

The Epiphany

ST. MARY PARISH

January 2, 2022

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 6am, 9:30am, and 11:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday- Friday: 6am & 7:15am; Saturday: 7am

Holy Days: Vigil- 5:30pm; 6:00am, 7:15am, 8:15am (during the school year) and 5:30pm

Reconciliation:

5-6pm Tuesdays & Thursdays,
and 1/2 hour before 9:30am and 11:30am
Sunday Masses

Parish Staff

Pastor: The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Cecil Spotswood

School Principal: Deborah Ollis

Pastoral Assistant: Laurel Wallace

Director of Development:
Marcelle Naman

Volunteer Coordinator:
Millie Dixon

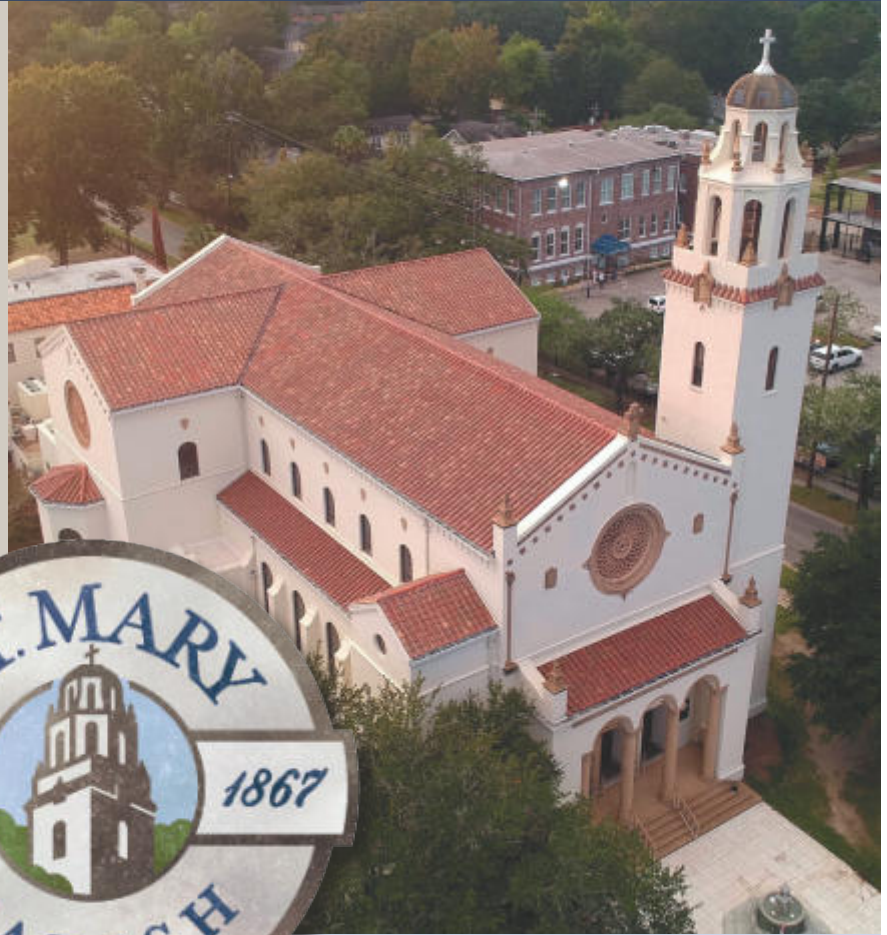
Parish Bookkeeper:
Anna Summersell

Youth Minister:
Abigail Standish

Organist/Music Director:
Richard Courtney

Music Team: Canticle Choir

Director of Religious Ed.: Steve Dolan, Jr.



MASS CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses- January 3rd- January 7th:

Monday- 6am- Fr. Vrazel; 7:15am- Fr. Spotswood

Tuesday- 6am & 7:15am- Fr. Spotswood

Wednesday- 6am- Fr. Vrazel; 7:15am- Fr. Spotswood

Thursday- 6am & 7:15am- Fr. Vrazel

Friday- 6am- Fr. Vrazel; 7:15am- Fr. Spotswood;
8:15am- Fr. Vrazel

Saturday- January 8th:
7am- Fr. Vrazel

Sunday- January 9th:
6am- Fr. Vrazel; 9:30am- Fr. Vrazel;
11:30am- Fr. Spotswood

ST. MARY'S &
ST. JOAN OF ARC

NEW MASS SCHEDULES BEGINNING JANUARY 1!

Starting January 1, 2022 St. Mary's and St. Joan of Arc will begin
a new schedule of Masses:

Saturdays- 4pm Vigil at St. Joan of Arc

Sundays- 6am at St. Mary's

8:30am at St. Joan of Arc

9:30am at St. Mary's

11:30am at St. Mary's

*Please note there will be no longer be a
5pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Mary's as
well as no 6pm Sunday Mass.

