



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

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ATHENS, TN 37303

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JUNE 28, 2020

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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

KEY IRA Impacts of the 2020 CARES ACT—

As you probably know, in late March, congress passed the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act - the largest financial stimulus rescue package ever in the United States. While there is much in the act – over 800 pages – there are 3 areas that could impact your charitable giving, to St. Mary Parish.

Universal Charitable Deduction—

This additional deduction is available for you to consider when making an incremental donation to our parish or a specific ministry.

In addition to the standard deduction (\$12,400/individual and \$24,800/filing jointly), taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions can take an additional one-time deduction of up to \$300 (\$600 if filing jointly) for gifts made to charitable organizations. The deduction is for charitable donations made in calendar year 2020 and does not cover contributions made to donor-advised funds or private foundations.

Suspends the 60% adjusted gross income limitation for individuals' charitable contributions for the year 2020.

In a typical year, individuals can only take a charitable deduction of up to 60% of their adjusted gross income, no matter how much they give. But for 2020, this limit has been suspended, making cash contributions fully deductible.

For our parishioner over 70.5 years old, who have give to our parish, here is an update when considering a gift the parish, school or ministry via their IRA. This is still an effective tax free way to give for many folks in this age group. We ask that you still consider a gift in this manner as you have in the past. Thank you.

Waives the required minimum distributions from retirement plans / IRA's for 2020

The most important change is probably the temporary waiver of the RMD rules for those IRA owners ... The CARES act suspends this requirement for 2020.

What does this mean? Under the current tax law, when you reach 70.5 years old (72 in future years) you are required by the IRS to begin taking distributions from IRA's, 401k's, and other retirement accounts. These "Required Minimum Distributions" (RMD's) could be given to charities in the form of a Qualified Charitable Distribution (or "QCD") and would not be counted as taxable income. Many have used this provision in the past to make charitable gifts to their parishes, diocese and ministries.

With the suspension of the requirement to take a required distribution in 2020, some will lose an important "push" to make that charitable gift. But it is important to know they can still make a QCD to charity in the same way as before. All that has changed is their requirement to take the distribution.

PARISH DIRECTORY– We are working on our final corrections and should be printed soon.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING MASS

AT 50% CAPACITY WITH A FACE MASK AND 6 FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCING AND IN THE PEWS.
ALSO USE HAND SANITIZER BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION AND USE THE DISTANCING WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION. SEE EXAMPLE IN NARTHEX.

REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELED OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY OR HAD A FEVER TO PLEASE STAY HOME.

I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BRING THEIR OWN HAND SANITIZER AND OR BAGGIE OF WIPES DURING THIS TIME (PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR USED WIPES IN THE PEWS, PUT THEM IN THE TRASH WHEN YOU LEAVE). WE WILL HAVE HAND SANITIZER AVAILABLE FOR ALL.

THE CHURCH WILL BE SANITIZED AFTER EACH MASS. TO HELP PLEASE STAY.
WE WILL CONTINUE CLEANING—AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS UNTILL FURTHER NOTICE—

We will need more than the cleaning teams for this as this is not the normal weekly cleaning duties. We will need your help in wiping the church down after each mass. There will be a check list of what is required and for you to sign off on what you have cleaned, next to the kitchen area. I will set up a table NEXT to table closet with all the supplies and instructions. We appreciate any and all the help you can help with this as this will be the new normal for all of us for awhile.

Stewardship/Collection

June 20/21, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 3,610.00
Loose Offering	\$ 573.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 126.13
TOTAL	\$ 4,309.13

Building Fund - June total to date— \$ 3,182.00 \$ 905.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

SECOND COLLECTIONS

7/21– Good Samaritan—1/2 Good Faith Clinic	\$ 568.00	\$ 431.00
7/28—Peter's Pence	\$ 30.00	\$ 5.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 55.00	

Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019 \$ 58,360.01 \$ 305.00
(Included in last weeks total we had a donation for \$1000.00 in memory Lisa Cudworth)

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

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$73,334.96)

For the month of—April 2020— \$310.42

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—
May 31, 2020 is posted in Message Center

Daily Mass Readings

June 29, 2020—July 5, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures

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

Monday, June 29— Acts 12:1-11//2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18//Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday, June 30—Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12//Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 1— Am 5:14-15, 21-24//Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 2— Am 7:10-17//Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 3—Eph 2:19-22//Jn 20:24-29

Saturday, July 4—Am 9:11-15//Mt 9:14-17

Sunday, July 5—Zec 9:9-10//Rom 8:9, 11-13//Mt 11:25-30

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

06/28/2020—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#964
07/05/2020—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#967
07/12/2020—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#970
07/19/2020—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—# 973
07/26/2020—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#976

This Week in our Parish

Sunday—June 28, 2020

Monday—June 29, 2020

Tuesday—June 30, 2020

Wednesday—July 01, 2020

Thursday—July 02, 2020

Friday—July 03, 2020

9:30am—First Friday Adoration

Office closed for Holiday

Saturday—July 04, 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AMERICA

No Cleaning this week Team #5 cleans next week

Sunday—July 05, 2020

For Sacrament information call the office.

