

"Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:66 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

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Poetry Contest Winners



Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Fatherhood Poetry Contest. The competition was very strong and after much discussion amongst the judges the winners have been chosen. Congratulations to the following:

First Prize - John Lessard | Second Prize - Gianna Paolucci | Honorable Mention - Stephen Compton

Fatherhood

by John Lessard I give thanks for my father in heaven, I give thanks for my good father on earth. God has given the sacraments seven, while my earthly father gave me joy and myrth. The good creater gave life eternal, and he in his mercy made all things, down to every little seed and kernel, and up to every angel that sings. My heavenly father is the good shephard God, he gently gathers up his sheep. His earthly children, they he has treasured, and them by his side he most kindly keeps. My father on earth cares for me and still does, he will even when I am old and gray. I will always give thanks for him because, him I could never, begin to repay. Fatherhood, it should not be a burdon, I am not saying the job should be light, I'm just saving jov can occur when. You fathers try hard, to treat it just right.

My Dad

By Stephen Compton, age 11 My father is great. He is Catholic because it was fate. I think about my father every date. Because it's the way I was taught. He is not mean. And he wishes he was lean. My father helps me see the way, the truth, and the light. Sometimes when we walk hand in hand, We turn back to see our footprints in the sand. My father gives me peace When he tells me I'm not the least. My father tells me to be ready to fight for the light With all my might And to love all my neighbors to the next level Because I'm not a devil. My father helps me not feel down when I fall down. He teaches me skills for life. I trust my dad because I'm not an adult And if I didn't, it would be a fault. This is why fathers are so good. So love your father until you pass And don't forget to go to Mass.

My Dad Is My Hero By Gianna Paolucci, age 5 ER. hi im & yen/s old My Birthday is Aug 20 Dad is Giornod Poolacei loves me and I love him. Dad he is so mercy ful to me and gives me another and the chance he was the perfect socer choach ne sould been given a broach. He is so brave he took a pail of foot to the pantry he saw a mouse and took it by the tail. hes a great husband to our mom, loves her so. he teaches us who we are called to be oh I a can't wait till he teaches us the Manana he teats our stranth by playing brown chair were we can't let him get on the couch he sags rejoce to here the bords voice and sing for Mary being Our geleen. he has a deep love for uss yet I bet her her like bis promotes eromses. We play a grate game called Monte tickles us the chouches are base yet its a great rase and when we're sick bakes the helthy food for us. so ... he takes good care Dad loves me and I love himi (22) 22 Growing in the O

From The Pastor's Deck



Dear St. Mary Parish Family, On the occasion of my installation as Pastor of St. Mary Parish on December 19th, I wish to share with you the great **gratitude** and the great **hope I** have in my heart :

Gratitude

- To Our Lord, who opens for me a new way of following him.
- To the Archbishop for his confidence in appointing me as your pastor.
- To my Superior General for having sent me to you.
- To Fr. Javier Nieva and my religious community for their constant support.
- To all of you for your welcome and patience.

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These are not easy times either for society or for the Church. The Lord has wanted us to plough these fields and to open the way for others. In the current confusion and lack of visibility, I wanted to share with you my three fundamental lights and questions:

1. The **Sacraments** are sources of life, new beginnings. To lean on them is to lean on the gifts that God has given us for our greatness. How can the parish help the faithful so that the seed of each sacrament can flourish and make your life great?

2. The **family** is a path of holiness. Holiness is the perfection of love. And love is a matter of excellent actions. How can the parish promote the excellence and creativity of your love?

3. **Mission** enlarges the heart. The gratitude of recognizing the gifts God gives us makes us overflow in others, communicating what we have received. How can the parish channel the transmission of faith in the family and in society?

Christ makes our life great and beautiful. I begin my ministry in a parish that is already great and beautiful because of the work of those who have gone before me. I reap their fruit. And my desire is that it be even greater and more beautiful. Mary will accompany us. With gratitude and hope I entrust my ministry in your prayers. Many thanks.

St. Mary Silent Retreats in 2022

"Come, You Who Thirst, and Drink."

WHY ATTEND A SILENT RETREAT? JESUS OFTEN DRAWS APART TO PRAY IN SOLITUDE, ON A MOUNTAIN. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE RETREATS IN 2022:

JANUARY 21-23	FOR ALL YOUTH	Fr. Luis
January 28-30	.For Men	Fr. James
FEBRUARY 25-27	FOR WOMEN	Fr. Javier
March 4-6	FOR ALL YOUTH	Fr. Luis
March 11-13	.FOR EVERYONE	Fr. O'Connor
April 1-3	.For Everyone	Fr. Jose

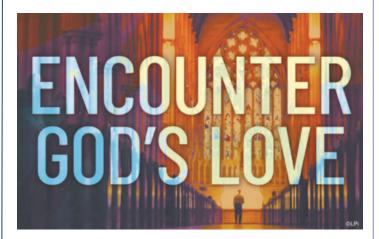
TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL:

FOR YOUTH—ANA | YOUTHMINISTRY@STMARYLITTLETON.ORG FOR ADULTS— TERESA | TBIRDSALL@STMARYLITTLETON.ORG

Living Our Catholic Faith

Gospel Meditation—The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and selfabsorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."



Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Upcoming Events

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.

Sunshine Club

An Afternoon out for Seniors 60+ Thu Jan 6 10:00AM-12:00 St. Joseph Chapel



It's a new year and a perfect time to check out the Sunshine Club! Join with fellow parishioners for prayer followed by lunch at a local restaurant. It's a great time of faith and fellowship! Questions? Contact Barb Mascio at 303.910.1262.

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

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

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.

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

Top Needs for January

- 1. Cake & Brownie Mixes
- 2. Pasta Sauce
- 3. Canned Meats (Tuna or Chicken)
- 4. Canned Fruit
- Pancake Syrup
 Pancake Mix
- 6. Pancake Mix
- Coffee & Tea
 Canned Chili
- Canned Chill
 Cereals Cold
- 10. Baby Food
- 11. Toilet Tissue

All *non-perishable* food may be dropped off in the designated wood box in the vestibule of the church or placed into shopping baskets at the west end of Marian Hall. *Perishable* foods (fresh or frozen) may be delivered to Marian Hall on Monday mornings (distribution day), from 7:30 - 9:00 AM.

Due to storage constraints, the only non-food items we request are toilet tissue and baby diapers. Thank you for your donations!

Questions? Contact Program Coordinator Debi

303.513.1720 | ParishPantry@stmarylittleton.org



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn King and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box by the confessionals so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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



Support Groups

Caregivers Support Group Tue Jan 4 2:00pm in the Pastoral Center

Caregivers is a support group for those who are caring for an elderly or ill family member at home or in a care facility. Join us for emotional help during this difficult time of care. Contact Faye Hargrave | <u>fayeh345@comcast.net</u> | 303.798.2018

Footprints Grief Support Thu Jan 6 7:00-8:30 Pastoral Center

The topic will be "*Grief is Normal, Natural, and Necessary*." For more information call Dottie Colbenson 303.795.7217 or Mary Beth Kettering at 720.838.6478.

Struggling with life?

Stressed, sad, undergoing a loss? A Stephen Minister can walk along side and lend a listening ear. To learn more about this free, confidential ministry call 303.798.8506 and ask for the Stephen Ministry voicemail.

Mary's Little Flock Nursery Closed



All nursery services, including Mary's little Children Open the Word, will resume at the 9:30am Mass on January 9.

Priest Meal Ministry

Calling all who love to cook

If you love to cook, we would love for you to share your talent with our Disciples. You can pick either a Saturday or a Sunday for our 7 Disciples to enjoy. They are grateful for your continued support of this ongoing ministry.

For all the details to this wonderful ministry go to <u>https://</u><u>www.TakeThemAMeal.com/UWLH2733</u> or contact Ana Bohmann at aabohmann@gmail.com. Thank you!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat	Jan 1	4:30	Br. Joe Paolucci lvg
Sun	Jan 2	7:30	Thomas Tedrow †
		9:30	Eduardo Zita †
		11:30	St Mary Parishioners lvg/dec
		5:00	James Lyle †
Mon	Jan 3	6:30	Knights of Columbus 3340 lvg/dec
		8:15	Catherine Callahan †
Tue	Jan 4	6:30	Sharon Decker †
		8:15	Leonard Aguillard †
Wed	Jan 5	6:30	Charles Nissen †
		8:15	Eileen Love †
Thu	Jan 6	6:30	Bernadine Talmadge †
		8:15	Catherine Behnke and Family lvg
Fri	Jan 7	6:30	Al Sheley †
		8:15	Hudson Walker lvg
Sat	Jan 8	8:15	Frank Doran Ducey †
		4:30	Tucker Barr †
Sun	Jan 9	7:30	Karen and Bill Watson Jr. lvg
		9:30	Kovar & Lederhos Families lvg/dec
		11:30	Ida, Paul and Frank Albert †
		5:00	St Mary Parishioners lvg/dec

Prayer Intentions

Pope's January Prayer Intention: 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.

Pray for our deceased loved ones: Cricket Holt, Sharon Beauchamp, 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 <u>stmarylittleton.org</u>. (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 Office Hours: 7:30am - 3:30pm (M - F)

Anna Martin Gift Shop Hours Effective 12/3 Fridays 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Saturdays 8:30 am to 10:00 am AND 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm Sundays 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

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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