St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Church 4280 Gulf of Mexico Drive Longboat Key, FL 34228 941-383-1255 January 2, 2022

Reverend Robert Dziedziak, J.C.L., Pastor



Mass Times: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM

Adoration on Wednesday's after Mass until noon

Summer Schedule: Saturday Mass: Sunday Mass:

<u>Winter Schedule:</u> Saturday Mass: Sunday Mass:

Office Hours: 8:30 AM—3:30 PM **Phone:** 941-383-1255 May-December 5:00 PM 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

January-April 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM 8:00 AM; 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Website: www.stmarylbk.org Email: parishoffice@stmarylbk.org

TV Mass: Sunday 9:30 a.m. on:

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Baptism, Marriages, Communion Calls and Visitation of the sick call the Parish office at 941-383-1255

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3, 2022

9:00 a.m.+Peter O'Connor(Fr. Michael)Requested by Dee TornilloReading I: 1 John 3:22-4:6Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

9:00 a.m.+Antonio Moreno(Fr. Robert)Requested by Mary & Bill BrownReading I: 1 John 4:7-10Gospel: Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

9:00 a.m.+Tony & Mary Peruffo(Fr. Robert)Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DiSantoReading I: 1 John 4:11-18Gospel: Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 6, 2022

9:00 a.m.+George Petermann(Fr. Michael)Requested by The Kutka FamilyReading I: 1 John 4:19-5:4Gospel: Luke 4:14-22a

Friday, January 7, 2022

9:00 a.m.+Gino Del Pup(Fr. Phillip)Requested by Mary Jo & Rick StaufferReading I: 1 John 5:5-13Gospel: Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, January 8, 2022

3:00 p.m.+Ruth Ruebusch(Fr.Requested by Mary Martin5:00 p.m.For the People(Fr.

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (21C) Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 a.m.+Susan Frient(Fr.)Requested by Spanish Main Book Club9:30 a.m.+Tom Barnicle(Fr. Robert)Requested by John & Judy Lynch11:30 a.m.+John Curry(Fr. Roger)Requested by Elizabeth CurryReading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (21C)Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22





Please pray for the sick especially Julie Crandell and all those who have gone before us. Please keep in your prayers all the brave men and women serving our

country throughout the world, and their families who await their safe return. May they be blessed with well-being and safety from harm.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are a special way to remember anniversaries,

birthdays, memorials, etc. If you wish to place an order for a lovely floral arrangement, please email Deirdre Schueppert at deirdrevsch@gmail.com or call 941-807-7858.



We need YOU, ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Parish is blessed with a dedicated group of Eucharistic Ministers. However, with the return of our winter visitors and the addition of winter masses, we will have a shortage of Eucharistic Ministers from December to April. We need your help. Please consider being a Eucharistic Minister or Server for our Parish. Call Clara McGonigle at 941-323-9168 or email at camonlbk@gmail.com

Weekend Collections

Weekend Dec 18-19	\$21,547.00
Online Giving	\$1,770.00
Christmas	\$8,095.00
Non Parochial	\$627.00
Thank you for your Generosity!	



Respect Life Corner January 1-2, 2022 By Bill Roche We Must Try

The late congressman Henry Hyde (II) sponsored an amendment to the budget process in 1976 prohibiting the use of federal funds for abortion subject to very limited exceptions. Since then the Hyde amendment has successfully withstood numerous hostile attacks by the pro-abortion crowd in Congress. These attacks have not abated and recent proposed legislation, supported by the executive branch, would eliminate these Hyde amendment protections. While sad, it should not be discouraging. We must continue to defend the unborn. To encourage all of us in our efforts, we need only reflect on the following speech by this late champion of life:

"When the time comes as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God and a terror will rip thorough your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare him because he loved us," and God will look at you and say not, "Did you succeed?' but "Did you try?" We must try!

Rosary Making Workshops

Please mark your **2022** calendars every Friday morning—9:45-11:00 AM in the Church Library. **Rosary Making Workshops** Jan 2022 January 7, 14, 21 and 28 Lunch with our Pastor at Lazv Lobster January 28, 2022 **Rosary Making Workshops** Feb 2022 February 4, 11, 18, 25 **Rosary Making Workshops** Mar 2022 March 4, 11, 18, 25 **Rosary Making Workshops** April 2022 April 1, 8, 22, 29 April 15 No Workshop for Good Friday First Saturdays-8:30 a.m.

(Jan 1, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2) Rosary prayed in the Rosary Garden followed by 9:00 a.m. Mass in Church. This devotion is practiced all year round and it would be nice to have the rosary makers make a good showing during the season.

