

# ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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2nd Sunday of Advent

6 December 2020

## DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF MASSES & DATES OF RESERVATION

Date of Mass/Service	Make your Reservation on:
December 12 & 13 (Sat 5 pm & Sun 9:30 am) December 13 St Mary (Sun 11:15 am)	Dec 7, 9 am to Dec 10, 4 pm
Penance Service, Dec 14, Mon 6 pm	Dec 7, 9 am to Dec 10, 4 pm
December 19 & 20 (Sat & Sun)	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 17, 4 pm
December 24, Christmas Eve Masses: St Mary: 4 pm St Augustine: 7:30 pm & 9:30 pm	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 22, 4 pm
December 26 & 27 (Sat & Sun)	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 22, 4 pm
December 31, New Year's Eve Mass at St Augustine, 5 pm	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 22, 4 pm
January 1, Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass at St Mary, 9 am	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 22, 4 pm
January 2 & 3 (Sat & Sun) January 3 St. Mary (Sun 11:15am)	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 22, 4 pm

To make a reservation, go to [www.staugustineoh.org](http://www.staugustineoh.org) or call the parish office at 360-675-2303 (Ext 23 for voicemail)

The Parish Office will be closed from Dec 24 to January 3. Hence, please take note of the dates of reservation during that time period for the Masses you wish to attend.

The Masses to be livestreamed to our Facebook page (St Augustine Catholic Church) are:  
all Sunday 9:30 Masses; the Immaculate Conception Mass on Dec 8, Tuesday; the Penance Service on Dec 14, Monday; the Simbang Gabi Mass on Dec 19 Saturday; the Dec 24, 7:30 Mass; and the December 31, 5 pm Mass.



### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8 Livestreamed at 9:00 am  
*Not a Holy Day of Obligation*

*"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!"  
December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating  
Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception. From the beginnings of the Church,  
spiritual writers and theologians have  
acknowledged the innocence and holiness of  
Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve."  
Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or  
reject God, Mary began with work of  
redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church  
began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception  
in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius  
IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of  
original sin from the first moment of her  
conception. On this day, we celebrate the  
beauty and goodness of Our Lady!*

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

*Mother and Queen of the Americas  
Madre y Emperatriz de Las Américas*

Saint Augustine

Sunday December 13, 9:30 am

*English & Spanish Mass*



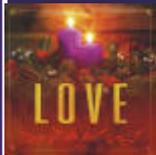
## LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.

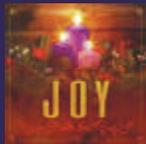


The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

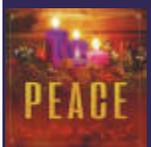


The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



## St. Mary Pastoral Council Corner

### Staying Connected as a Parish

Beloved members of the St. Mary Coupeville Parish. Your Pastoral Council would like you all to know we are thinking of you and miss seeing you each Sunday morning. During these difficult times you have never strayed from our minds. Your Pastoral Council would like to hear from you. How can we stay connected as the loving community family we have come to know and love? Do you have any ideas you would like to share? Do have any concerns regarding fellow parishioners that are feeling alone and isolated. We would love to hear from you.

The sense of family and community shared by St. Mary's parishioners has always been the backbone of this parish. We do not want to let this pandemic change that. Our goal is to not only survive this pandemic, but to come out of it with the same special sense of family and community. We are hoping you will be willing to share ideas as to how we can maintain this special characteristic until we can all meet for coffee and doughnuts once more.

Please share your ideas, thoughts, or concerns by emailing: [pmccormick@staugustineoh.org](mailto:pmccormick@staugustineoh.org)

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.   
- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### Connect with Father Paul

[ppluth@staugustineoh.org](mailto:ppluth@staugustineoh.org)



Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FatherPaulPluth](https://www.facebook.com/FatherPaulPluth)



## St Mary Works of Mercy

St Mary Works of Mercy is having a drive for **NEW** warm socks, hats and gloves. These items will be collected to give to men and women in need. Due to Covid-19 we can only accept **NEW** items in original packages or clear baggies. You may bring your donations to our church before Mass on December 6th & 13th. There will be boxes available for you gifts. If you have any questions regarding this drive, please leave us a message at our parish office (360-678-6536) and someone from our team will answer you as soon as possible.