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SCHOOL

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Gospel Meditation:

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of our

Lord (©LPI)



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 self-absorption. 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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 23 Collection for the Church in Latin America

12/19 Stewardship Report

Sunday: \$4,434.00
 Mailed in: \$2,920.00
 Online: \$10,311.00
 Total: \$17,665.00



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Thank you for your support of St. Mary's!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Sunday:

6am- Kilday Family (l&d)
 9am- Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish
 11:30am- Blount, Huffaker, Owens, Finnorn, and Vrazel Families (l&d)

Monday:

6am- Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:15am-

Tuesday:

6am- Deacon John Cretaro (d)
 7:15am-

Wednesday:

6am- Brian Barber (d)
 7:15am- Jennifer Dolan (l-Birthday)

Thursday:

6am-
 7:15am- Lillis Lewis (d)

Friday:

6am- Ann & Rancy Luce (d)
 7:15am-

8:15pm- Lillis Lewis (d)

Saturday:

7am-

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB OPENING

St. Mary Parish is in search of a Music Director. \$40,000- 50,000 per year. Email your resume to Fr. Stephen Vrazel at svrazel@stmarymobile.org along with an Archdiocesan Job Application. For both a complete job description and a printable copy of the Archdiocesan Job Application, please go to: <https://stmarymobilechurch.weconnect.com/work-at-st-mary-s>



Cindy Klotz, Christy Blackmon, Holly Reese, Martha Delmas, Pat Anderson, Gary Henrickson, Hoagy Kearns, Janet Pierre, Michael Newburn, Eddie Serda, Milton Days, Susan Sweeney, Betty Spotswood, Francis Arata, Kathie Wall, Marian Imsand, Ann Schilling, Karen Clarke Andrews, Jamie KupperSmith, Betsy McAleer, Peggy Hasser, Daniel Lawrence, George Finkbohner, Andrew Mills, Doug Laird, Anne Hall, Patty Vanderpoole, Laura Cummings, Carnes Craig, Felice Lomangino, Philip Tapia, Dale Andrews, Preston Griffith, Madison Palazzo, Karen Johnson, Bob Collier, Sandra Edwards, Mary Lou Noletto, Marcia Kossik, Sandi Clark, Brad Jensen, Guillermo Hearreau, Marsena Walsh, Douglas Laird, Adiene Carroll, Scott Gonzalez, Mary Gonzalez, Philip Gonzalez, Bill Klein, Mike & Candi Baldwin, Brother Celestine, Joel Bowman



Christmas Flowers

In Memory of:

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 Millie Reilly
 Mildred Blanchard Houck
 William R. Houck, Sr.
 Marion Brettel Reilly
 Warren A. Reilly, Sr.
 Mary Ruth Zurales
 Mr. & Mrs. John S. Owens, III

Please Pray for Pope Francis' January 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.



St. Mary Catholic School Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year Begins in January!

Registration for Returning Families begins
 January 5.

Open Registration for New Families begins January 18.

St. Mary Catholic School educates children from 6 weeks to 8th grade. Our Early Child Development Center (Early C) is for children 6 weeks to preschool readiness.

Our elementary and middle school programs include PreK3 - 8th Grade.

Contact the School Office at (251) 433-9904 for more information or a personal visit at any time!

Go to stmarymobile.org for registration information for Early C and PreK3 - 8!



Starting January 9th we will be changing our

time for LIFE TEEN! We will now be meeting after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday's. We will meet from 12:30- 2:00pm in the youth house (III N Lafayette St.- just next to the school on Lafayette)!

St. Mary Marriage Night, January 11 6 to 8 pm



Welcome speakers A.J. & Stephanie LeGrone! \$30 suggested donation per couple. Babysitting provided with RSVP. RSVP to Laurel Wallace at lwallace@stmarymobile.org

Prayer for the New Year

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Source: Loyalapress.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 4 5pm | Students return to school Adoration and Confession with Fr. Spotswood |
| Jan 5 | Registration for returning school families begins |
| Jan 6 5pm | Adoration and Confession with Fr. Vrazel |
| Jan 9 12:30-2pm | LIFE TEEN resumes at it's new time |
| Jan 11 6-8pm 6-8pm | Marriage Night Fraternis & Fidelis begins at St. Pius for students in grades 6-12 |
| Jan 18 | Open Registration for St. Mary's School begins |
| Jan 21 9:45am 1:30pm | March for Life Mobile, Cathedral Square St. Mary's School March for Life |
| Jan 26 | Archdiocesan Spelling Bee |
| Jan 31- Feb 2 | Catholic Schools Week |
| Feb 2 | St. Mary's Family Day |
| Feb 14 | St. Valentine's Day St. Mary Media Munch |
| Feb 26 | St. Mary Students in Floral Parade |
| Feb 28 | Lundi Gras St. Mary's Students in Floral Parade |
| March 1 | Mardi Gras Day |
| March 2 | Ash Wednesday |

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