



### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

### **HOLY DAY MASSES**

As Announced

### **CONFESSIONS**

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

Or By Appointment w/Father Jim at 870-741-5234

### **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, in our parish, and in our community.

### **CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

We welcome new members to our Church through the process and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Please contact the church office.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a preparation process before the Baptism of children. Registration is required.

Please contact the church office.

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Arrangements for wedding must be made at least six months in advance.

Please contact the church office.

### **COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**

Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are not able to attend Mass. Call the church office about anyone who would like to receive the Eucharist at home.

### **SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please contact Father Jim.

## **MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Mailing Address: PO Box 2150**

**Physical Address (No Mail): 1614 Maplewood Rd.**

**Harrison, Arkansas 72602**

**Church Office & Rectory – 870-741-5234**

**Church Fax – 870-741-4234**

Emails & Prayer-Line Connection: [mmgchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:mmgchurch@yahoo.com)

[www.harrisoncatholic.org](http://www.harrisoncatholic.org)

**Pastor:**

**Rev. James M. Fanrak**

**Deacon:**

**Dc. Mark Scouten**

Parish Manager:

Robin Markham

Adult Scripture Study:

Tom Hoberock

Buildings, Maintenance:

Craig Bailey

Catholic Christian Women:

Holly Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Terra Atkinson

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Custodian:

Holly Coffman

Eucharistic Adoration:

Carmen Andrade

Finance Council:

Joe Koenig

Flocknote:

Robin Markham

Knights of Columbus:

Frank Handley

Knights of Columbus, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree:

Val Stechly

Legion of Mary:

Ruth Haley

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Music Ministry:

Julie Jasper

Pro-Life:

Sandra Guidry

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Holly Coffman

Sacristans:

K. Jones, M. Stephens

Alternate Sacristans:

E. Scouten, C. Bailey

Safe Environment:

Holly Coffman

Social Justice/Charitable Outreach

Robin Markham

Trail Life USA:

Wes Bradford

Tribunal:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Wedding Coordinator:

Bonnie Tauer

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Wayne & Judy Keith

### **NEW IN PARISH**

To register in the parish, please fill out the form below.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Moved From:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish City:** \_\_\_\_\_

( ) New In Parish ( ) Change of Address/Phone/Email

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

## 2021 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>October 30</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Layne Hostetler
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Norm Rowe
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>October 31 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>November 1 – All Saints Day - NO MASS (Not A Holy Day of Obligation This Year)</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Rosary in MMG Cemetery</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>November 2 – All Souls Day</b>
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Eulalia Hess & +All Souls
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>November 3</b>
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Gerry Gokenbach, BD
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>November 4</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Richard “Dick” Holtkamp, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
<b>First Friday,</b>	<b>November 5</b>
8:00 AM	Patriotic Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>First Saturday,</b>	<b>November 6</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Cindy Travis, 19 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>November 7 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Bill Utaski



**VIGIL CANDLES** - If you wish to light a 6-day vigil candle, a suggested \$3 donation is requested.

**ONLINE BULLETINS** for Mary Mother of God Church and St. Andrew's Church may be found at [harrisoncatholic.org](http://harrisoncatholic.org).

**CONFESSIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE** one-half hour before all Daily and Saturday/Sunday Masses or by appointment.



**IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR FLOCKNOTE YET, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UPDATES FROM OUR BISHOP AND FATHER JIM WILL CONTINUE FOR WEEKS TO COME.** Parish communications, such as prayer requests, updates, Mass cancellations, etc., arrive as a **Flocknote message**. Individuals and/or families are subscribed so they will either receive messages as emails or texts per their preference. If you do not receive prayer request emails and would like to, sign up now! Registration is easy. There are two ways to connect (pick one): Visit our parish at: [www.flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch](http://www.flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch) or text flockmmg to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. Need help to set up your flocknote? Contact the church office.

