

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

My dear parishioners,

Peace! On the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, 7 October, 2019, Pope Francis established the feast of Our Lady of Loreto, to be observed each year on the 10th of December. At the same time Pope Francis proclaimed a Lauretan Jubilee Holy Year to run from 8 December, 2019 through 10 December, 2020. There are fifty-one invocations in the *Litany of Loreto*. The following is a reflection on the eleventh invocation: **Mother most admirable, pray for us.**

To better appreciate how Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin, is our Mother most admirable we need to know a little about admiration. The Latin etymology of “admire” shows us the compound *ad + mirari* meaning to wonder. To admire is to regard with wonder and delight, to be highly prized. The Blessed Mother of God is a wonder of God’s creation and redemption. Consider the wonders of her Immaculate Conception conceived without sin, her sinlessness throughout life, her Assumption, her Queenship. She delights human hearts of those who love her Son and the very Heart of God in her Son. How can we not treasure her as a prize so beloved of God? When Saint Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit directs us to think about “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable” he may have had Our Lady in mind (cf. Philippians 4:8). Our Lady is truly and admirably the Mother of God. It is admirable for us to honor our spiritual Mother Mary.

Mater Admirabilis (Mother most admirable) is a title of Our Lady very dear to me and my family. The Religious of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) have taught my mother in Illinois, my aunts in Cuba, my sister and cousins in Florida. In my youth I was tutored after school by Mother Smith and later taught by Sister Ann in the seminary. Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne (+1852) who brought the Madames of the Sacred Heart to the United States is buried in Saint Charles, Missouri, just outside Saint Louis. The Madonna venerated by these religious and their students is *Mater Admirabilis*. The original image of *Mater Admirabilis* was painted in Rome, atop the Spanish Steps in the convent at *Trinita dei Monti* by Pauline Perdrau. Bl. Pius IX was overwhelmed by the beauty of the image during a visit in the Fall of 1846. Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat (+1865) who founded the community and sent Mother Duchesne to America recognized in the young face of *Mater Admirabilis* the youth to whom she had vowed her life to serve. The liturgical feast Saint Mary, Mother most admirable is 20 October. In Ireland and Scotland the RSCJ’s even pray a complementary litany in honor of *Mater Admirabilis* highlighting Our Lady’s humility and gentleness, knowing the secrets of the tabernacle, giving courage to the faint-hearted. May our devotion to Our Lady, Mother most admirable, be a source of consolation to us always.

Father John Arthur Orr

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Contacts for :

CCD—Oneta Fioravanti— 865-712-6819—classes meet Sunday at 11:15-12:45 in the CCD Building and Youth Room.

Youth Ministries—Sue Granger— 423-506-7836. Meets in the Youth Room on Wednesday following mass.

RCIA—Jack Cox - 423-836-2979

Hispanic Ministry—Alicia Mora—423-368-5310

Parish Family Life Center (PFLC) - Kay Prevatt 423-453-2049. Contact her to schedule all use/rental of the PFLC by parish groups and the public.

To schedule use of the Narthex call the office.

NEW TO OUR PARISH—If you are new to our parish see one of our ushers for a **BLUE PARISH CENSUS FORM**. They are also located on the Narthex Table or the slots in back of the church on the left as you leave. Also let the office know if you would like envelopes. **TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION (CHANGES) FILL OUT THE YELLOW COPY ONLY.**
For Sacrament information call the office.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 8 2020

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday– Thursday 8am-4:30pm Friday 8:00—11am

WEEK DAY DAILY MASS: 9am plus Wednesday at 6pm.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES 9AM AND 7PM

Saturday: First Saturday of month 9am; Vigil Mass 5pm **If Holy Day is on a Wednesday Mass will be at 6PM**

Sunday: Mass 8am Latin, 10:00am English and 1pm Spanish

CONFESSION: Saturday 4:00-4:45pm Sunday 9-9:45am, 12-12:45pm

Stewardship/Collection

February 26, 29/March 1, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 4,022.00
Loose Offering	\$ 724.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,199.50
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 321.90
TOTAL	\$ 6,266.90

Building Fund - March total to date—\$ 535.00 \$ 535.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

SECOND COLLECTIONS

2/26—The Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 111.00
3/1—Black and Indian Missions	\$ 271.00
3/8 and 3/15—Tornado-Catholic Charities Nashville	\$
3/22—Catholic Relief Services	\$
3/29— Good Samaritan—1/2 Coordinated Charities	\$ 15.00
Bereavement Trust Fund	\$ 60.00
Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019	\$ 45,719.10
	\$ 1,484.00

DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES (GOLD) AVAILABE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$72,697.53)

For the month of—January 2019— \$310.00

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—

January 31, 2020 is posted in Message Center

If you would like to receive collection envelopes please call the office.

