

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

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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 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 eighteenth invocation: **Virgin most venerable, pray for us.**

What does it mean to call Saint Mary “Virgin most venerable”? Our friends at *Merriam-Webster* remind us that to be “venerable” is to call forth respect through age, character, and attainments; while our friends at *Cambridge* highlight “age, high position, religious or historical importance” when considering the respect due to the “venerable.” In the process of canonization, declaring someone a saint, to be “venerable” is between “servant of God” (first stage) and “Blessed” (third stage). The Blessed normally have one verifiable miracle attributed to them, while the Saints normally have two or more verifiable miracles worked through their intercession with God.

The formal study of Mary is called “Mariology.” We call her “blessed” not because she is not a Saint (we also call her Saint Mary). Just at Lourdes alone, Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin has worked so many miracles over the years... (definitely “more than two”). The love, honor, devotion, respect and veneration we show to God alone is termed *latria* (adoration). That which we show to the Saints and Blessed is termed *dulia* (veneration). But, because Our Lady is the Queen of all the Saints, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, under God she receives the most veneration, termed *hyperdulia* (worship).

Signs of respect, honor, veneration include bowing of the head or body toward that which is being honored, in this case an image of Our Lady. The lighting of candles or offering of flowers are further signs of the veneration we may use to show our devotion to Our Lady or any other saint or Holy Angel. The journey or trip to a shrine of Our Lady or another Saint (or Blessed), termed *pilgrimage*, is yet a further example of veneration. Pilgrims may visit the shrines of Saints Peter or Paul in Rome (among others) and there practice the veneration of *dulia*. When the same pilgrims visit Saint Mary Major across town or venerate the *Pieta* in the Basilica of Saint Peter they may exercise *hyperdulia*. When the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered in any of those places, or even in our parish (Saint Mary), even on a Marian Feast (1 January – Mother of God, 15 August – Assumption, 8 December – Immaculate Conception...) the Sacrifice of the Mass is offered to God alone in an act of *latria*. All of the Saints and Blessed are Venerable. Saint Mary is no less venerable. As the Immaculate ever Virgin Mother of God Mary is Most Venerable among all the Saints.

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.**

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 26, 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 18/19, 2020		
Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)		\$ 3,365.00
Loose Offering		\$ 458.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.		\$ 47.54
TOTAL		\$ 3,870.54
Building Fund - April total to date—	\$ 3,844.37	\$ 80.00
<small>Second collections will be collected after Communion</small>		
<b>SECOND COLLECTIONS</b>		
4/10—Good Friday—the Holy Land	\$ 260.00	\$ 40.00
4/12—Diocesan Seminarian Education	\$ 220.00	\$ 40.00
4/19— Good Samaritan—1/2 Coord. Charities	\$ 608.00	\$ 390.00
4/26—Home Missions Appeal	\$ 40.00	\$
<b>Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019</b>	<b>\$ 51,523.01</b>	<b>\$ 1,705.00</b>

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

### HOME CAMPAIGN (\$73,024.53)

For the month of—February 2020— \$327.00

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

April 27, 2020—May 3, 2020

### -Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures

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

Monday, April 27— Acts 6:8-15//Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 28—Acts 7:32-27//Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 29— Acts 8:26-40//Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 30— Acts 8:26-40//Jn 6:44-51

Friday, May 1—Acts 9:1-20//Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, May 2—Acts 9:31-42//Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, May 3—Acts 2:14a, 36-41//1 Pt 2:20b-25//Jn 10:1-10

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

04/26/2020—Third Sunday of Easter—#904

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

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

### 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 to get updates."

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

Sunday—April 26, 2020

**KEEP READING THE BIBLE WITH YOUR FAMILY**

Follow the Mass on Line

Monday—April 27, 2020

Tuesday—April 28, 2020

Wednesday—April 29, 2020

Adoration 6AM– 6PM

Thursday—April 30, 2020

Friday—May 1, 2020

First Friday Adoration

Saturday—May 2, 2020

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

Sunday—May 3, 2020

**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 18/19, 2020—Total

5pm—00— //8am— 00 //10am—00 1pm—00



**ALTAR FLOWERS—**  
**Are in Celebration of the 32nd**  
**Wedding Anniversary,**  
**April 16, 1988 of**  
**Lou and Helen Dionne**

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.

**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 Jane Meyer, James Winner, Levi and Sally Sanford, Karen Humphries, Phil Frye, Bob Abbott and all of our sick and homebound.

## Mass Intentions

April 25—May 3, 2020

**THE CHURCH WILL BE LOCKED DURING  
PRIVATE MASS TIMES**

April 25—5PM

St. Mary Parish

April 26—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish

Abbe Christian Juneau from Andre Juneau

+Gloria Carrick from Bob and Carolee Gladish

Sick and Homebound of St. Mary Parish

April 27 —9AM Monday

Wayne Smyth from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

April 28—9AM Tuesday

+Gary Klein from Judy Klein

April 29—9AM and 6PM Wednesday

ADORATION 6AM—6PM

Spiritual Healing for Joan DuChemin from Annette

St. Mary Parish

April 30—9AM

+John William Harless from Fr. John Arthur Orr

May 1— 9AM

+Frances Quinn from Jim and Pat Barrett

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

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%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$227,616	73%

CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
MONTHLY REV. MARCH 2020	REV. JULY 2019 – MARCH 2020
MONTHLY EXP. MARCH 2020	EXP. JULY 2019 – MARCH 2020
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)

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.

## 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.**

## FOR PARENTS HELPING TO PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN FOR FIRST COMMUNION

### Examination of Conscience

- Have I put God first?
- Have I frequently talked with God and followed what He wanted for me?
- Have I used God's name with care?
- Have I missed the Sunday Mass through my own fault?
- Have I tried my best to worship God at Mass by singing, praying and listening?
- Have I obeyed my parents or teachers? Have I talked back to them?
- Have I been kind to others?
- Have I solved disagreements in a peaceful way?
- Have I been respectful in my actions?
- Have I treated my body or the bodies of others with respect?
- Have I respected other people's things?
- Have I returned things which do not belong to me?
- Have I been truthful to others fully?
- Have I been virtuous in the things I say and think?
- Have I kept myself away from bad things?
- Have I been thankful and happy with the things I have, no matter how big or small?
- Have I been jealous of others for what they have?

## How to Go to Confession

### Before Receiving the Sacrament

Spend some time quietly thinking about what you will confess. You can use the Examination of Conscience to see how you are living the Commandments. Say a prayer to the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you make a good Confession. Wait quietly until it is your turn to enter the confessional

### Steps in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual)

- Sit with the priest or go into the confessional. Begin by saying, "Bless me Father for I have sinned."
- Say, "This is my first confession." (For next time: My last confession was \_ months/year ago.)
- Tell your sins to the priest and end by saying "For these and for all my sins, I am sorry."
- The priest gives you a penance-something you do in order to make up for your sins and to show that you want to change your life.
- The priest may invite you to tell God how sorry you are:

### Pray—An Act of Contrition-

Oh my God  
I am heartily sorry for having offended you,  
And I detest all my sins because of your just punishment  
But most of all because they offend you, my God  
Who are all good and deserving of all my love  
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace  
To sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of Sins, Amen.

- The priest prays the prayer of absolution. As the priest blesses you, make the sign of the cross and answer, "Amen"
- The priest says "Go in peace". Say "Thank you Father"

For updates from the Diocese please go to 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](mailto:stmaryathenstn@att.net).

If you know of an elderly or sick/homebound that has errands 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.....

PARISH DIRECTORY— Work has been placed on hold till further notice.