## **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL IN CHURCH!**

**BISHOP TAYLOR ANNOUNCED EFFECTIVE MAY 15-16, 2021, MASK WEARING IS OPTIONAL.** His letter of May 9 stated: I believe that due to the universal availability of the vaccine, we can now make mask-wearing optional, effective May 15-16. In addition, Communion on the tongue during Mass is now allowed. I do recommend, but do not require, continued mask-wearing for those who are not yet fully vaccinated or who are otherwise especially vulnerable. Any questions, see Dc. Mark.

**MMG livestreams the Saturday 5 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM Masses. You may go online to the Mary Mother of God Catholic Church Facebook account or visit the church website at [harrisoncatholic.org](http://harrisoncatholic.org). Click Resources; then click livestream. For daily Masses, visit the MMG Facebook account.**

**The “New Pentecost” Prayer Group – Today is the last meeting this year.** Please check the bulletin for resuming date. Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful!

**All Saints Day is Monday, November 1 and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.** The Legion of Mary will lead the Rosary in the MMG Cemetery at 1 PM. If the weather is questionable, the Rosary will take place in church.

**Knights of Columbus will meet this Monday, November 1, for Fellowship Meal at 6:30 PM and Meeting at 7:30 PM.**

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

**HANDBELLS – Mondays at 6:15 PM in Parish Hall.**  
**ADULT CHOIR will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in Sanctuary and Sundays at 7:45 AM.** Interested in joining our music ministry? For more info, contact Julie Jasper at 870-688-9369 or [julesjasper93@gmail.com](mailto:julesjasper93@gmail.com).



## **PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) – This Wednesday...**

5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions  
5:30 PM MASS  
6:00 PM Dinner for Students/Teachers/Family  
**6:30-7:30 PM K-7 & High School**



**The Legion of Mary meet on Thursdays at 5:30 PM** in the Altar Server Sacristy (room behind the altar). It is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend and pray with us.



**ATTENTION MILITARY VETERANS!** – Once again, we will not be able to hold our Annual Veterans Day Program & Dinner this year. However, the Veterans of our Parish will be recognized at Sunday Mass on November 14. The 4th Degree Knights, along with the Trail Life Youth will salute and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Choir will lead everyone with a Patriotic song. We will have cards and a small gift showing our appreciation for our Service Men and Women following Mass. We hope that all of our Veterans are able to attend this Mass! God Bless!

**THE BIBLE TIMELINE** – Adult Scripture Study will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 16 @ 3 PM, Wednesday, Nov. 17 @ 6 PM, and Sunday, Nov. 21 @ 10 AM in the Parish Hall. Coffee/donuts will be available before the Sunday session. If you have not been a participant in the Bible Timeline series in the past and would like to begin, please register by contacting the church office. The first assignment will be Session #20. **If you already have a study booklet but will not be attending, please turn in your booklet to the church office so that new members can use them.** Any questions, contact Tom Hoberock at 870-688-1202 or Robin.



**REST IN PEACE** – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Harry Knickerbocker (husband of Pat) who died on October 21. His Funeral Mass was Friday, October 29. Please remember Harry and his family in your prayers.



*I would like to extend a most heartfelt thank you to all those in our MMG family who displayed such overwhelming compassion towards my family and me in the past month throughout my dear mom's final days. I cannot imagine being surrounded by a more loving, caring, and supportive parish. You are truly an extension of Christ! With love, Julie Jasper and Family*



#### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Nick & Ellen Binsfeld  
8655 Sugar Rd., Harrison, AR 72601  
Ceasar & Wendy Carrera  
4269 Salles Dr., Harrison, AR 72601

