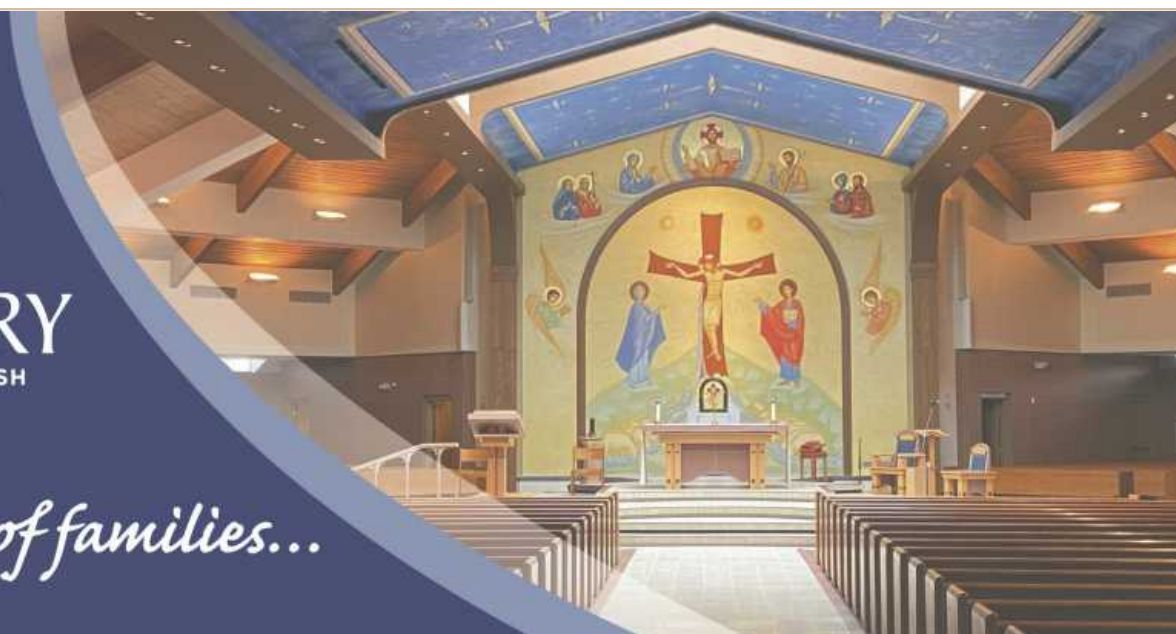




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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

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**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

### **Pastor**

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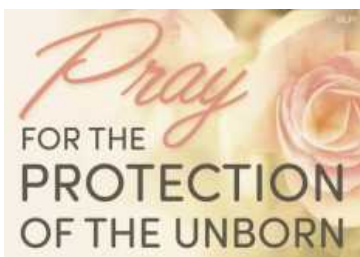
## Upcoming Events



Let's imitate the virtues of St. Joseph during this year of the patron saint of our universal Church. Gifts to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal are immediately invested in works of mercy, education, and charity.

Please visit [archden.org/givetoday](http://archden.org/givetoday) or call 303-867-0614.

### Mass at Planned Parenthood



**Sat May 8 12:00 Noon**

Fr Javier O Connor will celebrate Mass across from the Planned Parenthood at 7155 E 38th Ave in Denver. We invite you to come pray for an end to abortion, for the mothers and fathers that are considering abortion, and the conversion

of the workers that work in the abortion facilities.

### Altar & Rosary Meeting

**Sat May 15th following 8:15 Mass**

All members are invited to join us for this first meeting since the pandemic! The Officers will provide breakfast, so if you plan to attend, please notify Liz Stelloh, 303.915.0583 or [lizstelloh@gmail.com](mailto:lizstelloh@gmail.com). We will discuss our plans for the future.



### Caregivers Support Group

**Tue May 4 2:00-3:30 Pastoral Center**

Caregivers is a support group for those who are caring for an elderly or ill family member at home or in a care facility. Contact Faye Hargrave | [fayeh345@comcast.net](mailto:fayeh345@comcast.net) | 303.798.2018

### Footprints Grief Support

**Thu May 6 7:00-8:30 Pastoral Center**

The topic will be "Do the tears ever cease?" For more information call Dottie Colbenson 303.795.7217 or Mary Beth Kettering at 720.838.6478.

