

4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

ST. MARY PARISH

January 30, 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

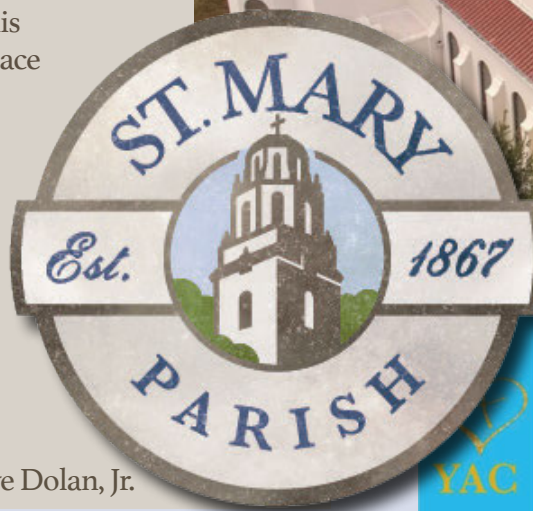
Parish Bookkeeper:
Anna Summersell

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 31st- February 4th:

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

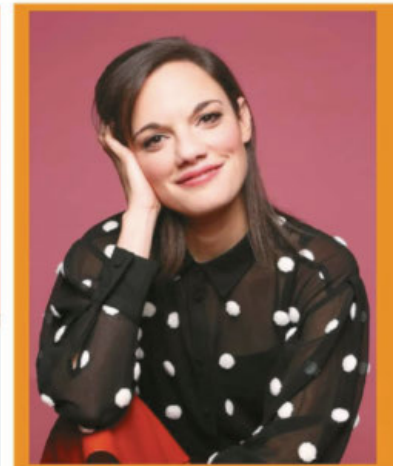
Friday- 6am- Fr. Vrazel; 7:15am- Fr. Spotswood
8:15am- Fr. Vrazel

Saturday- February 5th:
7am- Fr. Vrazel

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

SUNDAY
January
30th
 ★★ ★★ ★★
7:00PM

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Gospel Meditation:

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St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life.

Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

1/23 Stewardship Report

Sunday: \$2,827.00
Mailed in: \$8,355.00
Online: \$5,855.00
Total: \$17,037.00



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-
9am- Parishioners of St. Mary’s Parish
11:30am- Mae Rehm (d)

Monday:

6am-
7:15am- Marston Luce (l)

Tuesday:

6am-
7:15am-

Wednesday:

6am- Marston Luce (l)
7:15am- Catherine Curlee Stecker (d)

Thursday:

6am-
7:15am- Jerry Moare (d)

Friday:

6am-
7:15am- Catherine Curlee Stecker (d)

Saturday:

7am-

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.

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, Anne Hall, Patty Vanderpoole, Laura Cummings, 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, Yvonne Mansfield, Idella Lang, Brother Celestine, Joel Bowman, BJ Robertson



Today is Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday!

In every parish across the archdiocese, each parishioner is asked to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the 2022

Catholic Charities Appeal. Catholic Charities funds more than 30 ministries that help thousands of people in need in central and south Alabama. The basic Pledge is \$50 a month or \$600 for the year. We ask that everyone complete and return a pledge card and give what you can afford. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. In the spirit of charity, we ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Please, help our parish meet our goal of this year and obtain 100% participation.



*Almighty Father, You sent your only Son
To show us the way of charity.*

Through His sacrifice of love, we have been redeemed.

*We thank You for the sacrifice He made for us,
And for the many gifts that You have given to us.*

*Inspire us to follow your way of sacrifice
So that we may help those in need.*

May the work of our Catholic Charities Appeal

Bring your love to all of those in our community.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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) for more

information on how to register or if you have any
questions.

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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 31- Feb 2	Catholic Schools Week
Feb 1	
5pm	Confession & Adoration with Fr. Spotswood
Feb 2	St. Mary's Family Day
Feb 3	
5pm	Confession & Adoration with Fr. Vrazel
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
March 1	Mardi Gras Day
March 2	Ash Wednesday
6am, 7:15am, & 8:15am	Mass (There will be Noon Mass at St. Joan of Arc)
5:30pm	Vespers and Ashes ONLY
March 4	
5:30pm	First Stations of the Cross and each Friday during Lent
March 7	
6pm	First Communion Meeting
March 13 - April 3	
Sundays	Pastor's Lenten Bible Study with Focus on The Passion; 4 sessions
5- 6pm	
March 14	RCIA Rite of Election
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
6pm	St. Patrick's Day Parish Dinner Details to come!
March 19	Feast of St. Joseph: Dinner & St. Joseph Altar in the gym.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ryan Patrick Dolan &
Gabrielle LeGrand Witter*

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