



# MARY MOTHER OF GOD

## CATHOLIC CHURCH • HARRISON, AR

We welcome all visitors to Mary Mother Of God Church. We hope you enjoy your stay in this area and may God be with you on your trip home.

### OFFICE INFO

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— *Father John Muir*, ©LPi



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### APRIL 19, 2026

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

9-10AM Confessions  
4:00PM Confessions  
4:30PM Rosary  
5:00PM MASS †Michael J. Stephens

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions  
8:30AM MASS †Ann Bailey

#### MONDAY, APRIL 20

— NO MASS

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

5:00PM Rosary & Confessions  
5:30PM MASS †Linda Thompson

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

4:30PM Evening Prayer & Adoration  
5:00PM Confessions & Benediction  
5:30PM MASS †Louis Pinto

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions  
8:30AM MASS †Norma Barazowski

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions  
8:30AM MASS †Jim Rowe  
9:00AM Patriotic Rosary

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

9-10AM Confessions  
4:00PM Confessions  
4:30PM Rosary  
5:00PM MASS †Souls in Purgatory

## CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

Pastor	Fr. Ben Riley	870-741-5234
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Finance Council (Chair)	Joe Koenig
Parish Life Council (Chair)	Holly Coffman
Pro-Life Council (Chair)	Sandra Guidry
Cemetery Council (Chair)	Richard Criger

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Seven Sisters / Lectio Divina	Carmen Andrade	305-815-1795
Trail Life USA	Wes Bradford	870-743-6103
Wedding Coordinator	Bonnie Tauer	870-688-1084
Welcome New Catholics (OCIA)	Wayne /Judy Keith	870-365-3570

## COMMUNITY DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 24/7; register for daytime hours.

**Patriotic Rosary:** Every Friday at 9am

**Marian Pathways:** First Saturdays, 9am–12pm

**Seven Sisters Apostolate:** Prayers for priests

We offer many spiritual opportunities. Call/text Carmen at 305-815-1795 for details.

## MASS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Call Dcn. Mark, 870-741-1579

**Lectors/Rosary Leaders:** Call Greg or Julie Jasper, 870-688-9369 / 688-3354

**Ushers:** Call Jerry Hogue, 870-378-2605

Thank you to all Mass volunteers! New volunteers are welcome, and training is provided.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mary Mother of God, Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of his living body, the church, to bring the kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, religious education, and service in our families, parish, and community.

## PARISH CALENDAR

View the updated parish calendar anytime at:

[harrisoncatholic.org/resources/calendar](http://harrisoncatholic.org/resources/calendar)

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you're new, please register at:

[osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicmmg/directory/register](http://osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicmmg/directory/register)

## ONLINE GIVING

Thank you to all who have set up new accounts! Online giving is available at:

[osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicmmg/giving/funds](http://osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicmmg/giving/funds)

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Subscribe to our parish YouTube: *Harrison Catholic*. Find videos, updates, and parish content. Search "Harrison Catholic" on YouTube.

## FORMED: FAMILY RESOURCE

*Formed.org*, a Catholic streaming service, offers movies, audiobooks, and daily reflections. Visit [harrisoncatholic.formed.org](http://harrisoncatholic.formed.org), search for "Mary Mother of God", select "Harrison" location, and create an account. Enjoy!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

All musical skill levels are welcome! If you are interested in joining any of the groups below, please contact Julie Jasper at 870-688-9369 or [juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com).

- MMG CHOIR
- ANGELI CHORUS
- FAITH TROUBADOURS
- SILVER BELLS
- YOUTH & HANDCHIMES CHOIR
- HANDBELL CHOIR

## PRE, CYM, YOUTH CHOIR & HAND CHIMES

PRE/CYM classes will meet this Wednesday, **April 22**. Family Dinner is at 6pm, and youth classes are from 6:30pm-7:30pm. The Youth Choir/Hand Chime practice is from 7:30pm-8pm in Ms. Julie's office.