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – Military & Emergency Personnel, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19 & Terrorism, Vocations, Carl Bell, Cindy Benner, Donnie Billups, Sue Brain, Richard Braun, William Bray, Ray Brysch, Betty Burge, Caven James Clark, Loretta Clements, Brian Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Mary Decker Family, Dave/Bruce/Gary Durand, Glen Feldman, John Forrest, Greg Foster, Matthew Gerth, Casey Gibbs, Edmund/Mary Griggs, Bill/Levi Haley, Chris Haley, Pete Hartman, Leon/Russell Heard, Lorita Henry, Molly Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Linda Hoyet, Connie Israel, Chris Jasper, Lavonne Keehn, Emory Keys, LaDonna King, Dr. Charles Klepper, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Louene Lipsmeyer, Patti Long, Val Lopez, Michael Lowery, Hailey Lockette, Bill/Ann May, Janice Munzner, Mollie Norman, Deb O'Connor, Nikki Patten, Eliska Pollock, Kathy Robinson, Ken Rudisel, Margaret Mary Schlacter, Dc. Mark Scouten, Ed/Yvonne Servis, Bill Seyfried III, Phil Sides, Bob Stephens, Pennie Sutton-Veach Family, River Wygle. Our Nursing Home Residents: Dan Allen, David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Lylia Laffoon, Alan Lasecki, Bonnie Lundblad, Mary Ralston, Giovanna Sandri, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley. **Please contact the office to add/delete names.**

#### ADORE THE EUCHARIST – IT'S CHRIST WITH US !!

"The Eucharist is our Lord, and I think that the Church can be restored once again only with the restoration of an awe-inspiring and reverent Eucharistic worship..." Bishop Athanasius Schneider, "Christus Vincit" **Contact Carmen at 305-815-1795 or the church office to sign up for a Holy Hour.**

**Sunday @ 7 AM, 9 AM, Noon, 3 PM & 5 PM**

**Monday @ 10 AM & 1 PM**

**Tuesday @ 8 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM**

**Wednesday @ 10 AM, Noon & 6 PM**

**Thursday @ Noon, 3 PM & 4 PM**

**Friday @ Noon, 1 PM, 4 PM & 6 PM**

**Saturday @ 11 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM & 3 PM**



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Oct 31: Dt 6:2-6 / Heb 7:23-28 / Mk 12:28b-34  
Nov 1: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a  
Nov 2: Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 / Jn 6:37-40  
Nov 3: Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33  
Nov 4: Rom 14:7-12 / Lk 15:1-10  
Nov 5: Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8  
Nov 6: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Lk 16:9-15  
Nov 7: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 / Mk 12:38-44

**St. Peter the Fisherman Church's Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring The Silver Rose prayer service in Honor of Life and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Everyone is invited on **Tuesday, November 2, at 11:15 AM** to pray for a civilization of love and culture of life in our own country and throughout the world.

The journey of the Silver Rose begins each year in March and ends on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During that time, Silver Roses travel from town to town along eight routes throughout North America. Several of the routes begin in Canada and end in Mexico. One route ends in Washington, DC; another ends at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT, where the Knights of Columbus was founded.

#### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH  
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: NOVEMBER 2020 – OCTOBER 2021**

##### NOVEMBER 2020

Richard "Dick" Hotkamp  
Ronald Schoborg  
Shirleyann Lueck  
Joe Iturreria  
Vikki Hudson

##### DECEMBER 2020

Paul Mehmert  
Ilta Marie Green

##### JANUARY 2021

Virginia Reed

##### FEBRUARY 2021

Newt Foster

##### MARCH 2021

Robert Friedl

##### MAY 2021

Petra Cervantes  
Bernadine Bebensee

##### JUNE 2021

Joyceline Boudreaux  
Benny Gilardi  
Patricia Smith

##### JULY 2021

Tommy Hudson  
Walter Boyden  
Vernon Strachota

##### AUGUST 2021

Mary Kay Cain

##### OCTOBER 2021

Harry Knickerbocker

*For these beloved who have gone before us ...  
For the loved ones for whom our hearts yearn ...  
For those who have no one to pray for them ... we pray,  
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace. AMEN.*



**Men's Day of Prayer & Healing:** Silent men, forgotten fathers, failed relationships – abortion hurts men, too. If you or someone you know is carrying the pain of losing a child to abortion, please share this message of hope: God's love and mercy are limitless. Come find help and healing at this one-day retreat for men on **Saturday, November 13 in North Little Rock\***. Text or call the **CONFIDENTIAL** direct phone line **501-663-0996** for more information. (\*The exact retreat location will only be shared with participants.)

