

# ST. MARY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
STAR CITY

December 6, 2020 • Second Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the  
way of the  
Lord.”

~Mk 1:3



## MASS

**Saturday, 6:00pm,  
Sundays, 8:30am, 11:00am**

**Daily Mass\*: Mon. 6:30pm**

**Tue.-Thur. 9:00am**

\*please see schedule inside for  
any changes or cancellations to  
this week's Masses

**Radio broadcast at 8:30am** on  
1300AM WCLG & 92.1FM, and  
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## CONNECT

### LOCATION

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### EMAIL

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### OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Office will remain  
closed to in-person visits until  
further notice.** We are still  
accessible by phone or email.

## SACRAMENTS

### RECONCILIATION

30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Upon request

### BAPTISM

For children under 7,  
please call the Parish Office

### MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office, **at  
least 6 months** notice required

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE SEE PG. 2



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## St. Mary Parish

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#### Office Hours:

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## NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors to our church!

We hope that you enjoy your stay, and if you would like to join our family here at St. Mary Parish, we invite you to become a registered Parishioner.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at [stmarystarcity.com](http://stmarystarcity.com)

### Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered. For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

### Sacraments

**BAPTISM:** (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be **registered and attending** Sunday Mass regularly. Please call Kathy 304-225-1163 for information.

**RECONCILIATION:** 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults—** *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA please contact Please contact Kathy Kerzak (304) 225-1163 /kkerzak@comcast.net for information

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:** When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Upon request and communally as scheduled

### Bulletin Deadline:

**Tuesday@Noon**, written copy please

**Email:** [stmaryschurch@comcast.net](mailto:stmaryschurch@comcast.net)

**Subject line:** attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement



## Spirituality of the Readings – A Long Time

Love always wants to share itself.

This is surely why God chose to create, God, who is love, making planets and black holes and galaxy clusters, and bestowing his very self upon every microscopic atom of the exhaustive creation he had made.

What a privilege for us, what a gift. Surely this would have been enough.

Advent is a treasured time to ask quietly, humbly, how we will love in return. But planets and asteroids could not receive God actively. They could not decide to let God in and then willingly love God in return. Their reception was passive, a relishment of their rough, craggy existence, being exactly what they were (are) created to be, but no more.

So God thought up a miraculously intricate trail by which something called life could come about. He chose a diminutive blue planet circulating insignificantly around a small star in what some folks would call the Milky Way, millions of years later. It was a new beginning.

It was Life. Life eked its way out of the seas and onto shore. And then into trees, skies, rocky shores and more. It took as its home the highest mountains, the coldest high specks of space, the hottest flaming deserts, and even the deepest oceans. God loved this abundant "Life" in the way a mother loves her children.

If you could have taken one look at the dinosaurs and apes and fishes and birds, you would have seen that these miraculous creations would have been enough. They were alive. What a delight. And God enwrapped them in love, a love in which they basked without knowing it.

So there was still more room. God's overflow of love sought out more space for being received.

A very interesting thing happened. God scooped out an openness in some living creatures so that they could actively receive the affectionate love that God was bestowing upon them, and now could return love to God.

As a result, the human race—slowly, cumbrously—doddered into being. Don't ask me the number of Cro-Magnon species that came to be, or how hunting turned into farming and cooking, how weaving and building and fences and fire came onto the scene. They did. And God took time to deepen within humans a spiritual hollow by which they could actually, even in fear and distraction, receive God's Glory. Not passively like a rock receives the sun, but actively and knowingly, welcoming unto themselves the gratuity of God's life, love and presence.

We are those human beings. Each of us is able to open up, wading at the apex of such a long history of God's love for us.

Advent is a treasured time to ask quietly, humbly, how we will love in return.

Will we take time to treasure the openness deep within? Will we let it thrive? It would mean bringing patience to bear on our nervous, ever worrisome life, letting God's presence be enough when we can. Presently, we are called to a way of patient listening and waiting instead of simply "going to church."

Would that be enough?

Not yet.

What if God's tender love wanted to make its way out of the church and into the world? Wouldn't it start (or continue) with the birth of the child Jesus? And wouldn't we carry such love, now within our hearts, out to the whole world?

