

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 nineteenth invocation: **Virgin most renowned, pray for us.**

What does it mean to call Saint Mary “Virgin most renowned”? There are fifteen occurrences of “renowned” in the Sacred Scriptures (Numbers 1:16; Ruth 4:11, 14; 2 Samuel 23:19, 23; 1 Chronicles 11:21, 25; Isaiah 14:20; 23:8-9; Ezekiel 23:23; 26:17; 34:29; Amos 6:1; Zephaniah 3:20), none of which explicitly mention Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin. Gamaliel was said to be a “renowned teacher of the Law” (cf. Acts 5:34; 22:3) yet Our Lady who raised Jesus Christ who came not to abolish but fulfill the Law (cf. Matthew 5:17) is no less a great teacher of the Law, i.e. “do whatever He tells you” (John 2:5). The Hebrew word *qaru* which is sometimes translated “renowned” has among its definitions “famous.”

*Merriam-Webster* highlights the “famous” aspect of being renowned, “celebrated for great achievements, for distinguished qualities, or for grandeur, eminent” and “widely acclaimed and highly honored or celebrated” when considering being renowned.

The fame of Our Lady is one way she is renowned. Is there a country in the world where she is not known? How many churches have been erected where her Son is adored? The Major Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Aparecida in Brazil, the Minor Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Ivory Coast among others, all proclaim Our Lady’s renowned fame and promote adoration of the Lord. Our Lady is celebrated for her great achievements liturgically on her various feasts (i.e. Immaculate Conception 8 December; Assumption 15 August; Mother of God 1 January...). Among the distinguished qualities Our Lady has we should include her faith, her humility, her purity (cf. Luke 1:34, 38, 47-48, 52). In accepting God’s plan for her life, Saint Mary acted in faith, for which she is renowned. Standing at the foot of the Cross Saint Mary acted in faith, for which she is renowned (cf. John 19:25). Saint Mary is renowned for being united with the Apostles in prayer in the upper room awaiting the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14; 2:1). What greater grandeur could Our Lady have than being Mother of God, Queen assumed into Heaven? Our Lady is eminent in her Immaculate Conception and as first disciple of the Lord Jesus her Son.

In all these ways, and more, Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary is most renowned. May we be renowned by our devotion to her, always, everywhere.

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.**

**For Sacrament information call the office.**

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — May 3, 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

April 25/26, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line) \$ 3,444.00

Loose Offering \$ 234.00

Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc. \$ 79.79

TOTAL \$ 3,757.79

Building Fund - April total to date— \$ 4134.37 \$ 290.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

4/12—Diocesan Seminarian Education \$ 272.50 \$ 52.50

4/19— Good Samaritan—1/2 Cord. Charities \$ 853.00 \$ 245.00

4/26—Home Missions Appeal \$ 205.00 \$ 165.50

5/24—Catholic Communication Campaign

5/31—Good Samaritan—Full Circle

Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019 \$ 52,863.01 \$ 1,340.00

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

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$73,024.53)

For the month of—March 2020— \$581.40

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—

March 31, 2020 is posted in Message Center

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

### Daily Mass Readings

May 4, 2020—May 3, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures

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

Monday, May 4— Acts 11-1-18//Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 5—Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 6— Acts 12:24—13:5a//Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7— Acts 13:13-25//Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 8 —Acts 13:26-33//Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9 —Acts 13:44-52//Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 10—Acts 6:1-7//1 Pt 2:4-9//Jn 14:1-12

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

05/03/2020—Fourth Sunday of Easter—# 907

05/10/2020—Fifth Sunday of Easter—# 910

05/17/2020—Sixth Sunday of Easter—# 913

05/24/2020—The Ascension of the Lord—# 917

05/24/2020— Pentecost Sunday—Vigil # 920 Sunday # 921

### This Week in our Parish

"During these times that we are not physically attending Mass, Father John Orr is recording timely video messages and prayers for all of us. Links to these videos, along with messages from the Bishop, and televised Masses are available on our website. The website is updated routinely to facilitate communication within our Church. Other means to view Father John's messages is via St Mary's Facebook page and YouTube channel (links are on our website). Please subscribe/Like the page in order to get updates."

[www.stmaryathenstn@att.org](http://www.stmaryathenstn@att.org)

Sunday—May 3, 2020

KEEP READING THE BIBLE WITH YOUR FAMILY

Attend Mass on Line

Monday—May 4, 2020

Tuesday—May 5, 2020

Wednesday—May 6, 2020

Thursday—May 7, 2020

Friday—May 8, 2020

First Friday Adoration

Saturday—May 9, 2020

If anyone would like to volunteer to help clean the Church please stop by when the church is open.— Thank you

Sunday—May 10, 2020

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

KEEP READING THE BIBLE WITH YOUR FAMILY

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

ATTENDANCE—

April 25/26, 2020—Total

5pm—00—//8am— 00 //10am—00 1pm—00



### ALTAR FLOWERS—

Are in Celebration of the  
Wedding Anniversary,  
of  
Bernie and Terese Riggan

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

May 2—May 10, 2020  
**THE CHURCH WILL BE LOCKED DURING  
 PRIVATE MASS TIMES**

- May 2—5PM  
 +Eugene W Barrett from Jim and Pat Barrett
- May 3—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish  
 St. Mary Parish  
 Birthday Blessing for Ernie Aparicio from Sissy  
 World Day of Prayer for Vocation
- May 4 —9AM Monday  
 Kate & Mark Neustadler from Stephen & Toni Pacitti
- May 5—9AM Tuesday  
 Blessing for Hollis and Olga Burnette from a friend
- May 6—9AM and 6PM Wednesday  
 Steve N Pacitti from Stephen and Toni Pacitti  
 St. Mary Parish
- May 7—9AM  
 +Leslie Witkins from Bill and Gloria Risko
- May 8— 9AM  
 +Arthur Croteau, Sr. from Paulette Croteau
- May 9—5PM  
 +Marian Barrett from Jim and Pat Barrett
- May 10—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish  
 +Gary Klein from Judy Klein  
 St. Mary Parish  
 For the living and +deceased Mothers of our Parish