May God Bless You and Keep You Safe and Well, Pat

If you have any questions, please call Pat Stusek at 941-586-1730 or email: <u>pstusek@yahoo.com</u>



"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. _ M1 2:10-11

Bearpto from the Lecturery for Place 00001, 1996, 1979 CCD.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:

that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

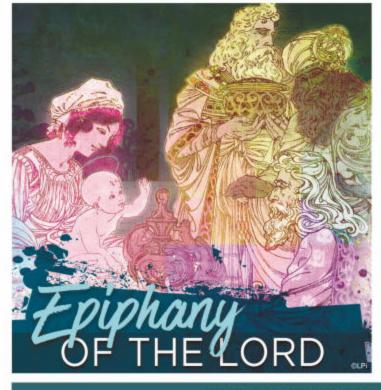
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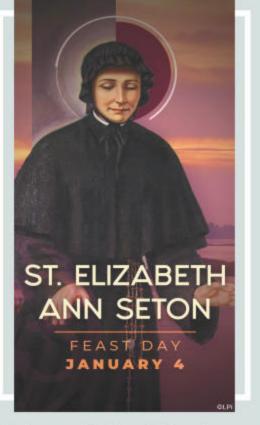
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord





Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?" That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

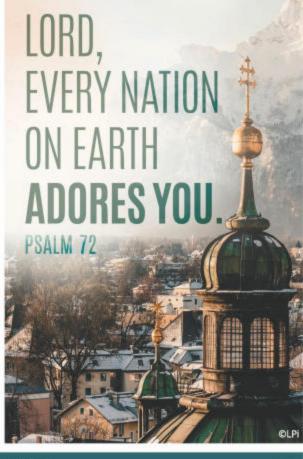
Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the minsters respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



JANUARY 2, 2022

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star. Matthew 2:10

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EPIPHANY



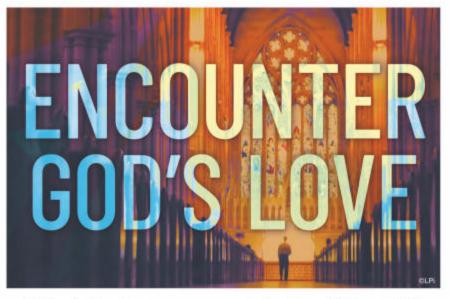
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Beina 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 gualify 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 selfagenda 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.

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

- Mt 2:6

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JANUARY 2, 2022

St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Church Men's Club presents The 2022 Golf Tournament to Benefit St. Catherine Catholic School Thursday, February 17, 2022– Longboat Key Club Harbourside Golf Course Harbourside Drive off Bay Isles Parkway

<u>General Information</u>: All men and women golfers are welcome to participate in the Golf Tournament at the Key Club's Harbourside courses. This is an opportunity to play one of the most beautiful and well-conditioned golf courses in Florida for a very reasonable entry fee. Non-golfers are also welcome to attend lunch for a fee and participate in the raffle and other opportunities to win cash or prizes.

Tournament: 4-Person Scramble – 8:00 a.m. (Sharp) Shotgun. Registration starts at 7:00 a.m. Tournament proceeds will benefit children's education in impoverished areas of Florida.

Format: In order to provide every team of all playing levels an opportunity to win, teams will be handicapped based on playing ability. You must provide handicap or score information below for each player in order to qualify for the Net Division.

Entry Fee of \$150.00 Per Player Includes: Cart, green fees, range balls, goody bag, coffee, beverages on the course and a full lunch buffet and cash bar.

Lunch Fee: The cost of attending only the awards lunch is \$65.

Tournament Prizes: Tournament prizes will be awarded to both Gross and Net Team Winners Skill prizes including Men's & Women's Division Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin Contests

<u>Prize and Cash Raffles:</u> Cash Raffles and prize fund raffles will be sold at Golf Tournament registration. Mulligans will (1 for \$10, 3 for \$20)

Players Names:	Handicap or Avg. Score:	
1		
2		
3		
4		
Team Contact Person:		
Address:		
City:	State/Zip:	
Email:	Phone:	

Any questions? Call or email: Steve Golia at 973-943-3517 <u>stgoliaplanning@aol.com</u> Dr. Michael Cichon: <u>mjcichon1@gmail.com</u> or Chuck Sobieck: <u>sobichu@aol.com</u>

Make checks payable to St. Mary's Men's Club

c/o 4280 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key, FL 34228



Women's Guild Respect for Life Meeting

January 25, 2022

1:00 PM

Father Edward Pick Hall

Our speaker will be Patty Madsen, a registered nurse from the Community Pregnancy Center of Sarasota

Dessert and Beverages will be served

Please RSVP by January 18th to Kathy Sever at 607-621-8507 or

Email to kakalinakds@gmail.com

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*The Parish-wide collection of baby gifts and donations for local charities will begin on February 5th, so please do not bring your donations to this meeting!