John Foley, SJ

## Giving Summary

**Sunday Offering - 11/22**

\$2,097.00

**Online Giving**

\$1,611.35

**Attendance:** 154

**Last Sunday's Offering 11/29**

\$8,209.00

**Online Giving**

\$2,121.35

**Attendance:** 199

For ease of accounting,  
**separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes.

## Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

**11/22**—Catholic Campaign for Human Development

**12/13**—Retirement Fund for Religious

**12/25**—Catholic Charities, West Virginia



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[www.stmarystarcity.com](http://www.stmarystarcity.com).

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 6:00pm	For the People
Sunday, 8:30am	Allen Wise
Sunday, 11:00am	Amelia Schifano

Monday 12/7 Memorial of St. Ambrose  
6:30pm Robert Wheeler, Sr.

Tuesday 12/8 Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9:00am For the People

Wednesday 12/9 Advent Weekday  
9:00am Kathy Koloff

Thursday 12/10 Advent Weekday  
9:00am Charles Robey

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

### December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 6:00pm	For the People
Sunday, 8:30am	Tom Fedikovich
Sunday, 11:00am	Mothers of the Koloff & Medlick Families



**The Tabernacle Candle** the week of December 6<sup>th</sup> is in memory of **Carol Parker**, by Mary Ann Griffith.



### Christmas Flowers

A Christmas flower donation form can be found on **page 9** of the bulletin (There is no envelope this year). Please return your form to the collection basket or Parish Office by **Monday, December 21** for your intentions to be printed in the Epiphany Bulletin. Intentions received late will not be printed. You can also find a printable form on our website.

### Our New Address is:

3346 University Ave  
Morgantown, WV 26505

Please direct all correspondence to this new address. We will also be closing our P.O. Box.

The Parish Office will be closed on  
Tuesday, 8 December

The Parish Office has relocated to the  
Formation Center, room A.  
We remain closed to in-person  
visits, except by appointment. You may  
still contact us by phone or email.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

### Sunday, December 6—2nd Sunday of Advent

	Return All Giving Tree Gifts!
8:30/9:30	Religious Ed. (Refer to schedule)
9:45am	RCIA—Peace Hall
1:00pm	NA Meeting
5:30pm	Advent Evening Prayer
6-8:00pm	High School Youth— Peace Hall

### Monday, December 7

6:30pm	Mass-Vigil for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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### Tuesday, December 8—Immaculate Conception

9:00am	Mass
	Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, December 12

9-10:00am	First Reconciliation
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### Sunday, December 13—3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30/9:30	Religious Ed. (Refer to schedule)
1:00pm	NA Meeting
5:30pm	Advent Evening Prayer
6-8:00pm	Middle School Youth— Peace Hall

### Calendar Correction

There is **no** reconciliation on Fridays (as was listed incorrectly in the December events calendar published in the 11/29 bulletin.)



**Advent Evening Prayer** will be held Sundays, December 6, 13 & 20, at 5:30pm.

### Little Blue Books of Advent

Little blue books can be found in the church, and on the table in the Christian Formation Center entry. Take one for yourself and one for a friend!



### Mass Schedule

December 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm  
December 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00pm  
December 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00am

### No Daily Mass

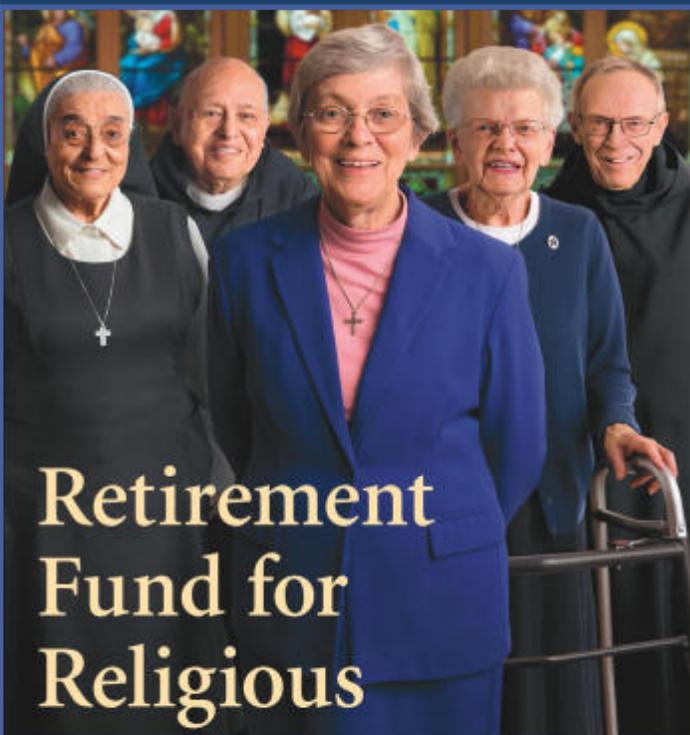
Monday, 28 December  
Tuesday, 29 December  
Wednesday, 30 December



