable during the 9:30am Masses on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. This includes Mary's little Children Open the Word. All nursery services will resume at the 9:30am Mass on January 9.

Adoration Chapel

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the Magnificat Chapel from 8:00am on Friday, Dec 24 and exposed again at 9:00am on Monday, Dec 27.

Living Our Catholic Faith



December 26—The Holy Family

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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Upcoming Events

Prayer in the Square Sat Jan 1 10:00am Bega Park, Littleton



Join your fellow parishioners for our next Prayer in the Square at Bega Park in downtown Littleton as we pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We pray for God's love, mercy and peace - through the intercession of our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Guadalupe - for the sanctity of human life and for an end to the persecutions of Christians

worldwide.

Monthly Adoratio for the Year of Fatherhood

Thursday January 6 7:00pm in the Church



All are invited to join us for a special time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on the first Thursday of each month. In addition Adoration and Benediction, the evening will include some points of meditation, a short testimonial on this years theme of fatherhood.

Divorce and Beyond

Beginning Monday, January 17, 2022

A small Christian based support group for divorced Catholics will begin a 10 week session on Monday, January 17, 2022. Classes are held in the St Mary Pastoral Center dining room from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. All are welcome.

Participants will be required to purchase a workbook for \$10. Please call Cheryl Cummins 303.721.7259 or Kathy Houston 303.829.2827 for more information.

Celebrate Life 2022

Saturday, Jan 15-Rally 1:00pm; March 2:00pm



The March for Life will be Saturday, January 15 at the Co. State Capitol! St. Mary will have a special Mass that day at 10:30am. Then join us downtown for the Rally and March.

There will be a bus with limited seating to transport people downtown if you would like to avoid the traffic. You may also order lunch (Chick-fil-a). Please con-

tact Kathy Wanja if you're interested in either lunch or a bus ride: <u>kathy@wanja.com</u> |720.402.8927.

St. Mary Catholic School

2022-2023 Enrollment Information



St. Mary, Littleton's Premier Catholic School, will begin accepting registrations on January 3, 2022 for the 2022-23 school year for students in Preschool through 8th Grade. Completed registration forms may be submitted to the school office through February 1, 2022. For more information please visit our

website at ww.littletoncatholicschool.com and plan on attending one of our Open Houses/Information Sessions:

- Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.
- Sunday, January 30, 2020, at 10:30 A.M.

Registrations received after February 1, 2022 will be considered for any remaining seats. For more information, please call 303.798.2375.

St. Augustine's Confessions

Six Week Online Course with Dr. Seth Fabian January 10-Februay 14 6:30-8:30pm

St. Augustine's Confessions is a work that changes lives. Augustine's searingly honest account of his conversion reveals the journey to God that most of us experience: a deep desire for God compromised repeatedly by our own uncertainties and fear of total commitment. The result is the paradox at the center of our lives: we know that god alone can bring ultimate happiness and yet we try a thousand ways to find happiness elsewhere.

Join Dr. Seth Fabian, instructor for the St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, for this six-week online course Monday evenings starting January 10 as we read through Confessions with particular attention to clarifying the complicated historical and intellectual context of Augustine's world that will explain his though and highlight the significance of his story to our own lived experience.

For more information and to register, visit sjlaydivision.org/registration/ or call 303.715.3195

Marriage: The Gift

Save the Date

Fri Jan 21 6:30-9:00pm Marian Hall



Marriage: The Gift, is a new program for married couples of all ages. Come and have a date night out to enjoy fine spirits, delicious appetizers, and lively conversations followed by a teaching from Fr. Jose Noriega. There will be time for discussion and practical applications to take home. Please come with your friends and dive into the

facets of the gift of your marriage!

RSVP to Madeleine Paolucci mpaolucci@stmarylittleton.org.

Families Serving Families

Knight's Breakfast

Please note that there will not be a Knights of Columbus breakfast on December 26th.

Coffee and Donuts will resume on January 9th after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses.

Blessed by Friendship "Everyone is so friendly here." "I feel

"Everyone is so friendly here." "I fee so welcome." Kind words like these assure us that we are succeeding in our mission. Food Pantry recipients are blessed by friendship, as they share stories with our faithful volunteers, while selecting food for



their families. Parish Pantry volunteers are blessed, in turn, with the opportunity to see the face of Christ in those whom we serve.

Everyone who contributes food, funds or their time makes a real difference in the lives of struggling households from St. Mary Parish and the greater community. Your support truly brings JOY to the world! Thank you and a very Merry Christmas to ALL!

Questions? Contact Program Coordinator Debi 303.513.1720 | ParishPantry@stmarylittleton.org



December 26 is the feast of the Holly Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are in need by assisting families, providing food, gifts, and money to meet utility and ren bills. *THANK YOU!*

2022 Parish Calendars are here!



It is our pleasure to provide for your family the 2022 Catholic Wall Calendar. Copies are available at the Welcome Desk in the vestibule. One per household please—supplies are limited.