**PROJECT RACHEL** – Has abortion left you with a broken heart? You are not alone. Peace starts here. Non-judgmental. There is hope. Healing is possible. Experience the love and mercy of God. Please call/text 501-663-0996 or email [rpuello@dolr.org](mailto:rpuello@dolr.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!** – John Michael Talbot will be at **MMG on Sunday, Dec. 12 @ 2 PM. A free-will offering for JMT Ministries will be appreciated. Following the concert, the Knights will have carry-out containers with baked ziti (choice of meat or vegetarian), salad, bread, dessert, and drink. All for \$5.00!! You may take your meal home or stay and eat it in the Parish Hall. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule next week.**

Through the solitude of COVID I have composed a 40 Day Retreat called "Hermitage of the Heart." It is perfect for private or group reflection during Advent, Lent or ANYTIME! Watch for a special parish program coming soon! Enter your journey today and find "Peace, Prayer and the Presence of God!" – In Jesus, **John Michael Talbot**, Founder, Spiritual Father and General Minister, The Brothers and Sisters of Charity, Little Portion Hermitage. Visit [troubadourforthelord.net](http://troubadourforthelord.net).

The diocesan initiative One Church invests each year in a small mission church in our diocese that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. **The 2021-2022 partner is St. Andrew Church in Danville.** All funds donated to One Church for the next 12 months will help the parish renovate a former office building into a usable Parish Life Center, which they currently don't have. Please pray for this project and give today. To give or for more info visit: [dolr.org/one-church](http://dolr.org/one-church). Checks should be made payable to Diocese of Little Rock-One Church with the notation "St Andrew Church-Danville."

**JOB OPENING: Business Manager for the Arkansas Catholic** - Arkansas Catholic seeks a full-time business manager to handle business operations, including advertising, circulation, bookkeeping, and other office duties. Qualified applicants will be practicing Catholics and have at least three years of experience as a business or office manager, preferably in a non-profit. Computer and bookkeeping experience required. The business manager works five days a week at the most beautiful workplace in Little Rock, St. John Center, with occasional special events at other locations. Benefits provided include health and dental insurance, retirement plan, paid time off and sick time. To receive a complete job description, visit [arkansas-catholic.org](http://arkansas-catholic.org) or email editor Malea Hargett at [mhargett@dolr.org](mailto:mhargett@dolr.org). A cover letter and resume are required to apply.

**2021 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** - To date, our parishioners have given **\$17,661.80 or 84%** of our designated goal of **\$21,000**. Thank you for your support in helping our diocese to continue to carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

## ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK – (Previously called "Last Rites")

This Sacrament is the way that Jesus through the Church cares for the person who is dying, but there is so much more to it. **Please call** (or have someone call for you) the church at 741-5234 **when you are admitted** to the hospital, or to hospice care for serious illness, or for surgery. (Medical personnel will not do this for you unless you direct them.)

**THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was instituted by Christ and is attested by Saint James. *"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call the Presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord."* James 5:14-15

This Sacrament confers special grace which unites the sick person more intimately to the Passion of Christ for his good and for the good of all the Church. It gives comfort, peace, courage, and even the forgiveness of sins if the sick person is not able to make a confession. Sometimes, if it is the will of God, this Sacrament even brings about the restoration of physical health. (From: COMPENDIUM, Catechism of the Catholic Church: USCCB, 2006, pages 90-92.)

**The Diocesan Tribunal** - It is the mission of the Diocesan Tribunal to hear the cases of those who are divorced and who are petitioning the Church to make judgment on the possible invalidity of their marriage, due to some impediment, inadequate consent, or the inability to fulfill the duties of the married state. The Tribunal makes every effort to carry out its pastoral ministry in this process.

Petitions for decrees of nullity may be obtained from recognized Diocesan Tribunal advocates. These persons are specially trained in this work. Please contact our local advocates, **Deacon Mark Scouten at 870-741-1579 or Lucia McArthur at 407-288-3103**, for more info and the paperwork to present a petition.

## BAPTISM GODPARENT / CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Being a baptism godparent/confirmation sponsor means actively being a good Catholic witness and example, a role model, and ready to give help and advice to the one baptized/confirmed.