Daily Mass Readings

March 9, 2020—March 15, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures

(Lectio Divina) 1. Read 2. Reflect (meditate) 3. Respond (pray) 4. Rest (contemplate)

Monday, Mar. 9—Dn 9:4b-10//Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, Mar 10—Is 1:10, 16-20//Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, Mar 11— Jer 18:18-20//Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, Mar 12— Jer 17:5-10//Lk 16:19-31

Friday, Mar 13— Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a//Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, Mar 14— Mi 7:14-15, 18-20//Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, Mar 15—Ex 17:3-7//Rom 5:1-2,5-8//Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

READINGS - YEAR A – Order of the Mass begins in section with the gray edges #140

03/08/2020—Second Sunday of Lent—Year A #886

03/15/2020—Third Sunday of Lent—Year A #889

03/22/2020—Fourth Sunday of Lent—Year A #892

This Week in our Parish

Sunday—March 8, 2020

Children’s Liturgy

11:15 CCD—CCD Building

Monday—March 9, 2020

7PM LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday—March 10, 2020

7-9PM—Men’s night of Recollection

Wednesday—March 11, 2020

6:30PM—Youth Ministry

6:45PM— RCIA

Thursday—March 12, 2020

7PM—Hispanic Prayer Group—Church

7PM—Knights of Columbus

Friday—March 13, 2020

5PM— Soup Meal –PFLC

7PM Stations of the Cross-Benediction-Confession

Saturday—March 14, 2020

9AM— Team 5 cleans

9AM—Church / Knights of Columbus Quarterly Hwy. Clean up

Sunday—March 15, 2020

Children’s Liturgy

11:15AM—CCD Building

2:30PM—Curia of Legions—Narthex

3PM—Curia of Legions—Multi-purpose room

CANDLE DONATIONS—We are asking for a donation of \$3.00 per candle to help defray the cost of the candles and Blue Globes

SAVE THE DATE:

March 9—Lenten Penance Service—7PM

ATTENDANCE—

March 1, 2020—Total 418

5pm—102 //8am— 37 //10am—178 1pm—101

February Average Attendance—404

5pm—66 8am—32 10am—180 1pm—127



**ALTAR FLOWERS—
NO FLOWERS DURING LENT**

Flowers are \$50.00 for the Altar flowers and \$25.00 for Sacred Heart flowers and must be paid for in advance. You can pay for and request larger arrangement if you wish.

Mass Intentions

March 7– 15, 2020

March 7— 9AM and 5PM

+Virgil Dechant from St. Mary Parish
Wyatt Walker from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

March 8 - Sunday 8am Latin//10am English//1pm Spanish

St. Mary Parish
+Robert Whitaker, Jr. from Joyce Spaulding
+The needs of the Hispanic Community

March 9 — Monday 9AM

Elizabeth Thornburg Birthday Blessings From Sissy

March 10—Tuesday 8AM

+Clarice Dugan from Denise Michaud

March 11—Wednesday 9AM and 6PM

+Joe Engress from Anne Danowski
St. Mary Parish

March 12—Thursday 9AM

Elizabeth H Pacitti from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

March 13— Friday 9AM

+Lottie Dionne from Paulette Croteau

March 14— 9AM and 5PM

+Thelma Purvance from Pricille Stuckey
Wyatt Walker from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

Mar 15—Sunday 8am Latin//10am English//1pm Spanish

+Rev. Evan Harkin from Denise Michaud
St. Mary Parish
+Leonila Torres from Jim and Pat Barrett

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 31, 2020

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020		EXPENDITURES	%
	BUDGET	THROUGH 1/31/2020		
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 112,092		58%
LITURGY	22,400	11,551		52%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	8,418		62%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	2,078		27%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	1,005		40%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	215		7%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	46,838		65%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$182,197		59%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. JAN. 2020	\$ 24,645	REV. JULY 2019 – JAN. 2020	\$ 173,179
MONTHLY EXP. JAN. 2020	24,308	EXP. JULY 2019 – JAN. 2020	182,197
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 337	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$ 9,018)

SUMMARY:

CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT	(\$ 9,018)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS	(\$ 30,583)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 1/31/2020	\$ 16,962
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	(\$ 22,639)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:

ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012)	\$625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF (1/31/2020)	\$116,301

(All Figures Rounded)
"Thank you for your stewardship generosity."