Men's & Women's Conference Registration Open!

Mark your calendars for Saturday March 5, **2022.** The Diocese of Venice will be combining the annual Men's and Women's Conferences this year as a Men's & Women's Catholic Conference to take place at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. The conference will host speakers Trent Horn, Matthew Leonard, Crystalina Evert, Dr. Michael Dauphinais, and Nicole Caruso. Speakers will be providing keynotes and multiple breakout sessions addressing hot topic issues pertaining to the faith today. Breakout sessions will address what to do if your loved ones have left the faith, theology of the body (including the difficult topics encountered in today's world), spirituality, and breakouts geared specifically toward men or women. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession will be available all day. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will conclude the day by celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. with the day beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding after Mass at 5:00 p.m. Register here:

https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2022-menswomensconference



Poor Box

There are Poor Boxes at each entrance of the Church. Thank you for your kind donations to the poor in our area.

Please remember <u>Still Point Mission</u>. Unopened, non-perishable canned or boxed items are needed. Please place your donations in the baskets at the Church entrances. Thank You!



ROYAL RUMMAGE SALE

<u>Collection of items can be brought to</u> <u>Parish Hall</u>

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

(Self Unload into the Parish Hall)

Please check your attics, closets, cabinets, garages, storage areas—pack all those items you haven't used in a long time, no longer need nor want. We CAN NOT accept hazardous materials including paint, old printers and old TV's.

Sorting and packing of items will begin January 5th and every Wednesday after 9 AM Mass. All are welcome to join us for work, fun, fellowship and goodies. Call Bonnie Schneider at 941-807-4499 for questions.

Dates of Rummage Sale:

Friday, March 4, 2022-"Early Bird" Noon-4:00 PM Cost: \$5.00 Saturday, March 5, 2022-9:00 AM—1:00 PM — Free



Men's Club Planning Meeting

January 10, 2022

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Men's Club meeting and bowling at Sarasota Bowling Lanes. Meet at Chart House Parking to carpool at 12:30 PM. We will have a private meeting room.

Beer, Wings, Burgers, etc. Any questions email Chuck Sobieck at sobichu@aol.com



ITALIAN NIGHT JANUARY 22, 2022 6:00 PM-9:30 PM \$35 PER PERSON

Spaghetti Dinner with Wine, Beer and Beverages Live Entertainment—Rob Satori (Sinatra Vocalist) Limited Number of Tickets-Purchase in Parish Office



January 2022

January 3, 2022— Parish Offices Closed-New Years January 17, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Dr. Martin Luther King Day January 22, 2022— Men's Club Parish Event—Italian Night with Entertainment January 25, 2022—Respect Life Meeting

February 2022

February 8, 2022—Women's Guild Valentine Dessert Meeting February 9, 2022— Men's Club Parish Event—Before the Super Bowl February 15, 2022—Women's Guild Luncheon for New Members February 17, 2022—LBK Golf Tournament—Parish Event February 21, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-President's Day

March 2022

March 1, 2022—Men's Club Parish Event—Mardi Gras Party
March 4-5, 2022—Women's Guild Royal Rummage Sale
March 6, 2022—Men's Progressive Raffle First Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass
March 12,2022—St. Patrick Party
March 13, 2022— Men's Progressive Raffle Second Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass
March 15, 2022—Women's Guild hosting Fashion Show
March 20, 2022— Men's Progressive Raffle Third Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass
March 24, 2022—Women's Guild Day of Reflection at OLPH in Venice
March 27, 2022— Men's Progressive Raffle Grand Prize Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass
March 31, 2022—Men's Club Retreat at OLPH in Venice

April 2022

April 4, 2022—Women's Guild Installation Mass and Luncheon

April 8, 2022—Fr. Robert's 45th Birthday Bash!

April 15, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Good Friday

April 18, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Easter Monday

April 20, 2022—Men's Club Parish Event—Parish Cowboy Cookout with Ball Drop

<u>May 2022</u>

May 8, 2022—Women's Guild Event May Crowning May 30, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Memorial Day



Donation of toys from the Christmas Season Concert Thank you for the donation of toys for the Christmas Season Concert. Donations were given to needy children within the Diocese of Venice. Thank you for your generosity!



Thank you for the donations for the Christmas Giving Tree. Donations were distributed to the Migrant Worker's Children at Holy Cross Parish in Palmetto.