When choosing a baptism godparent/confirmation sponsor, do consider the church requirements for a valid choice:

- Not a parent of the one being baptized/confirmed.
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- A practicing Catholic who is leading a good Christian life and is not invalidly married.
- Must have already made First Communion and been confirmed.

A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be a witness to the baptism, but only together with a Catholic godparent.

"If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist." – Arkansas Catholic, Nov. 14, 2015, Father Ken Doyle  
**Contact Father Jim for more information.**







## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 31, 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet. ©LPi

## NOVEMBER INDULGENCES FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

The Church teaches that prayers, Masses, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory. On October 23, 2020, the Apostolic Penitentiary published that plenary or full indulgences for the souls of the faithful in purgatory can be gained the **entire month of November**.

Those who visit a cemetery and those who visit a church or an oratory and pray for the dead an Our Father and the Creed, can gain the plenary (full) indulgence for souls in purgatory.

Those who cannot leave their homes for serious reasons may also receive a plenary indulgence for the deceased by reciting prayers for them, or by reflecting on a Gospel reading like John 6:37-40 or John 11:17-27 before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or by performing a work of mercy.

In all cases, one also must fulfill the additional normal requirements set by the Church for all plenary indulgences: a spirit of detachment from sin, confession as soon as possible, receiving the Eucharist as soon as possible, praying for the Pope's intentions, and being united spiritually with all the faithful.

(The full article about this topic is found on page 16 of the *Arkansas Catholic* of October 31, 2020.)

**IT'S MY BIRTHDAY!** Thank you so much for all of your prayers. Because of them, you gave me the best gift ever...



## THE GIFT OF LIFE!!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY** – Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month – nine months after his mother conceived him.

The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He is no different now than he was before birth, except that he breathes and eats differently.

He is truly a miracle. He began as a 46 chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby.

**YOUR PRAYERS SAVED HIS LIFE!** Thank you for your prayers for him and his mother. Please continue your prayers that he will grow into an adopted child of our Heavenly Father.



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS



## Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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### Are You Interested?

**YES!! We Need You!!**

**YOU can be an active participant at  
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**We want many people to volunteer  
so no one gets 'stuck' with certain  
ministries all the time!**

**Lector:** Read the Scripture readings  
during Mass.

**Rosary Leader:** Lead before Mass.

**Musician:** See or call Julie Jasper.

**Extraordinary Minister:** Distribute the  
Body of Christ during Communion.

**Altar Servers:** All youth who have  
celebrated their First Holy Communion.

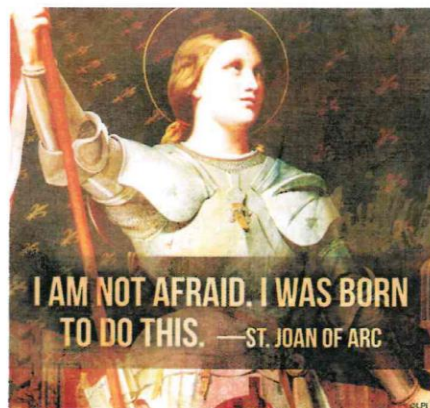
**Usher:** Greet people, guide them to  
empty seats, hand out bulletins after  
Mass, check pews after Mass for debris  
or loose hymnals/missalettes.

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question:** What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

