

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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3rd Sunday of Advent

13 December 2020

DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF MASSES & DATES OF RESERVATION

Date of Mass/Service	Make your Reservation on:
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



SIMBANG GABI

This year, St Augustine Parish will celebrate Simbang Gabi (Evening Mass) on Saturday, December 19, during the 5PM Mass with Father Paul Pluth as the celebrant. This celebration will honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as she prayerfully awaits the birth of Christ.

Mass Reservations are required. Wearing a mask and social distancing are strictly observed. This Mass will be livestreamed.

To make a reservation, go to 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 am Masses

Penance Service on Dec 14, Monday at 6 pm

Simbang Gabi Mass on Dec 19, Saturday at 5 pm

Dec 24, 7:30 pm Mass and December 31, 5 pm Mass

(Please note: there was a typo error on the date of the Simbang Gabi Mass on the postcards that were mailed to parishioners. The correct date is December 19.)



“Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord, one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

According to his promise, we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.”

2 Peter 3:8-9, 13-14



St. Mary Pastoral Council Corner

Staying Connected as a Parish

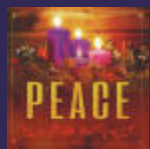
Beloved members of the St. Mary Coupeville Parish. Your Pastoral Council would like you all to know we are thinking of you and miss seeing you each Sunday morning. During these difficult times you have never strayed from our minds. Your Pastoral Council would like to hear from you. How can we stay connected 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.

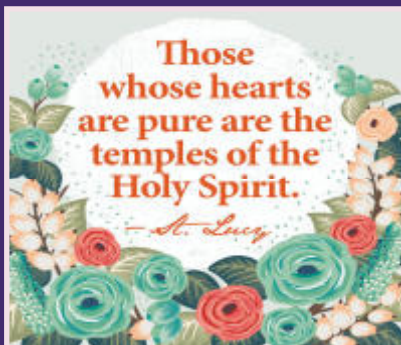
Please share your ideas, thoughts, or concerns by emailing: pmccormick@staugustineoh.org



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."



Please keep in mind that we are still collecting recipes.

Maybe you have some great holiday recipes that you would like to share for the St Mary Cookbook.

Please email to the receptionist in the office at pmccormick@staugustineoh.org or you may drop them off in the recipe located outside the office door during office hours (Mon-Fri 9:30am-12 noon) or just inside Harrington Hall when you come to Mass or send them to

St Mary Church

ATTN: Cookbook

PO BOX 1319

Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Thank you for all the yummmmmmy recipes.

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 TODAY. 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. Items may also be dropped off during the week between 9:30am-12 noon in a tub outside the office door.



Thank you to all who supported the Knight of Columbus "Keep Christ In Christmas (KCIC)" Christmas Card Sales this season. Your heartfelt generosity in purchasing and

donating to the KCIC Christmas sales raised \$500.00! All proceeds going to the "Called to Serve as Christ" campaign to pay back our priests, sisters, and family of faith for answering Christ's call to continue His work. Thank you very much and have a joyful, safe and Merry Christmas!

— Grand Knight, John E. O'Brien Council #3361

Connect with Father Paul ppluth@staugustineoh.org



Facebook: www.facebook.com/FatherPaulPluth

Please Note:

All 2020 contributions to the parish
must be received by December 31, 2020
in order to be counted towards your 2020 income tax.

JOIN YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS IN PRAYING THE ROSARY BEFORE SUNDAY MASS

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something we create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C.S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy, we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

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Next Baptisms are scheduled for February 13

(subject to change depending on Covid restrictions)

Baptism class is scheduled on Saturday, January 9, from 9:00 am to noon on Zoom. Please call Peggy Smith at 360-675-2303 ext. 5 to register, where you will receive instructions about the Zoom classes.

December 13-20

Sun 12/13	3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Mass Livestream on <i>St Augustine Catholic Church FB page</i> ~ Hat, sock & glove drive ~ BEFORE MASS bring NEW socks, hats, gloves for the needy. 11:15 am Mass at St Mary (reservation only) -RIP +Diana Schmidt -RIP +Eleanor Steele
Mon 12/14	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org 6:00pm Penance Service at St Augustine (Livestream on <i>St Augustine Catholic Church FB page</i>)
Tue 12/15	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Wed 12/16	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Thu 12/17	9:30am - 12 noon Call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org 11:00-12:30pm Private prayer - wear face mask or no entry, sanitize hands and
Fri 12/18	9:30am -12 noon Call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Sat 12/19	No activity
Sun 12/20	4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Mass Livestream on <i>St Augustine Catholic Church FB page</i>

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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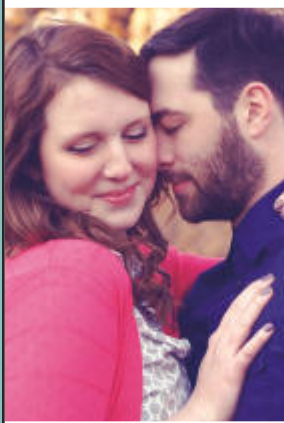
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