CANDLE DONATIONS—We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 per candle to help defray the cost of the candles and Blue Globes

ATTENDANCE—

June 20/21, 2020—Total 346

5pm—60— //8am— 48 //10am—86 1pm—152

ALTAR FLOWERS—

Are in celebration of the

UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA—

INDEPENDENCE DAY

from St. Mary

Parish



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

June 27– July 5, 2020

June 27—5PM Saturday

+Loretta Witka from Linda G Nadeau

June 28—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish

St. Mary Church

+Jenny Buckley from Bob and Carolee Gladish

+Carolyle Michelson from St. Mary Parish

June 29—9AM Monday

Dante Michaud from Denise Michaud

June 30—9AM Tuesday

Alvin Michaud from Denise Michaud

July 1—9AM and 6PM Wednesday

+Gloria Carrick from Jim and Pat Barrett

St. Mary Parish

July 2—9AM Thursday

+Roseanne C. Pacitti from Steve and Toi Pacitti

July 3— 9AM Friday

+Frances Quinn from Jim and Pat Barret

July 4—5PM Saturday

Heather Walker from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

July 5—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish

+Gary Klein from Judy Klein

St. Mary Parish

For the People of the United States

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

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

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020	EXPENDITURES		%
	BUDGET	THROUGH 5/31/2020	EXPENDED	
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 170,015		89%
LITURGY	22,400	22,166		99%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	11,842		87%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	3,605		48%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	1,525		61%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	215		67%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	62,529		87%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$271,897		88%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. MAY 2020	\$ 22,926	REV. JULY 2019 – MAY 2020	\$ 259,144
MONTHLY EXP. MAY 2020	22,178	EXP. JULY 2019 – MAY 2020	271,897
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 748	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$ 12,753)

SUMMARY:

CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT	(\$ 12,753)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS	(\$ 30,583)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 5/31/2020	\$ 16,326
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	(\$ 27,010)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:

ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012)	\$625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF (5/31/2020)	\$ 98,751

(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.

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 twenty-seventh invocation: **Vessel of honor, pray for us.**

What does it mean to say that Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God is a “vessel of honor”? The Hebrew words *yeqar* and *badar* are translated variously, including “preciousness, price, honor.” The Greek word *doxa* from which we get “doxology” is translated variously as praise, honor, glory. The Greek verb *epitimaō* translates “to honor, to mete out due measure.” *Merriam-Webster* reminds us that honor has to do with a “good name or public esteem” or “showing of usually merited respect” or “a person of superior standing”, “especially as a title for a holder of high office.” Saint Mary has a good name and enjoys esteem among believers. Her standing is high in the sight of God.

In Matthew 13:57 and Mark 6:4 we read that “A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and in his own house.” Surely, she who prophesied that “all generations will call me blessed” (Luke 1:48) has honor in her house, namely the Holy Church of her Son. Almighty God commands that we “honor” father and mother (Matthew 15:4; 19:19; Mark 7:10; 10:19). The Blessed Virgin Mother of God is also our Mother in the order of grace, the spiritual realm, so we honor her. Our Lady not only honors God with her lips but with her entire being (cf. Matthew 15:8; Mark 7:6). Our Lady did not seek out honors herself, humble like her Son, but we honor her for her fidelity even as God honors her who served Him as handmaid (cf. John 8:54; 12:26; Luke 1:38, 48). If “glory, honor, and peace go to every man who works good” how much more Our Lady who cooperated deeply in God’s plan of redemption (cf. Romans 2:10)?/! Indeed, Saint Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote that we are to give honor to those to whom it is due (cf. Romans 13:7). Saint Mary is due honor as the Mother of God, as the Immaculate Virgin, as the vessel of honor.

The 1959 play *l’honor de Dieu* by the French dramatist Jean Anouilh (+1987) was adapted for the film *Becket* (1964) starring Richard Burton in the titular role. There is a scene where the holy martyr relates how before his conversion he only loved the honor of God. Saint Mary, vessel of honor, loved not only God’s honor, but God Himself Whom she bore and wrapped in swaddling clothes. It is our honor to honor her as the saints before us have done.

Father John Arthur Orr

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Contacts for :

CCD—Oneta Fioravanti— 865-712-6819—

Youth Ministries—Sue Granger— 423-506-7836.

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.

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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, and return to the office.

For Sacrament information call the office.

Summer Family Youth Ministry🎵🎶 Getting to know you 🎵🎶

In these unusual times youth ministry has a new Mission - to visit you one family at a time this summer. If you are a family with a Middle Schooler or a High Schooler, I, Sue Granger, would like to get to know you better. We can visit with safe distances and at your comfort levels. I will practice healthy hygiene. Contact me at 423-506-7836 if you would like a visit 📞🏠



First Communion

Congratulation to the following who have made their First Communion so far this spring/summer

From St. Mary Parish— Sophia Morr 4/26, Lucas Hardin 5/24, Juley Garcia 6/6, and

Joselyne Hernandez Zavala 6/21.

Michael Kreider—Holy Ghost—Knoxville 5/9/2020

Karla Contreras—St. Joseph the Worker—Madisonville 6/14/2020



Confirmation—Maria Kreider 6/20—Holy Ghost—Knoxville.



PRAYER CHAIN—Call the office to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help with the prayer chain. Keep in your prayers— Jesus Sanchez and family, Ed Bates, Bob Whitaker, George Krenner, James Winner, Levi and Sally Sanford, Joan DuChemin and all of our sick and homebound.

Ladies for Charity—Covid 19 is causing an additional need of food for parishioners being helped by this ministry. We are requesting canned tuna, canned vegetable and large boxes of cereal. If you are in need of food, please call Diane Schwartz 423-745-9062.