

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

# ST. MARY PARISH

January 23, 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

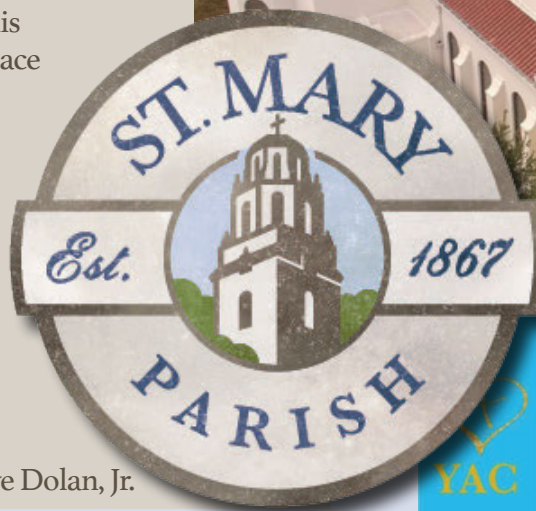
**Parish Bookkeeper:**  
Anna Summersell

**Youth Minister:**  
Abigail Standish

**Organist/Music Director:**  
Richard Courtney

**Music Team:** Canticle Choir

**Director of Religious Ed.:** Steve Dolan, Jr.



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## MASS CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

**Weekday Masses- January 24<sup>th</sup>- January 28<sup>th</sup>:**

**Monday-** 6am & 7:15am- Fr. Vrazel

**Tuesday-** 6am & 7:15am- TBA

**Wednesday-** 6am & 7:15am- Fr. Vrazel

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

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

**Saturday- January 29<sup>th</sup>:**  
7am- Fr. Vrazel

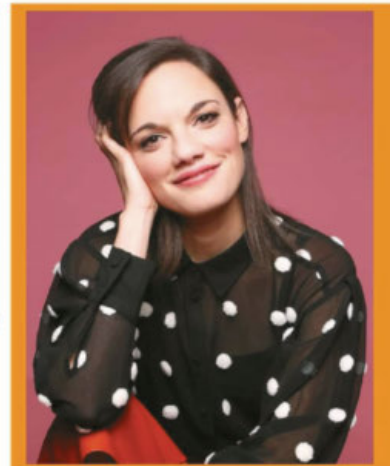
**Sunday- January 30<sup>th</sup>:**  
6am- TBA; 9:30am- Fr. Vrazel;  
11:30am- Fr. Vrazel

**SUNDAY**  
January  
**30th**  
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**7:00PM**

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## Gospel Meditation:

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Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us. As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

### 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.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 30 St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary's

### 1/16 Stewardship Report

Sunday: \$2,406.00  
Mailed in: \$4,942.00  
Online: \$12,608.00  
Total: \$19,956.00



Open your smart phone's camera and aim it at the coded square. A link will pop up on your phone. Touch the link to go to our online donation page.

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



#### Sunday:

6am- Kilday Family (l&d)  
9am- Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish

11:30am-

#### Monday:

6am- Mignon Kilday (l- Birthday)

7:15am-

#### Tuesday:

6am-

7:15am- Deacon John Cretaro (d)

#### Wednesday:

6am-

7:15am-

#### Thursday:

6am- Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:15am-

#### Friday:

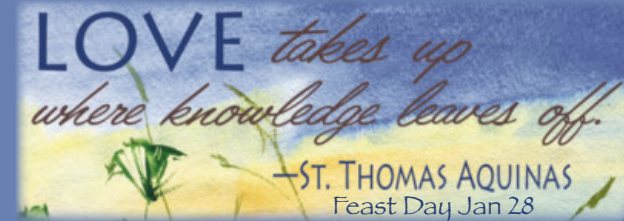
6am-

7:15am- Emily Dolan (l-Birthday)

8:15pm-

#### 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](mailto: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>



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Elizabeth Colston Huntsberry





**Catholic Charities Appeal** is next weekend, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Every parishioner should have received a letter from Archbishop Rodi announcing the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal and asking for your

prayerful generosity. Please complete the pledge card that was mailed to you with the letter from Archbishop Rodi and put it in the collection basket next weekend or feel free to drop it by the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. Catholic Charities helps thousands of people in need across our archdiocese. All the funds collected are distributed to local ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. In the spirit of charity, we ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal.



### St. Mary Catholic School Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year

Registration for Returning Families began 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](http://stmarymobile.org) for registration information for Early C and PreK3 - 8!



### Fraternus and Fidelis for students in grades 6-12 is **RESCHEDULED TO START on January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mobile's chapter of Fraternus and Fidelis will meet Tuesday nights from 6-8pm at St. Pius X. Dinner included. Childcare available for adults who would like to take part.

Fidelis is a Catholic multigenerational program inviting girls in grades 6-12 into sisterhood with women, young and old, leading each other to Christ. With our 'yes' to God we use intentional, virtuous and feminine means to form girls into women who can proclaim with confidence to God, "Paratum cor meum Deus, my heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready."

Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood for all ages. For over a decade Fraternus has been recovering the lost art of mentoring, harnessing the power of brotherly men and fathers, and teaching the virtues rooted in Christ as the path to authentic manliness.

Please RSVP for this first event, January 25 from 6-8 PM at Saint Pius by contacting Margaret Dudley at 251-458-7972 or Sean Dudley at 251-458-8071.

## LIFE TEEN CAMP COVECREST

We will be attending Life Teen's Camp Covecrest in Tiger, GA on July 18- 23, 2022

Open to current 8th graders through current seniors in high school

Deposit of \$100 and liability waiver (found on St. Mary's website under the youth ministry section)

Cost of the trip is currently \$660 plus travel costs but subject to change dependent on fundraising

For more information please visit the youth ministry section of St. Mary's website or email Abigail Standish ([astandish@stmarymobile.org](mailto:astandish@stmarymobile.org))

## Camp Hidden Lake!

We will be attending Camp Hidden Lake in Dahlonega, GA on July 25- 30, 2022

Open to current 6th and 7th graders (7th and 8th graders in the 2022/2023 school year)

Deposit of \$100 and liability waiver (found on St. Mary's website under the youth ministry section) are due to secure a spot

Cost of the trip is currently \$660 plus travel costs but subject to change dependent on fundraising

Please contact Abigail Standish ([astandish@stmarymobile.org](mailto:astandish@stmarymobile.org)) for more information on how to register or if you have any questions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 25 6-8pm	Fraternus & Fidelis begins at St. Pius X
Jan 26	Archdiocesan Spelling Bee
Jan 31- Feb 2	Catholic Schools Week
Feb 2	St. Mary's Family Day
Feb 8 6-8pm	Marriage Night
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



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