### That Man is You New Book Study

**Fri May 14 6:00 - 7:30 AM in the Youth Room**

All men of the parish are invited to participate in a men's book study group on Friday mornings. Beginning on May 14th, the group will begin to explore the new book by Archbishop Charles Chaput, *Things Worth Dying For*. Copies may be reserved in advance by contacting Todd Hattenbach by May 7th at [thattenbach@mail.com](mailto:thattenbach@mail.com) or 720.256.5941

## Announcements

### From the Desk of Fr. Javier

Dear St. Mary Parishioners,

Spring is the time that brings many changes to our families as the school year ends, sacraments are conferred, and clergy are re-assigned. Through these changes, God continues to call us to love in and through Him in many new ways.

In 2020 we saw several changes in the priest assignments at St. Mary and 2021 brings several changes for us as well.

- Fr. O'Connor will no longer be splitting his time between Notre Dame and St. Mary, but he will be a full-time parochial vicar at St. Mary this coming school year.
- The DCJM have been presented with the opportunity to start a mission in Slovakia. As this is the homeland of Fr. Stefan Zarnay, the Superior General, Fr. José Granados, DCJM has decided to entrust Fr. Stefan with a new assignment. This summer Fr. Stefan will return to Europe to prepare for his new assignment in leading this mission effort.
- As for the crucial principal position that will be open as a result of Fr. Stefan's re-assignment, with the support of Mr. Elias Moo, Superintendent, and our Archbishop, I announce with great joy that Fr. Jose Granados has re-assigned Fr. James de Cendra, DCJM to serve as the new Principal of St. Mary Catholic School.
- Finally, we are blessed to also be receiving the assignment of one of the DCJM seminarians again this summer. He will serve as part of the chaplaincy team at the school

Our loving and kind God continues to bless our parish and school in so many ways! I am grateful to the Superior General for his support and dedication to our mission and I look forward to seeing the many things that we can accomplish through Him in the years to come.

In Christ,

Fr. Javier Nieva, DCJM  
Parish Administrator

### Happenings around Campus

#### *Parks and Gardens*

Spring is in the air and we have a need for garden and landscape volunteers. The many beautiful gardens around campus need weekly care such as weeding and pruning. This is a great opportunity for families to enjoy some outside time and come together for a great cause.

Please contact Kathy Huston at [kathouston91@q.com](mailto:kathouston91@q.com) for more information on how to lend a hand.

#### *Construction on Campus*

The north school roof, including the main school office, and the gymnasium, is scheduled to be replaced beginning June 7 with an estimated completion date of June 25.

Joe Froechnigt, Director of Facilities and Maintenance  
[Jfroechnigt@stmarylitleton.org](mailto:Jfroechnigt@stmarylitleton.org)

# Families Serving Families

## Mother of Mercy Ministry Needs You!

Find out more at Masses this weekend



The Mother of Mercy Ministry strives to promote a loving and giving community in our parish by offering opportunities for parishioners to serve each other as a Parish Family by offering our gifts of talents and skills to

meet the needs of others. One of the things learned during the covid isolation is how important it is to stay in contact with our parishioners who are homebound and those who need various types of help. This is a very low-time-commitment ministry, and is based upon your own availability. Examples of the types of volunteers that are needed are families or individuals who can simply call - or visit - a homebound person; provide a ride to mass or the grocery store; someone to provide 'handyman' services; or even someone to watch children while the parent is occupied with housework. And many other opportunities.

Please help St. Mary provide these services by donating your time and talents. Volunteers are available after all Masses to answer any questions you may have and to sign you up to help. Or call the parish office for more information. 303.798.8506.

Mother of Mercy Ministry is looking for 2 additional coordinators to assist with picking up phone calls on a rotating schedule. Please call Madeleine at the parish office for more information. 303.798.8506.

## Funeral Reception Ministry

Help Needed!

We invite you to help in this very special way to minister to your fellow parishioners at one of the most vulnerable times of their lives—the loss of a loved one. Very little time is required if you would like to serve on a Host Team, usually 2.5 to 3 hours once or twice a month or less. Or, perhaps you would like to prepare a salad or dessert on a rotating basis, usually about once a month. Both men and women are welcome!

Please contact Linda at [lsberman@stmarylitleton.org](mailto:lsberman@stmarylitleton.org) or 720.502.3320.

## Stewardship of Treasure at Work

Donations for the period Jan. 1—Mar 31, 2021: Approximately 10% of our budgeted offertory is contributed to organizations assisting our community or special appeals in lieu of a second collection.

### AOD Special Collections:

Church in Latin America .....	\$ 1,000.00
Eastern Europe (In-Pew) .....	\$ 3,969.00
Catholic Relief Services .....	\$ 1,000.00
Black and Indian Missions .....	\$ 1,000.00
Retirement Fund for Religious .....	\$ 2,000.00

### Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Parishioner Support .....	\$ 500.00
Cross Catholic Outreach .....	\$ 1,216.00
Carmelite Monastery.....	\$ 6,000.00
Abbey of St. Walburga .....	\$ 500.00
Capuchin Poor Clares .....	\$ 500.00

### Catholic Charities

Bottom Line Diaper Bank .....	\$ 1,500.00
Marisol Homes .....	\$ 1,500.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	\$ 6,900.00
St. Mary School Scholarship Fund .....	\$ 23,250.00

Your contributions to our weekly offertory help make the above donations possible. Thank you for your generosity.