December 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm  
January 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00am



We have Hearing Assistance Devices available for use during Mass. If you would like one, please ask an Usher.



# Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give generously to the upcoming collection. **December 13<sup>th</sup>**

From left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCJ; Brother Martin Gonzales, OCSO; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCVI; Sister Anne Cecile Muldoon, OSU; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB. ©2020 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC • All rights reserved

**Help our elders.** In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

## Calling all Knitters and Crocheters!



Break out your trendy patterns and your fancy yarn!  
**We are requesting donations of stylish hand-knit or crocheted winter hats** to donate to adult infusion patients.

This is your chance to make a few quick stash-busting projects to keep your fingers busy on these long, dark evenings.

Donations returned **by December 10** will be put in Christmas bags for patients. Any hats received after will be taken to the center at a later date.

**Donations may be left in the box labeled "Hats" in the CFC entry,** or brought to the Parish Office.

 **St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:**  
**\*\* Soup and Cereal \*\***

**Baby & Toddler Program needs:**  
**\*Diapers** (All sizes, but especially 4, 5, 6)  
**\*Toddler-sized Winter Clothing** (Especially 3T, 4T, & 5T. No other children's clothing is being accepted at this time)

**St. Ursula Food Pantry & Outreach needs volunteers for several jobs Including:**

- \*Regular Volunteers to help on first and third Wednesday** afternoon at St. Ursula's pantry distribution (using curbside pickup model).
- \*Volunteers to help as available** with sorting donations of baby clothes and toys.

Call (304)599-3822 to speak with Ginny or Sr. Rachel. Thank you!

## CATHOLIC DOCTRINE Survey of Catholic Doctrine (January 3 – February 6)



A five-week course offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF).

This is a hybrid model offering both live weekly lectures (through Zoom) as well as a rich variety of online resources.

We will look at some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church including the Trinity, original sin, church, salvation history, and the communion of saints. We will explore and deepen our understanding of terms and concepts such as: magisterium, ecumenism, eschatology, and other Catholic terms.

If you are a catechist, work with the RCIA, couples preparing for marriage, parents preparing to baptize their children, or are an adult interested in deepening your faith, please join fellow Catholics from across the Diocese as we learn more about our Tradition.

This course is being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, who pays 100% of the tuition.

The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at the Diocese at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org).



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

## DIocese of WHEELING-CHARLESTON

1311 BYRON STREET  
POST OFFICE BOX 230  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA 26003

November 24, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to ask your support of the national Collection for Retired Religious, which will be taken up in our parishes on the weekend of December 12-13, 2020.

If any national collection could be considered “popular,” both in the sense of “well regarded” and in that of being “of the people,” this one surely is. Many of us have fond memories of religious sisters and brothers who taught us or religious priests who served in our parishes and cared for our families. Now they are elderly and sometimes frail and sick and have had to withdraw from active ministry. It is our turn to serve them.

Because religious take a personal vow of poverty and historically received little more than room and board from the parishes, schools, hospitals and charitable works in which they served, they do not have the financial resources many of the rest of us have to draw upon in our old age. This national collection, therefore, is not only an act of gratitude on our part for the honorable, Christ-centered service so many religious have offered us in the Church but a practical way to assist them in their present need.

I urge you to be generous in your response to this collection. While you will be parting with some of your wealth, you will be piling up credit with the Lord, whose poverty in coming to us as man has enriched us all with boundless grace. Your help has made a real difference in the past. Make a difference this year, too.