End-of-year contributions

As the end of 2021 approaches, you may be thinking about making an end-of-year contribution for an additional tax deduction this year. Please note the following guidelines:

- Contributions must be received by the charity by the last day of the tax year (December 31st).
- Checks sent by mail must be postmarked by Dec. 31st in order to be deemed a contribution in the current year.
- Credit card payments (or payments through Faith Direct online giving) made on or before December 31st will be credited as deductible in the current year.

Remember ...

- our offices are closed Dec 23rd Jan 2nd and that the postal service will likely have delays
- contributions received in the offertory through the weekend of Dec 25 & 26 will be included in current year contributions
- contributions may be placed in the black lockbox in the church or in the Parish office mail slot in the brick wall by the church entrance.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with your year-end contributions, contact Constance | 303-283-4723.

St. Mary School Now Hiring

Asst. Preschool Teacher (Part time)

This position works collaboratively with the lead teacher to plan, develop, execute and deliver lesson plans based on preschool standards, developmentally appropriate objectives and CDE guidelines.

Substitute Teachers

St. Mary Catholic School is seeking substitute teachers. Join our amazing staff in promoting educational excellence, friendship with Christ, and a commitment to a life of virtue for our exceptional students!

For a full job description and to apply for any of these positions, please visit www.stmarylittleton.org/job-opportunities



Mass Intentions for the Week

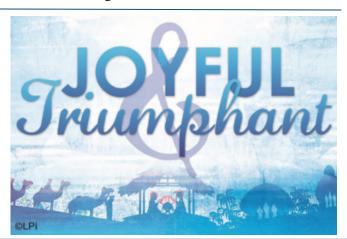
Fri	Dec 24	4:00pm	Eunice Craven †	
		6:00pm	Susan Hibbs †	
		8:00pm	Gene Huskey †	
Sat	Dec 25	Midnight	Eunice Craven †	
		8:30am	Vincent Johnson †	
		10:30am	Sharon Decker †	
Sun	Dec 26	7:30	The Grady family lvg/dec	
		9:30	St Mary Parishioners lvg/dec	
		11:30	Joe and Josephine Slanovich †	
		5:00	Matthew Roth †	
Mon	Dec 27		Flaim and Hall Families lvg/dec	
		8:15	Fulvio and Ligia Carreno †	
Tue	Dec 28	6:30	Ray O' Shea †	
		8:15	Bridgette Grady †	
Wed	Dec 29	6:30	Robert Heidrich Family lvg/dec	
		8:15	Robert Flierl †	
Thu	Dec 30	6:30	O'Shea Family lvg	
		8:15	Rosalie Ritz lvg	
Fri	Dec 31	6:30	Vifquain Family lvg	
		8:15	George and Bonnie Saxton lvg	
		4:30pm	Carreno Family lvg	
Sat	Jan 1	8:30	John Reuter †	
		10:30	Kristy Fantz lvg	
			Br. Joe Paolucci lvg	
Sun	Jan 2		Thomas Tedrow †	
			Eduardo Zita †	
			St Mary Parishioners lvg/dec	
		5:00	James Lyle †	

Prayer Intentions

Pope's December Prayer Intention: Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for our deceased loved ones: Carolyn Pierce, Alan Francis, Margaret Dugdale, Mary Bondarewicz, Janis Wivchar, Thomas Krzemien, Mary Ann Nightengale, Thomas Lee Osieczanek, Roger Grahf Jr.



Contact Us

Mass Times

Saturday Anticipatory: 4:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am ♦ 9:30am ♦ 11:30am ♦ 5:00pm **Monday - Friday:** 6:30am ♦ 8:15am **Sat:** 8:15am

Adoration Chapel: Perpetual Adoration Daily Rosary before the 8:15am Mass Adoration and Benediction in the church on first Saturdays after 8:15am Mass

Reconciliation Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:05am - 8:15am and 8:50am - 9:15am Saturday: 8:50am - 9:15am and 3:15pm - 4:30pm Sunday: Half an hour before Mass and during Mass if necessary

Anointing of the Sick/Emergencies/Funeral Arrangements

Call the parish office at 303.798.8506 at any time.

After hours messages can be left with the parish answering service.

Baptism and Marriage

Contact the Parish Office | 303.798.8506 or visit stmarylittleton.org. (Marriage preparation must be started 8-12 months prior to the wedding.)

St. Mary Catholic School Principal Fr. James de Cendra, DCJM

Phone: 303.798.2375 Fax: 720.283.4756 Office Hours: 7:30am - 3:30pm (M - F)

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Pastoral Center Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am— 4:30pm Closed for lunch from 12:00pm-12:30pm. Phone: 303-798-8506

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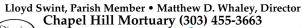
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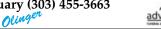
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