



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to

Sunday, January 16, 2022

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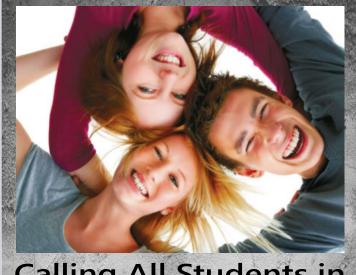
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Upcoming Events



Calling All Students in Grades 8-12

Join us for a special night of fun Sun Jan 16 6:00PM - 7:30PM in the Youth Room We will meet after the 5:00 PM Mass to enjoy dinner, games and formation together. Bring a friend!

Please RSVP to youthministry@stmarylittleton.org

Divorce and Beyond

Mon Jan 17 7:00-8:30pm Pastoral Center

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.

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.

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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Monthly Why Catholic? Series Explores "Why the Church?"

Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30pm Marian Hall

"There is but one Church in which men find salvation, just as outside the ark of Noah it was not possible for anyone to be saved." - St. Thomas Aquinas

Is there salvation outside the church? This month's topic for the *Why Catholic*? series will discuss some of the arguments for why we attend and the usefulness of the church.

Our speaker this month will be Fr. Luis, please come and join us. Refreshments will be provided.

Questions? Contact Rachael | Evangelization@stmarylittleon.org

Families Serving Families



Monday, January 17th the Parish Offices will be closed and there will only be one Mass at 8:15am in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Here's How You Can Help

Every now and then, we hear someone remark "I didn't know St. Mary has a food bank". For more than 30 years, our parish has provided food to anyone who declares a need. Here are some ways you can help:



- Drop off NON-PERISHABLE food in the wooden collection box near the drinking fountain in the church vestibule, or into the grocery carts located in Marian Hall. We publish a "most-needed" list on the parish website, and in the parish bulletin the first weekend of every month.
- ♦ Fresh and frozen foods may be brought to Marian Hall on distribution days. Except for when the campus is closed, we are open for distribution until noon on Mondays. Bring your donations between 7:30 − 9:00 AM if possible.
- Donated funds are always welcome. Checks and/or cash may be placed in the Mass collection baskets or sent to the parish office. Please mark your envelope or check "Parish Pantry". You may also direct funds to the Pantry through Faith Direct, the Parish e-giving program.
- ♦ Volunteer to help with food pick-ups and deliveries. Weekend opportunities are also available for individuals, couples, and families. For more information on these opportunities, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at smpp.volunteers@yahoo.com.
- Pray for our ministry, our recipients, and our volunteers as we "share our bounty with all who seek nourishment".

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



In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in Him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and trust.

Welcome Suzette Greiner

Director of Business Operations



I am so excited to be joining the team here at St. Mary's! My husband and I moved to Littleton in December 2020 and are enjoying getting to know the area and explore God's beauty all around us. We have two grown sons and one new daughter thanks to our oldest son's marriage this past year.

I was previously the Parish Manager at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Bluffton, South Carolina. That parish is very similar in size and has a growing parish school, so I feel right at home here. I am grateful for the opportunity that Fr. Jose and the Disciples have given me and look forward to meeting all of you.

Vitalant Blood Drive Update

Scheduled to Resume in March

Due to staffing issues, Vitalant has canceled the Knights of Columbus January 23rd Blood Drive. Vitalant projects that their staffing efforts will allow the Knights to resume Blood Drives with the March 27th Blood Drive – we will keep you posted as we get closer to the date.

If you would like to donate blood to Vitalant in the interim, please do so by January 23rd so that you will be eligible to donate at the March 27th Blood Drive. Please contact Bill Wagener at 303.517.8764 or at wswagener@gmail.com for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure at Work

Donations for the period Oct. 1—Dec 31, 2021: Approximately 10% of our budgeted offertory is contributed to organizations assisting our community or special appeals in lieu of a second collection.

AOD Special Collections:

Campaign for Human Development\$ 1,000.00					
World Mission Sunday\$ 1,000.00					
Catholic Charities Beacon of Hope\$ 3,000.00					
FOCUS\$ 1,000.00					
St. Francis School of Theology\$ 579.00					
Pastor's Discretionary Fund					
Parishioner Christmas Assistance\$ 4,500.00					
St. Vincent de Paul Society \$ 6,900.00					
St. Mary School Scholarship Fund\$ 24,500.00					

Your contributions to our weekly offertory help make the above donations possible. Thank you for your generosity.

Worship and Reflection

Gospel Meditation

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.



Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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Announcements

Action Alert

Please OPPOSE the Reproductive Health Equity Act in Colorado



Dear Faithful Citizens, The Colorado State Legislature reconvened for the new year on the 12th of January. We want to make

you aware of a very dangerous bill that will be introduced titled the "Reproductive Health Equity Act." This bill will codify protections for the full range of reproductive care, including abortions (at any stage and for any reason, including "wrong sex", "wrong race" or disability), into state law here in Colorado. The sponsors of this bill believe that "We need a world, and a Colorado, where abortion isn't just legal, but it must be accessible, affordable and supported in our communities." The bill's sponsors want to ensure that abortion access will be protected in Colorado in light of the Dobbs case being argued at the U.S. Supreme Court. This bill will also most likely remove any regulations that would ensure the health and safety of women, as well as parental notification.

Please ACT Now!

Contact the bill's sponsors to let them know you OPPOSE this legislation:

Senator Julie Gonzales: julie.gonzales.senate@state.co.us

phone: 303-866-4862

Senator Faith Winter: faith.winter.senate@state.co.us

phone: 303-866-4863

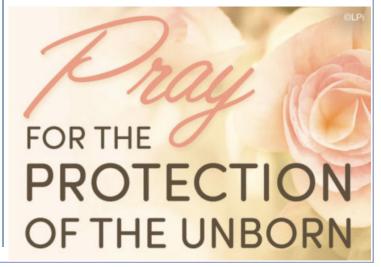
Representative Lisa Cutter: lisa.cutter.house@state.co.us

phone: 303-866-2582 Representative Meg Froelich:

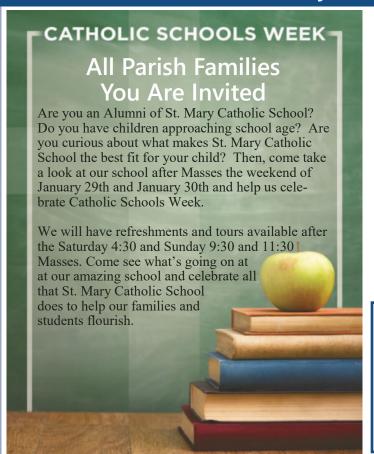
meg.froelich.house@state.co.us phone: 303-866-2921

Contact your State Representative and Senator as well: https://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator

Please continue to watch the bulletin and Flocknote for details on when and where it will be heard and the committee members to contact once the bill is officially introduced. Testimonies against this bill will be critical! Please pass this information on to everyone you know!



St. Mary Catholic School



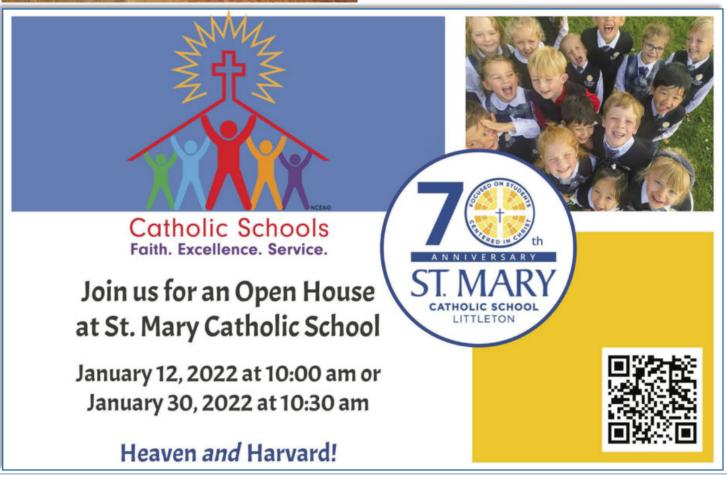
St. Mary Catholic School 2022-2023 Enrollment Information

St. Mary, Littleton's Premier Catholic School is currently accepting registrations 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 www.littletoncatholicschool.com. Our Open House/Information Session will be held 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.

Thank you to our students

Today is Spirit Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. We appreicate all of our St. Mary Catholic School Students who have served at Mass as Altar Servers, Lectors, Greeters, and Ushers.



Mass Intentions for the Week

ĺ	Sat	Jan 15	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 †
	Mon	Jan 17	8:15	Don Sanchez †
	Tue	Jan 18	6:30	John Schlanger †
			8:15	Sharon Decker †
	Wed	Jan 19	6:30	Jim Turner †
			8:15	John Donald Murray Jr. †
	Thu	Jan 20	6:30	Alan Sheley †
			8:15	Sharon Decker †
	Fri	Jan 21	6:30	Dick Weiler family lvg/dec
			8:15	Denise Merrion †
	Sat	Jan 22	8:15	Helena Soto lvg
			4:30	John Joseph Garvey †
	Sun	Jan 23	7:30	St Mary Parishioners lvg/dec
			9:30	KC 3340 lvg/dec
			11:30	The Sharon Decker Family lvg/dec
			5:00	Norm Huey †

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: Viola Romero, Cricket Holt, Sharon Beauchamp, Carolyn Pierce, Alan Francis, Margaret Dugdale, Mary Bondarewicz

Faithful Departed

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are! ©LPi

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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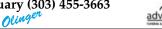
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