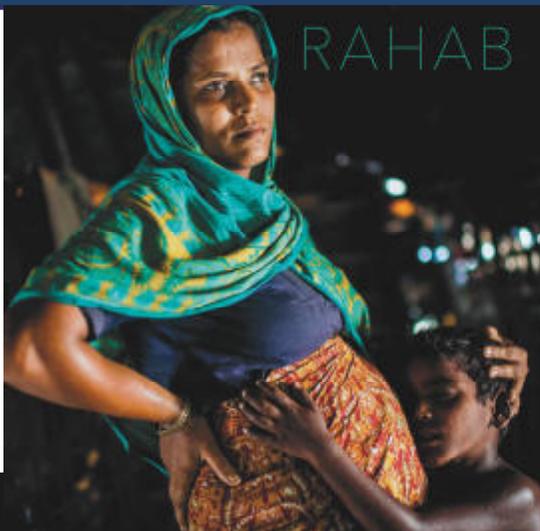
May God bless you in this Advent season and lead you to a joyful celebration of Christ’s coming at Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,

*+ Mark E. Brennan*

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Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston



## FRANCISCANS INTERNATIONAL

Advent Reflections  
on Human Rights  
and Women

### RAHAB

Rahab is the epitome of a social outcast. In the Book of Joshua, Rahab is identified as a prostitute who kept a brothel in Jericho. Her occupation, however, was not the only source of her marginalization. In addition to being a prostitute, she was also a foreigner and a woman. Despite her disreputable status, Rahab played a key role in the story of the Jewish people. When Joshua sent two spies to explore the city of Jericho, Rahab risked her life to hide them and ensure their safety. When Joshua conquered Jericho, he repaid Rahab's kindness by saving her and her entire family.

Rahab's prophetic declaration of faith, "the Lord, your God, is God in heaven above and on earth below" (Joshua 2:11), as well as her righteous works (her commitment to Joshua and his men), foreshadowed her position as an ancestor of Jesus.

### EQUAL RIGHTS

The story of Rahab is a call for recognizing equal rights and dignity for all women and girls. Economic, cultural, and political factors collude to make women and girls more susceptible to abuses and violence, including social exclusion. This is especially true for those who find themselves in vulnerable situations, such as migrants and refugees.

Rahab also epitomizes the figure of a strong woman who, despite experiencing prejudice and marginalization, lives her life with courage and dignity. However, far too often today, women still face discrimination and experience physical, sexual and psychological violence. The effort to ensure equal rights and dignity to all women and girls by eliminating all forms of public and private violence, including trafficking, sexual violence, and social exclusion, must be championed by all regardless of their gender.

## Sunday, Dec 06, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Begin at the end

Beginnings are really the Act II of endings. That's why we hear so much Apocalypse in the early Advent readings. Something has to give way for the new thing to arrive. In order to move into the new house, you have to leave the old one. That goes for the life of the world to come, as well. So when John the Baptist summons us to prepare the Lord's way, he simultaneously obliges us to repent our former way. Consider what obstacles need to "pass away" to "make straight" the path of the Christ child's arrival into your heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8 (5). "The heavens will pass away with a mighty roar, and the Earth and everything done on it will be found out."

## Monday, Dec 07, 2020

MEMORIAL OF AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### To the moon and beyond

You think you're busy? Ambrose, one of the four first doctors of the church, challenged emperors and combated heresies. He converted Saint Augustine and championed celibacy. He was a prolific theologian and contributed to the music of the church. He was so admired he was made a bishop by popular acclaim. Ambrose did a lot of different things—who of us could keep up?—but he had one vision that we can all get behind: that the church rise "like a growing moon" above fleeting worldliness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26 (181). "We have seen incredible things today."

## Tuesday, Dec 08, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE USA)

### Original grace

The Immaculate Conception is so key to Catholic consciousness, it's hard to believe it hasn't been around forever. The teaching—that Mary was born without original sin—was in fact opposed by scholarly saints like Anselm, Aquinas, Bernard, and Bonaventure. They insisted that, because sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, Mary would need salvation as much as the rest of us. But the Council of Trent concluded that Mary had been spared, and popular piety began to revere her Immaculate Conception. The significance? Perhaps, as theologian Elizabeth Johnson eloquently points out, it's that "grace is more original than sin."

