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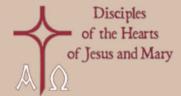
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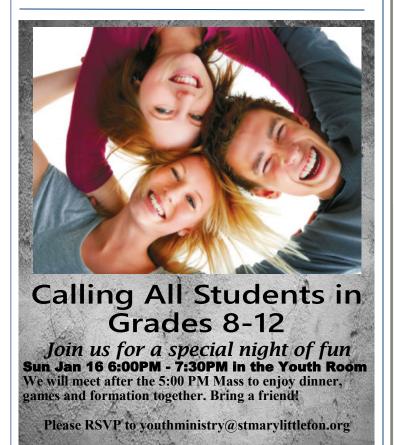
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Upcoming Events

Magnificat Moms

Fri Jan 14 9:00-11:00am Marian Hall

Open to all mothers of the parish with small children. Join us for an opportunity to grow in your faith, and vocation and build community with other women at this stage in life. We meet on the second and fourth Fridays of the month in Marian Hall from 9:00-11:00. Contact Kelly Paolucci for more information kelly.paolucci@gmail.com or register through Faith Direct at membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/7578



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

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Marriage: The Gift

Plan a Date Night with your Spouse
Fri Jan 21 6:30-9:00pm Marian Hall



Marriage: The Gift, is a new program for married couples of all ages. Come and enjoy fine spirits, delicious appetizers, and lively conversations followed by a teaching from Fr. Jose Noriega.

At December's gathering, participants learned about how beauty is needed in our lives and especially in our marriages and

that we can find it together in music. As Pope Paul VI said "This world in which we live needs beauty in order not to sink into despair. It is beauty, like truth, which brings joy to the heart of man and is that precious fruit which resists the wear and tear of time, which unites generations and makes them share things in admiration."

Come dive into the facets of the gift of your marriage! RSVP to Madeleine mpaolucci@stmarylittleton.org. The nursery will be available; RSVP to nursery@stmarylittleton.org.

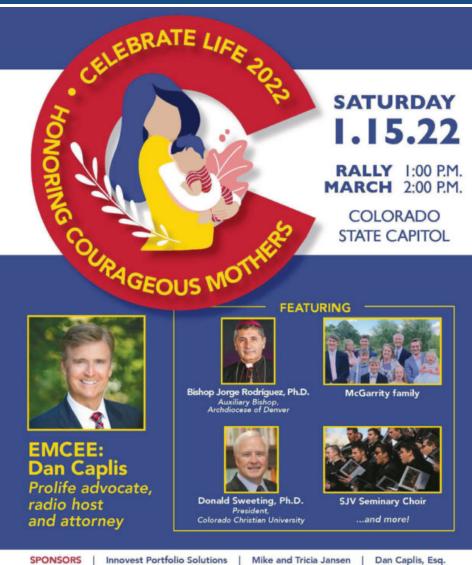
AN EXCERPT FROM THE DECEMBER PROGRAM:

Throughout this evening, we've been listening to a program of mostly classical music. Among the piano and strings and clarinet we hear, we might understand that classical music is necessary in that it fills a particular need in each of us. Far beyond simply entertaining, it refreshes our souls. It's a mini-vacation for our spirits – the equivalent of a hike in the mountains or a trip to a gallery – and it's available any moment we stop to listen and engage. Most people would agree that Western classical music has an innate beauty; it has structure and complexity and vistas on the same plane as nature itself. If we believe goodness, truth, and beauty are from God, then beauty leads us back to God, and in this way we're refreshed, strengthened, encouraged: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Through the beauty of good music, we are transported from our often difficult experience of the world. The 'valley of tears' we live in is getting uglier, not more beautiful. Think about other art forms and how they've evolved since World War II. Modern art is more focused on a 'making a statement' than on delivering beauty; films tend more and more toward violence and sex; recent architecture is utilitarian and so rarely breathtaking. Classical music, though, doesn't let us down. It's capable of reaching us interiorly and taking us on a journey beyond the physical world, to give a small glimpse of the Paradise waiting for us, to realize something more of the mystery of our lives and our relationship with our Creator. In other words, it's meant for us to participate in, not just be entertained by.

So, I'll suggest a challenge to this group. Make some time for listening to classical music in the weeks ahead. Dive in alone, with your spouse and with your family. I hope you find the beauty waiting there, find yourself refreshed, and find yourself ever closer to God. (By Joe Worachek)

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Join St. Mary Parish in Supporting Life

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 before going 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: kathy@wanja.com or 720.402.8927.

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



After Jesus was baptized, He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well

pleased."

As you help those in need and suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved with whom I am well pleased." to the poor, we also can hear these same words

Divorce and Beyond **Beginning Monday, January 17**

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.