### JOIN YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS IN PRAYING THE ROSARY BEFORE SUNDAY MASS DURING ADVENT

Pray the rosary at St. Mary Church before Sunday Mass at 10:50 AM during Advent.

Pray the rosary at home on the  
Tuesdays of Advent at 8 PM.

Praying the rosary when we know others are praying the rosary at the same time is a gift to others, to ourselves, and to the world.

If you wish to keep praying the rosary together after Advent, please leave a message at St. Mary Office (360-678-6536 or email the receptionist at pmccormick@staugustineoh.org)

There will need to be volunteers to coordinate and to lead.

### Mass Reservations

From Monday 9 am to Thursday 4 pm  
You may make a reservation online  
[www.staugustineoh.org](http://www.staugustineoh.org) or by phone  
at 360-675-2303 Ext. 23



**Please take note:** Make sure to list each person's first name in your reservation. Mass-goers not from the same household cannot be seated together.

No reservation & No mask, No entry. **NEW ENTRY INTO THE CHURCH WILL BE THROUGH THE VESTIBULE.**

Thank you for your Stewardship of Treasure!

Weekly Expenses: \$3,188  
November 15: \$3,825  
November 22: \$1,865  
November 29: \$2,825

Please write your envelope # on your check.



### December 6-13

<b>Sun</b> 12/6	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30 am Mass Livestream on <i>St Augustine Catholic Church FB page</i> ~ <b>Hat, sock &amp; glove drive</b> ~ <b>BEFORE MASS</b> bring <b>NEW</b> socks, hats, gloves for the needy.  11:15 am Mass at St Mary (reservation only) RIP +Diana Schmidt
<b>Mon</b> 12/7	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
<b>Tue</b> 12/8	9:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass @ St Augustine by reservation only; <i>Livestream on St Augustine Catholic Church FB page</i> 12:10 pm Immac Conception Mass at St Mary by reservation only 9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email
<b>Wed</b> 12/9	9:30am Mass at St Augustine 9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
<b>Thu</b> 12/10	9:30am - 12 noon Call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org  11:00- <del>12:30pm</del> Private prayer - <b>wear face mask or no entry, sanitize hands and observe social distancing</b>
<b>Fri</b> 12/11	9:30am -12 noon Call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
<b>Sat</b> 12/12	No activity
<b>Sun</b> 12/13	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30 am Mass Livestream on <i>St Augustine Catholic Church FB page</i> ~ <b>Hat, sock &amp; glove drive</b> ~ <b>BEFORE MASS</b> bring <b>NEW</b> socks, hats, gloves for the needy. 11:15 am Mass at St Mary (reservation only)

### Please Pray for Our Families & Friends

For those during this COVID-19 pandemic, those who are ill, those who are going to have or are recovering from surgery, those in Careage or other rehabilitation facilities. For our military both at home or deployed, and for those who may be away attending college.

Tina Hamilton - Richard McCormick  
Naomi Puhr

PFC Zachary McCormick, US Army National Guard

~Permission is required from the individual prior to adding their name to the prayer list.  
~To include a loved one's name, please call the Parish Office at 360-678-6536.

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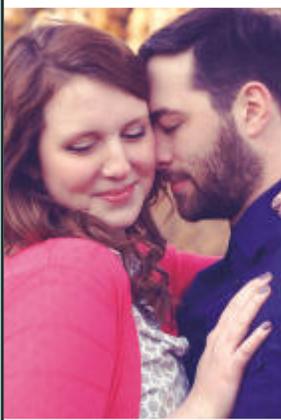
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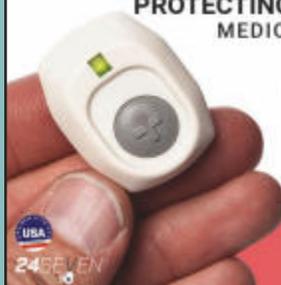
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