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 (689). "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

## Wednesday, Dec 09, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

### Celebrate the messenger of love

Born in 1474 near modern-day Mexico City, Saint Juan Diego was named Cuauhtlatoatzin (Talking Eagle) and according to tradition lived among his Chichimeca people until the conquest of Mexico in 1521. At the age of 50, Juan Diego was baptized by Franciscan missionaries and began attending daily Mass. While he walked to Mass on December 9, 1531, the Blessed Mother appeared to him with a special request. So begins the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast we celebrate in three days. Today, we honor Juan Diego, the first indigenous saint of the Americas, canonized in 2002, who spent the rest of his life as a

prayerful hermit tending the first shrine built to Guadalupe. On this Advent day, we pray for the grace to imitate his humility, trust, and faithfulness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30 (183). "They that hope in the LORD will . . . soar as with eagles' wings."

## Thursday, Dec 10, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY

### Walk the simple but elusive path to peace

As Christians await the Prince of Peace, today the world celebrates this year's Nobel Peace Prize awardee—the U.N. World Food Program—for their heroic efforts in war-torn lands in the midst of the pandemic. Human beings are prone to conflict, but the craving for peace and reconciliation runs deep across cultures and faiths. The perennial question is how to achieve it. Here's a simple but profound answer that has been put forth by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for decades: "If you want peace, work for justice." Ask yourself what step toward justice you can take today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 (184). "Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist."

## Friday, Dec 11, 2020

MEMORIAL OF DAMASUS I, POPE

### Stormy weather

If we think we've got it tough—juggling the gift list, social schedule, family feuds, and ailing bank account—consider Damasus. He embodied the truism that faith is more a compass than an insurance policy. When he was elected pope, another faction chose someone else. What followed were violent battles, scandals, accusations, heresies, and troubled relations with the Eastern Church. While we might sing carols about the Prince of Peace, the hard reality of human life has, since the Incarnation, also involved moments of hurricane-force wind. Today, let's welcome whatever problem we're reluctant to engage, knowing it might be our teacher.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19 (185). "If you would hearken to my commandments, your prosperity would be like a river."

## Saturday, Dec 12, 2020

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

### Celebrate the feast!

The apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Mexico City's Tepeyac Hill in 1531 was a game changer. Images of the Virgin had typically carried a distinctly European flavor. The Virgin of Guadalupe, however, had indigenous features. She would become the first *Mestiza* image, for a people who comprise the racially and culturally diverse population of modern-day Mexico. Under her spiritual care and influence, a variety of peoples could unite at least in spirituality. For Mexican Americans, and Latinos everywhere, *la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe* is among the biggest religious celebrations of the year. Join the *fiesta*.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47 (690A). "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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**Safe Environment Reporting**

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513.

To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504.

**Will or Estate Planning**

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:

"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

**Readings for the week of December 6, 2020**

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Next Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service  
ReportBishopAbuse.org (800) 276-1562**

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential. If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or eparchial bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under the accountability tab. If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.



*Christmas Flowers*



**Please Print** all names to avoid misspellings!

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Name/ Family : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Suggested: \$10 donation per honoree/memorial**

Please *print* all names to avoid misspellings in the bulletin.

For intentions to appear in the **Epiphany bulletin**, this form must be returned in the collection or to the Parish Office by **Monday, 21 December**. Intentions received after will not be printed.

3346 University Ave, Morgantown, WV 26505

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Second Sunday of Advent **READINGS and GOSPEL**

**FIRST READING****A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET  
ISAIAH**

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her  
that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated;  
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our  
God!

Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low;  
the rugged land shall be made a plain,  
the rough country, a broad valley.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad  
tidings;

cry out at the top of your voice,  
Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah:  
Here is your God!

Here comes with power the Lord GOD,  
who rules by his strong arm;  
here is his reward with him, his recompense before  
him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;  
in his arms he gathers the lambs,  
carrying them in his bosom,  
and leading the ewes with care.

**The Word of the Lord.**

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**SECOND READING****A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER  
OF SAINT PETER**

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.  
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,  
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty  
roar

and the elements will be dissolved by fire,  
and the earth and everything done on it will be  
found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,  
what sort of persons ought you to be,  
conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,  
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of  
God,

because of which the heavens will be dissolved in  
flames

and the elements melted by fire.

But 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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

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**A READING FROM THE  
THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son  
of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:  
*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way.*

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths."*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance  
for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside  
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem

were going out to him  
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River  
as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair,  
with a leather belt around his waist.

He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed:

*"One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen  
the thongs of his sandals.*

*I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

**THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



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