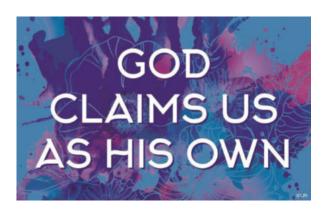
Gospel Meditation

The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

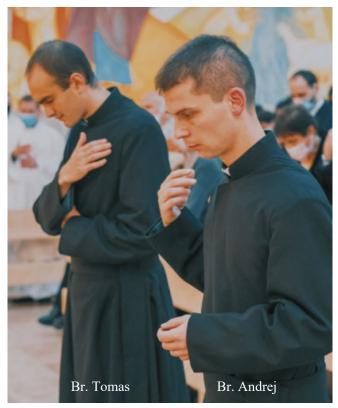


It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

Getting to Know the DCJM

Disciples Forever

Congratulations to Br. Tomas Sastre and Br. Andrej Makovnik who made their final vows of poverty, virginity and obedience in the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary at the Stella Maris Chapel in Madrid.



Through the vows of poverty, virginity and obedience, the Disciples follow the way of life Jesus Christ chose for himself. Jesus was poor, virgin and obedient to the Father. Through these vows Brothers Tomas and Andrej offered to the Lord all their possessions, their capacity of love and their will. Please continue to remember them in your prayers, that by living these vows they will grow in holiness.



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St. Mary Catholic School News

A Character For This Time

A few weeks ago, I read for the third time the famous play "A man for all seasons", the story of St. Thomas More by Robert Bolt (If you haven't read it, go and get it as soon as you finish this text. You will not be disappointed, I promise). We all know, to some extent, the life to St Thomas and his brave defense of the Catholic doctrine and faith against Henry VIII. Probably all of us could make a brief summary of the matter and the reason why he was beheaded. I am not sure though, if we could identify so easily the virtues he needed to do what he did. What I am most certain is that without virtues he wouldn't have been able to hold his position as he did.

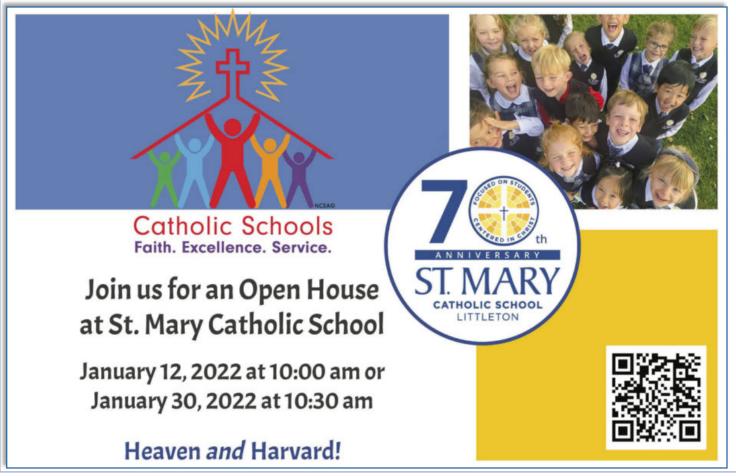
We would probably agree that he was a man of great character. But would we be able to explain why? The answer is related with the previous matter, for character and virtue are the same thing. A man of character is a virtuous man. The word comes from the Latin Vir-i and means both "man" and "vigor" or "strength". St Thomas More was strong in every aspect of his character: he was just, courageous, faithful, loyal, prudent, tempered, patient, humble.

When I think about the virtues and the strength they bring to our character, I feel the urgency to teach them to our students. I don't believe we have to soften the world for our children but rather to strengthen their character in order to face the time they are called to live in. Happiness does not depend on the lack of difficulties but on the ability to act with excellence no matter how tough the circumstances might be.

Some people might think that what happened to St Thomas More was unfair, that he deserved a better and happier life. I believe that we have no control over whether life is fair or not; the only thing we can control is how we behave in those situations. Unfairness might ruin the life of a weak person and deprive him of happiness, but it will provide to a person of character with the opportunity to live a great life.

The goal of education should be to generate in our schools more people like St Thomas More, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Pier Giorgio Frassati, Mother Theresa of Calcutta or Gianna Beretta Molla, among others. People of virtue who, despite the circumstances and against the odds would live a great and beautiful life.

Fr. James de Cendra Principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

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	Sat	Jan 8	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
	Mon	Jan 10		Mary Hickey †
			8:15	Diane Clement †
	Tue	Jan 11	6:30	Mary Casals †
			8:15	Benjamin Young and family lvg
	Wed	Jan 12	6:30	Andrew Rainer †
			8:15	Don Gettings †
	Thu	Jan 13	6:30	Andy and Keith Rainer lvg
			8:15	Sharon Decker †
	Fri	Jan 14	6:30	Vincent Xavier †
			8:15	Patricia Hartmeier †
	Sat	Jan 15	8:15	Altar and Rosary members lvg/dec
			4:30	St Mary Parishioners lvg/dec
	Sun	Jan 16	7:30	Daniel Romero †
			9:30	Wolfgang Raue †
			11:30	Bill Angstadt lvg
			5:00	Bill Haas †

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



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 8:50am - 9:15am and 3:15pm - 4:30pm Saturday: 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)

Anna Martin Gift Shop Hours

Fridays: 8:30 am – 10:00 am Saturdays: 8:30 am - 10:00 am and 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Sundays: 8:30 am − 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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