## ENHANCING THE CRUCIFIX & MEDITATION AREA

We invite you to join us in a meaningful transformation at the Mary Mother of God Cemetery. Our new landscaping project is dedicated to creating a serene and beautiful environment around the crucifix and meditation area, a sacred space for reflection, prayer, and remembrance. Your generous donations to the cemetery project are deeply appreciated and may be made online or in person at the church office during normal office hours. For more information, please see the project board in the vestibule. Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We are pleased to honor our high school and college graduates at Mass on Sunday, **April 26**. Letters, RSVP cards, and information forms were mailed to high school seniors. If you are graduating from college, please contact Holly Coffman at the church office.

## NEED LECTORS & ROSARY LEADERS

Mary Mother of God is seeking Lectors and Rosary leaders. Prayerfully consider if you are called to serve in this ministry. A Lector training will be held Saturday, **April 25** at 10am for current Lectors and those interested. Please contact Greg or Julie Jasper with any questions.

## LAUDATO SI'

*"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions."*  
Pope Francis Laudato Si' Para 211

**"Did you hear about the monk who forgot to put his clothes in the laundry?"**



**"It was a bad habit."**



Monks and other vowed religious wear "habits," the distinct uniform of their order or branch of lifestyle.

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## OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day

Thursday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations



# SUBIACO RETREAT

LEAVE FRIDAY, JUNE 19 AT 7:00 A.M.  
RETURN SATURDAY, JUNE 20  
(WILL BE BACK IN TIME FOR MMG VIGIL MASS)



Leader of the Retreat

**FR. CASSIAN ELKINS, OSB**

The Benedictines (OSB) serving in Arkansas are a community of monks serving God by prayer and work in the tradition of the Swiss-American Congregation. Their abbey is located in Subiaco. In fidelity to that Benedictine tradition they proclaim the Gospel through monastic and private prayer, hospitality, retreats and spiritual direction, education, parish, diocesan and special ministries.

**\$100 per night per adult**  
(\$65 room fee + \$33 meals + \$10 facility fee)

Meals Included:

Friday, June 19th: Lunch and Dinner

Saturday, June 20th: Breakfast and Lunch

As long as children under the age of 18 are in a room with their parents there will not be a room charge for them, but if they are 14 or older the meal charge would apply.

There are only 30 rooms available. They will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations must be made with the Church Office as various rooms sleep up to 1, 2, 3, and 4.

## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Emmaus	Christ	village
talking	Moses	bread
Cleopas	Prophets	Simon

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Emuams     E m m a u s

Pohprets     \_\_\_\_\_

vliagel     \_\_\_\_\_

taklign     \_\_\_\_\_

Crihts     \_\_\_\_\_

berda     \_\_\_\_\_

Clapoes     \_\_\_\_\_

Mesos     \_\_\_\_\_

Sonim     \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSION

Pack a bag with some snacks and your Bible, and take a long walk with your family. When you stop to eat your snacks, read your favorite story about Jesus.

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### PRAYER LIST

#### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Military & emergency personnel, veterans, victims of terrorism, war, and other violence, victims of natural disasters, the sick & injured, all others in need of prayer, and for an increase in vocations.

#### INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

David Allen, Larry Benner & family, Patricia Bel, Sandi Black, Terry Bodson, Kyle Bowling, Betty Burge, Norma Calhoun, Jim Conner, Sally Conner, Donald Coffman, Larry & Rita Coffman, †David Decker, Meghan Decker, Wayne Dixon, John & Wink Duncan, Heather Faught, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Becky & Hank Hartman, Pat Heinen, Sheila Hight, Dianne Hoberock, Derek Holden, Connie Israel, Ed & Virray Karlovic, Darby Kester, Lavonne Keehn, Scott Kennebec, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Eleanor Lipsmeyer, Mary Lynam, Mike & Sandy Luckenbill, Andi Miller, Shane & Esther Neeley, Christine Neely, Tina Pietrabella, Jimmy Pierce, Seamus Roche, Teresa Rotkowski, Giovanna Sandri, Liz Smalley, Betty Stechly, Greg Stephens, Dr. Grace St. Pierre, Mark Stutenville, †Linda Thompson, Linda Utaski, Nettie Virnig, Carly Webb, Cooper Webb, Ray Wood

To add a name or ensure a name remains, please contact the parish office.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

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