## Most Needed Items

1. Canned Fruit
2. Canned Meat (Tuna or Chicken)
3. Canned Soups
4. Breakfast Cereals – Cold
5. Dry Mixes – Noodle/ Rice/Helpers
6. Canned Vegetables
7. Pasta & Spaghetti Noodles
8. Pasta Sauce
9. Toilet Tissue



All non-perishable food may be dropped off in the designated wood box in the vestibule of the church or placed into shopping baskets at the west end of Marian Hall. Perishable foods (fresh or frozen) may be delivered to Ave Maria Hall on Mondays (distribution day), from 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Due to storage constraints, the only non-food items we request are toilet tissue & baby diapers. Thank you for your donations!

Questions? Contact Program Coordinator Debi Gorka  
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# Worship and Reflection

## Gospel Meditation

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.



The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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## Mary, Queen and Mother of the Disciples, Send Us Holy Vocations



*It is with great joy that we announce the upcoming first vows for Br. Joe Paolucci on Saturday, July 3rd at 4:30pm at St. Mary Catholic Church.*

After two years of novitiate, Joe will profess his vows of poverty, virginity and obedience, and his promise of following Christ more closely as a Disciple of His Heart for three years.

More details about the celebration will be forthcoming. Please continue to pray for Br. Joe as he continues on his path as a Disciple.

## St. Joseph Family Rosary Fridays in May 5:00 pm in the Church



As we prepare for consecration of the parish to Mary, and in this year of St. Joseph, we gather to pray for the needs of our parish, our families, our nation and the world. The meditations of the rosary, led by one of the DCJM, will be on the mysteries of St. Joseph. You will have

an opportunity to include your own written prayer intentions.



Jubilee Year of

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## Journey to Pentecost

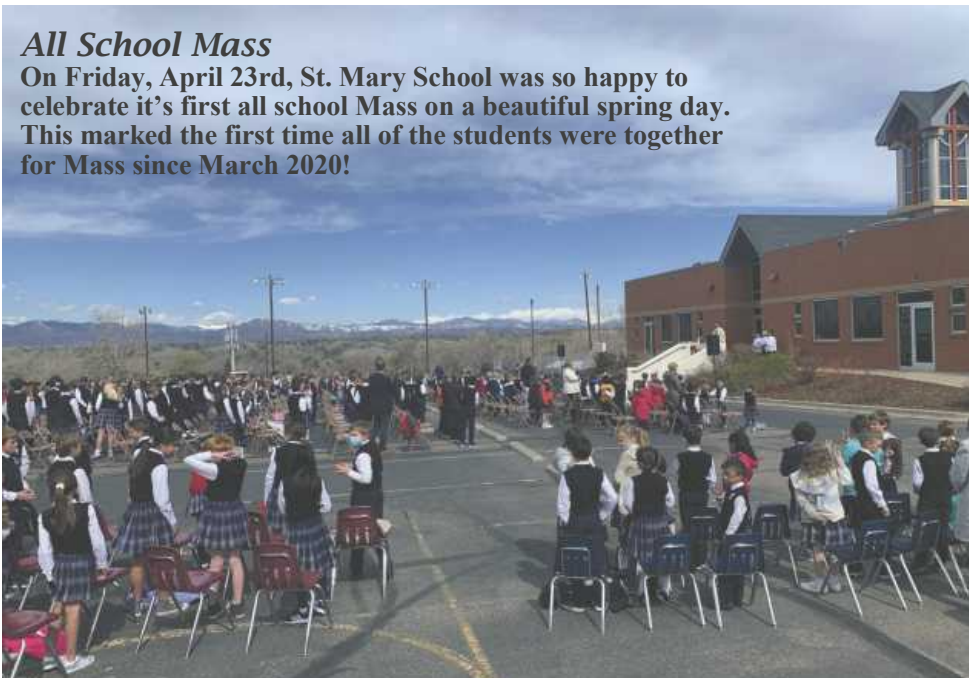
Join us for these weekly events as we journey through the Jubilee Year of St. John Paul II:

- ◆ **Adoratio with St. John Paul II:** Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. A time of worship and reflection, going deeper into the teachings of St. John Paul II.
- ◆ **Marian Masses:** Saturdays at 8:15 am. Mass with a special focus on Mary in the teaching of St. John Paul II as found in the encyclical *Redemptoris mater*

## School and Youth

### All School Mass

On Friday, April 23rd, St. Mary School was so happy to celebrate it's first all school Mass on a beautiful spring day. This marked the first time all of the students were together for Mass since March 2020!



