

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

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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 Laurentian 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 tenth invocation: **Mother most amiable, pray for us.**

To say that the Blessed Virgin Mary is our Mother most amiable is to say that she is the most friendly, most sociable, most congenial, and most pleasing, according to *Webster*. The Latin invocation is *Mater amabilis*. The Lewis and Short *Latin Dictionary* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1879) gives the double definition: lovable, and worthy of love, for “amabilis.” The Latin root is *amare, amo*, meaning to love. The Hebrew term is *ahabah*. The *Donay* and *Vulgate* editions of Sacred Scripture use *amabilis* four times each (2 Samuel 1:26; 12:25; Ester 2:15; Zephaniah 2:1). Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (+1791), among others, has set the prayer *Mater Amabilis* to music.

In the Visitation (Luke 1:39-45) we can see Saint Mary’s friendship with her cousin Elizabeth. Saint Mary is our loving friend and Mother. In the Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2:1-11) we can see Saint Mary’s sociability, helping out the newlywed couple in need. Saint Mary in her generous love is happy to help us also. Throughout the ages whenever she has answered prayers and worked miracles Saint Mary’s congeniality is made evident. Even now from her place in Heaven Saint Mary supports our life in Christ her Son, even as she supported Him in His life and ministry. We love Our Lady because she is the Mother of the Lord and He has given her to us as our loving and lovable Mother (John 19:27). In loving Saint Mary, our Mother most amiable, we are keeping the Fourth Commandment in her regard (Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; Matthew 15:4; Mark 7:10; Ephesians 6:2). As full of grace (Luke 1:28), Mary is very pleasing in the sight of the Lord, free from any and every stain of sin. Saint Joseph, as her husband (Matthew 1:16), knew of Saint Mary’s chaste lovability. Saint Mary is the most amiable Mother in both ascending and descending manners. Saint Mary’s ascending love for God is without any bars or hindrance of sin or selfishness. Saint Mary’s descending love is for us, her adoptive children in the order of grace. Our Lady intercedes for us with her divine Son. She has set a loving example for us to follow.

In all these ways, and more, the Blessed Virgin Saint Mary is our Mother most amiable in the order of grace. May we who are devoted to her be no less lovable by God’s grace at work within us. May our love for God and neighbor mirror that of our most amiable Mother Saint Mary.

Father John Arthur Orr

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.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 1, 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 22/23, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 2,654.00
Loose Offering	\$ 984.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 50.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 393.10
TOTAL	\$ 4,081.10

Building Fund - February total to date—\$ 1,570.00 \$ 145.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

FEBRUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS

2/22— Good Samaritan—1/2 Good Faith Clinic	\$721.00	\$ 683.00
2/26—The Church in Central & Eastern Europe		\$
Bereavement Trust Fund		\$ 95.00
Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019	\$ 44,235.10	\$ 595.00

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

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$72,387.53) For the month of:
 DEC. 2019— \$3,269.41

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 2, 2020—March 8, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures

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

Monday, Mar. 2—Lv 19:1-2, 11-18//Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, Mar 3—Is 55:10-11//Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, Mar 4— Jon 3:1-10//Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, Mar 5— Est C:12, 14-16. 23-25//Mt 7:7-12

Friday, Mar 6— Ez 18:21-28//Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, Mar 7— Dt 26:16-19//Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, Mar 8—Gn 12:1-4a//2 Tm :8b-10//Mt 17-1-9

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

03/01/2020—*First Sunday Of Lent*—Year A #883
 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 1, 2020

Children’s Liturgy

11:15 CCD—CCD Building

Monday—March 2, 2020

Tuesday—March 3, 2020

7-9PM—Women’s night of Recollection

Wednesday—March 4, 2020

6:30PM—Youth Ministry

6:45PM— RCIA

Thursday—March 5, 2020

7PM—Hispanic Prayer Group—Church

7PM—Knights of Columbus

Friday—March 6, 2020

5PM Soup Meal –PFLC

7PM Stations of the Cross-Benediction-Confession

Saturday—March 7, 2020

9AM— Team 4 cleans

Sunday—March 8, 2020

Children’s Liturgy

11:15 CCD—CCD Building

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 8—SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR—TIME CHANGE

March 9—Lenten Penance Service—7PM

ATTENDANCE—

February 22/23, 2020—Total 374

5pm—65— //8am— 31 //10am—178 1pm—100

ASH WEDNESDAY

9am—79//6pm—218—Total 297

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

February 29-March 8, 2020

February 29— 5PM

St. Mary Parish

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

+Connie Colucci from St. Mary Parish

+Riley Exum from Debbie Exum

+Rosendo Pedroza from Hugh and Connie Reed

March 2 — Monday 9AM

For the Youth of St. Mary Parish

March 3 —Tuesday 9AM

Healing for Phill Frye from Dorene Schoonover

March 4—Wednesday 9AM and 6PM

+Donna Buchi from Quinto Buchi

St. Mary Parish

March 5—Thursday 9AM

+Jim Mayer from Jane Mayer

March 6— Friday 9AM

+Frances Quinn from Jim and Pat Barrett

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

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 31, 2020

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020	EXPENDITURES		%
	BUDGET	THROUGH 1/31/2020	EXPENDED	
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.



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 will also have a list of the food needs in next weeks bulletin. The food donations will need to be in by March 29th.

Catholic Charities of East TN

Catholic Charities of East TN provides many services to those in need within our Knoxville Diocese and the Community. The newly appointed spokesperson for our St. Mary's Parish is Vivian Brocato. She will be working with the Events and Advocacy Committee to help with Fundraising for the many services that are offered – Shelters, Food Pantry, Pregnancy Support, Immigration Services and Counseling.

Currently the **Annual Catholic Charities Fundraiser Dinner** is coming up.

Date: Thursday - March 12 at 5:30pm

Location: Chattanooga Convention Center

Fr. John Orr has already secured a table at this Dinner to represent our St. Mary Parish. If anyone is interested in attending this Dinner, please contact Vivian Brocato at 423-310-8990, as soon as possible.



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.

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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. This scholarship program is open to any incoming college freshman or returning college student from Meigs, McMinn, Monroe and Polk counties. All paper work must be completed and returned by March 31, 2020 or postmarked by the 31st. Application also available at our St. Mary web site, www.stmaryathenstrn@att.org. Funding for this program is provided through a private donation specifically for this program.

DOK TRAVEL—The Diocese of Knoxville would like to make you aware of two very special pilgrimages. Sister Anna Marie McGuan, director of Christian Formation for the diocese, is leading a journey to Spain from June 1-9. Cardinal Justin Rigali will lead a journey to Central Europe and the International Eucharistic Congress from Sept. 17-27. Learn more about these spiritual pilgrimages and sign-up at dioknox.org.

Also travel with FR. MICHAEL CUMMINS to Yellowstone National Park, October 11-16, 2020, see flyer in back of the Church or see the DOK website or call St. Dominic Catholic Parish at 423-288-8101 and speak with RuthAnn Ranker, for more information.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE—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.



FAST & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

More information on fast and abstinence can be found below.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church within the United States, please see the USCCB's Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence and the complementary norm to canon 1253. Code of Canon Law (cc. 1249-1253)... Questions and Answers About Lent. CRS Rice Bowl. . . is one way Catholics can enhance their Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals to Catholic Relief Services . . . in order to help those who do not have enough to eat.