ON LINE GIVING - Visit our website at www.stmaryathenstn.org to become a part of our "ON LINE GIVING," available to our parish.

Second Collection for the next 2 weekends to support those impacted by the Middle Tennessee tornados this week. All funds collected will be sent to the Diocese of Nashville (Catholic Charities).



PRAYER CHAIN—Call Carol Webb at 744-7378 to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help.

Keep in your prayers Levi and Sally Sanford, Karen Humphries, Boyd and Jean Brannock, Phil Frye, George Sullivan and all of our sick and homebound.

Ladies for Charity. Thank you Parishioners for your continued generosity of donating food for our Food Pantry. Food needs for March are peanut butter, noodles, canned fruit and tuna. If you need food assistance, please call Diane Schwartz at 423-745-9062.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS—Beginning Monday, March 2nd and ending Friday, March 20th we will be taking names of parish families who are in need of this Ministry. Please contact Parish office 745-4277 or contact Peggy Burnette at 865-376-1776.



Parishioners that would like to donate to the Easter Food Basket, you may bring the food items you like with your Easter meal or make a monetary donation to Good Samaritan, marked "Easter Food Basket." We have list available in the Narthex with list of the food needs. The food donations will need to be in by March 29th.



ST. PATRICKS DAY—Corn Beef with Fr. John's Mothers recipe for Soda Bread will be served in the PFLC at noon on St. Patrick's Day. If you would like to join you must sign up for this, plans will be made accordingly. The last day to sign up is March 12, in the Church. We will also have a basket in the PFLC for donations to cover the cost.

MEN OF ST. MARY PARISH—Knights of Columbus Council 8396.

Open House—March 22, 2020 in the PFLC, following the 10am Mass. Calling all men of St. Mary Parish. Learn how you can serve God by servicing others through membership in the Knights.

Topics to be presented:

- History of the Knights
- Fraternal Activities
- Community Activities
- Insurance Benefits

Bring your family—Child sitting service provided.

Patrick Giltnane 865-405-4268.



ST. MARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - High School Seniors and College Students

Applications and all required submissions will be accepted from January 1st to March 31st of 2020. Applications (along with the rules) can be picked up at the church office or at the St. Mary web site, www.stmaryathenstn@att.org. The annual program awards at least two scholarships per year with a maximum of \$20,000.00 per year. Application is open to any incoming freshman or returning college student as well as any incoming or returning technical school student from Meigs, McMinn, Monroe and Polk counties. The deadline for application to be accepted if complete and post-marked between Jan 1st and March 31st, of each year. All paper work must be completed and returned by March 31, 2020 or postmarked by the 31st. Funding for this program is provided through a private donation specifically for this program.



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY—April 3rd, beginning at 5pm in the PFLC. This is a Fundraiser for the Knights.

LENTEN PENCE SERVICE— MONDAY—MARCH 9TH AT 7PM

Lenten Fridays— from 5-6:45pm we will again have light meatless meals and or soups. A time for us to gather and to enjoy a meal together. We are asking our Different Ministries or groups to sign up to provide a light meal. Please sign up in the Narthex

We will be having Stations of the Cross Lead by Fr. John and continuing with benediction, exposition and confession. Beginning at 7pm each, Friday during Lent. We need the different ministries/volunteers to step up to assist Fr. with the Stations.



Other Lenten Penance service nearby are at St. Therese of Lisieux—Cleveland on March 16, at 7pm, St. Stephen Chattanooga on March 23rd, at 6PM.

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-Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects following CDC recommendations:

1. avoid close contact with people who are sick;
2. avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
3. stay home when you are sick;
4. cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash;
5. clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe; and wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or, if soap is not available, clean hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
6. **It is important to remember, if you are sick, you are not obligated to attend Mass, school or church activities.** If you or your child have symptoms of respiratory illness stay at home until you or your child is free of fever (100.4° F [37.8° C], or greater using an oral thermometer), or any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g cough suppressants).