### Dare to Adventure with Mary

#### Family Friendly Hike

**May 15 9:00-2:00PM**



Nazareth Middle School invites your family to join them on a family friendly hike. On May 15th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM join us at Mount

Falcon West Trailhead for beautiful hike. We will pray together, enjoy the scenic hike, have lunch together, and celebrate Holy Mass with Father James. Please RSVP to Ana Bohmann at [abohmann@stmarylitleton.com](mailto:abohmann@stmarylitleton.com)

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Join St. Mary School for their inaugural golf tournament "Tee off with the St. Mary Titans". Friday May 21st

at The Ridge at Castle Pines Golf Club with an 8:00am scramble-shotgun start. Breakfast and luncheon to follow.

Register today at [litletoncatholicsschool.com](http://litletoncatholicsschool.com)

### Nazareth Middle School Summer Camp

#### *The Chronicles of Narnia:*

#### *The Last Battle*

#### **June 7-13 Golden Bell Camp**

Registration is now open for all Middle School Students to attend this week long summer camp. Activities will include prayer, sporting events, hiking, archery, canoeing, skits, songs, daily Mass and more! The camp will be led by Fr. James de Cendra, Nazareth youth & adult leaders. Space is limited.

**Register today by visiting [stmarylitleton.org/youth](http://stmarylitleton.org/youth)**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat	May 1	4:30	Bill Shea †
Sun	May 2	7:30	Tenie Miller †
		9:30	Susan Hercher †
		11:30	St Mary Parishioners lvg/dec
		5:00	Monna Rodgers †
Mon	May 3	6:30	Jerome Stratton †
		8:15	Rafael Gutierrez †
Tue	May 4	6:30	Abram B Stratton Sr. †
		8:15	Matthew Roth †
Wed	May 5	6:30	Abram Burton Stratton †
		8:15	Polakovic family lvg/dec
Thu	May 6	6:30	Margaret Stratton †
		8:15	Debra Gundy †
Fri	May 7	6:30	Kendrick Castillo †
		8:15	Ann Vifquain †
Sat	May 8	8:15	Dan Syrup lvg
		4:30	Chau Thanh Nguyen †
Sun	May 9	7:30	Jack Frank †
		9:30	The Wilkersons lvg
		11:30	Kendrick Castillo †
		5:00	St Mary Parishioners lvg/dec

## Prayer Intentions

### Pope's May Prayer Intention: The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**Pray for our deceased loved ones:** Tom Benson, Beverly Skufca, Frankie Peck, Luke Flanagan, Karol Gates



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY, JESUS SAYS "WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT BECAUSE WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING." INDEED, BY HELPING THE NEEDY WE CAN "BEAR MUCH FRUIT" AND WE FIND THAT WITH JESUS, WE CAN DO EVERYTHING.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear, doubt, loneliness and dread.

## The Parish Mission Continues

As a parish community, we are invited by the Lord to go out - to proclaim the Good News to the world! We are witnesses that Jesus Christ is Risen!

We need your help! All are invited to pick up instructions and materials after Mass or from the parish office during the week to help us invite everyone back to St. Mary at Pentecost

We would love to hear about your experience of the mission. Please use the back of your index card and return it in the basket at the back of the Church or to the Parish Office. You can contact Dcn. Rich, 720.283.4729, with questions or to share your experience. Please continue to pray for the mission!

## Contact Us

**Adoration Chapel:** Perpetual Adoration **Daily Rosary** before the 8:15am Mass  
**Adoration and Benediction** in the church on first Saturdays after 8:15am Mass

### Reconciliation Schedule

**Monday - Friday:** 7:05am - 8:15am and 8:50am - 9:15am

**Saturday:** 8:50am - 9:15am and 3:15pm - 4:30pm

**Sunday:** Half an hour before Mass and during Mass if necessary

### Anointing of the Sick/Emergencies/Funeral Arrangements

Call the parish office at 303.798.8506 at any time.

After hours messages can be left with the parish answering service.

### Baptism and Marriage

Contact the Parish Office | 303.798.8506 or visit [stmarylitleton.org](http://stmarylitleton.org).

(Marriage preparation must be started 8-12 months prior to the wedding.)

### St. Mary Catholic School

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Sunday: 8:30am to 1:30pm

### Pastoral Center Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am- 4:30pm

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