*Call the office to have a Mass Scheduled. Donation of \$5.00.*

### ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 31, 2020

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THROUGH 3/31/2020	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 141,069	73%
LITURGY	22,400	16,464	74%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	10,524	77%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	2,905	38%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	1,237	49%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	215	67%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	55,202	77%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$310,444</b>	<b>\$227,616</b>	<b>73%</b>

CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
MONTHLY REV. MARCH 2020 \$ 21,975	REV. JULY 2019 – MARCH 2020 \$ 215,572
MONTHLY EXP. MARCH 2020 <u>19,898</u>	EXP. JULY 2019 – MARCH 2020 <u>227,616</u>
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ 2,077	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (\$ 12,044)

SUMMARY:

CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT	(\$ 12,044)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS	(\$ 30,583)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 3/31/2020	\$ 16,559
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	(\$ 26,068)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:

ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012)	\$625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF (3/31/2020)	\$107,517

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

**ON LINE GIVING** - Visit our website at  
[www.stmaryathenstn.org](http://www.stmaryathenstn.org) to become a part of our  
 "ON LINE GIVING," available to our parish.



**Congratulations—Sophia Morr on receiving her First Communion on April 26, 2020.**

### First Communion!!

Attention all First Communicants and their parents!

No more classes this year. First Communion on May 4th is cancelled. Please call the church office to make an appointment with Fr John on an individual basis for your first reconciliation and your first communion. Father will do them all by individual appointments whenever parents feel their child is ready. Their CCD materials will be on a table in the Narthex available to help you do the final preparations for your child. Any questions please call Oneta Fioravanti 865-712-6819.

Because of the Corona Virus at this time all of our First Communion children will be making their Sacrament without their classmates. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers.

*Deepest sympathies and prayers for Priscille Stuckey and family on the recent passing of her daughter Lisa Cudworth*



**PRAYER CHAIN**—Call the office to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help. Keep in your prayers— Carol Webb, Bob Whitaker, Jane Meyer, George Krenner, James Winner, Levi and Sally Sanford, Karen Humphries, Phil Frye, Bob Abbott and all of our sick and homebound.

**PARISH DIRECTORY**— Work has been placed on hold by the company till further notice.

May the God who gives us peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being—spirit, soul, and body - free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*He who call you will do it, because he is faithful. (1Thessalonians 5:23-24)*

### BIRTHDAYS/CUMPLEANOS MAY 2020—

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| MAY 1 Walter Frank                                            | MAY 2 Sofia Vaca                                             |
| MAY 3                                                         | MAY 4 Kathleen Clontz, Patrick Schwartz                      |
| MAY 5 Zaira Arreguin, Armando Fernandez                       | MAY 6 Mitz Ayala                                             |
| MAY 7                                                         | MAY 8 Celia Trejo                                            |
| MAY 9 Roberta Faggard                                         | MAY 10                                                       |
| MAY 11 Wayne Byers                                            | MAY 12 Manuel Trejo                                          |
| MAY 13 Anibal and Armando Vargas                              | MAY 14                                                       |
| MAY 15 Bill Risko                                             | MAY 16                                                       |
| MAY 17 Michael Berrio, Debbie Exum                            | MAY 18 Claudia Ramirez Ornelas                               |
| MAY 19 Ariana Hernandez, Ehvey Kross                          | MAY 20                                                       |
| MAY 21 Carmen Garcia                                          | MAY 22                                                       |
| MAY 23 Julian Arreguin, Patricia Hernandez, Sophia Lauterbach | MAY 25                                                       |
| MAY 24 Rosey Fiegle, Cesar Mireles                            | MAY 27 James Cornwall                                        |
| MAY 26 Angela Mayer                                           | MAY 29 Amalia Bedolla, Alyssa Lantz, Kiana Mejia-Ruiz, Betty |
| MAY 28 Carolyn Hall, Ocampo-Vasquez, Sylvia Sevigny           |                                                              |
| MAY 30 Barbara Bell                                           | MAY 31 Ray Tremblay                                          |

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY-

Bernie and Terese Riggan  
 May 12, 1982— Richard and Peggy Berrong—38 years  
 May 15, 1953— Charles and Sylvia Dupre—67 years

For updates from the Diocese please go the DOK website at "dioknox.org" for the most recent update from the Bishop.

To receive the bulletin by e-mail please send me your name and e-mail to—stmaryathenstn@att.net.

If you know of an elderly or sick/homebound that has errand's that need to be run call the office at 745-4277 or Sissy's cell 423-462-5625 or text Paulette at 423-333-8674. If you would like to help with this call the office or Sissy. **If anyone in our parish is in need of food, please contact the Ladies for Charity at 745-9062.**

**Ladies for Charity.** Thank you Parishioners for your continued generosity of donating food for our Food Pantry. If you need food assistance, please call Diane Schwartz at 423-745-9062. May needs for the pantry are canned chicken, rice, strawberry jelly.



**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR YOU TO COME PRAY  
 AND SPEND TIME WITH JESUS FROM 8AM—4:30PM**

Thank you all for continuing to support our parish during these hard times. Please continue to mail in your contribution or go to our web site and consider giving online. God Bless us all.....