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Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October 31</b> <i>31st Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>Last Meeting of the Year for the New Pentecost Prayer Group -- Check the Bulletin in 2022 for Next Mtg.</b>	<b>November 1, 2021</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> <i>(Not a Holy Day this Year)</i>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ <b>1 PM Rosary in MMG Cemetery</b> ++ 6:15 PM Handbells in Parish Hall ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	<b>November 2</b> <b>All Souls Day</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	<b>November 3</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass <b>6 PM PREP Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM K-7 &amp; High School</b>	<b>November 4</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	<b>November 5</b> <b>First Friday</b>  8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>November 6</b> <b>First Saturday</b>  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ <b>Set Your Clocks Back Before Bedtime</b>
<b>November 7</b> <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ <b>2 PM BINGO</b> 	<b>November 8</b>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ 6:15 PM Handbells in Parish Hall	<b>November 9</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM CCW Meeting in Parish Hall	<b>November 10</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass <b>6 PM PREP Dinner 6-8 Confirmation Class 6:30-7:30: K-7 &amp; HS</b>	<b>November 11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow in Parish Hall ++ 5:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	<b>November 12</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>November 13</b>  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>November 14</b> <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary</i>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass <b>Veterans Day Salute During Mass</b>	<b>November 15</b>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ 6:15 PM Handbells in Parish Hall	<b>November 16</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>3 PM Bible Study</b>	<b>November 17</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass <b>6 PM PREP Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM K-7 &amp; High School</b> ++ <b>6 PM Bible Study</b>	<b>November 18</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow in Parish Hall ++ 5:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	<b>November 19</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>November 20</b>  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>November 21</b> <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Coll: Campaign for Human Development ++ <b>10 AM Bible Study</b> ++ <b>2 PM BINGO</b>	<b>November 22</b>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ 6:15 PM Handbells in Parish Hall	<b>November 23</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>NO Bible Study Today</b>	<b>November 24</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 Thanksgiving Mass ++ <b>NO PREP TONIGHT</b> ++ <b>NO Bible Study Today</b>	<b>November 25</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  <b>8:30 AM Mass - Hsn</b> <b>11 AM Mass - Yellville</b> ++ <b>NO LEGION OF MARY NO ADULT CHOIR</b> 	<b>November 26</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>November 27</b>  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>November 28</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <b>10 AM Bible Study</b> 	<b>November 29</b>  <b>NO MASS</b> ++ 6:15 PM Handbells in Parish Hall	<b>November 30</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>3 PM Bible Study</b>	<b>December 1, 2021</b>  5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ <b>6 PM PREP Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM All Classes "Keep Christ in Christmas" Posters</b> ++ <b>6 PM Bible Study</b>	<b>December 2</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6:30 PM Adult Choir	<b>December 3</b> <b>First Friday</b>  8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	<b>December 4</b> <b>First Saturday</b>  8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass

PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.



## NOVEMBER 2021 MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

### 5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Roy Arnold  
Lector: Jane Krone

E/M: Roy Arnold  
Wes Bradford

Servers: Jacob Bradford  
Matthew Bradford

Ushers: Frank Handley  
Jerry Hogue  
Tim Reeves

### 8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery  
Lector: Mary Bausch

E/M: Stacy Burge  
Judy Keith  
Bob Lowery

Servers: Jacob Simon  
Keeley Culpepper

Ushers: David Krueger  
Steve O'Laughlin  
Mike Stephen  
Nick Rykert

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Nov 1	Connie Israel	Nov 9	Loretta Clements	Nov 19	Tim Reeves
Nov 2	Camden Everts	Nov 9	Jay Lamb	Nov 21	Ellen Weisman
Nov 2	Stephanie Huddleston	Nov 10	Cindy Benner	Nov 22	Lisa Crawford
Nov 3	Gerry Gokenbach	Nov 10	Nick Hines	Nov 22	Jana Putman
Nov 3	Stephen Kershaw	Nov 10	Cheryl Nichols	Nov 23	Koriand'r Eddings
Nov 4	Frank Handley	Nov 10	Madison Rogers	Nov 24	Logan Eddings
Nov 4	Jim Kelly	Nov 10	Kathy Thomason	Nov 25	Carol Schoborg
Nov 4	Joe Kelty	Nov 11	Bernadine Heuschmidt	Nov 26	Gladys Sutliff
Nov 5	Brenda Amerson	Nov 12	Adam Lampe	Nov 26	Peyton Woods
Nov 6	Laurie Criger	Nov 12	Vanessa Perez	Nov 27	Pamela Simpson
Nov 6	Roseann Williams	Nov 13	Betty Burge	Nov 28	Grace Tuazon
Nov 7	Toinette Madison	Nov 14	Laurie Dixon	Nov 29	Noah Cuevas-Klepper
Nov 8	Ana Fry	Nov 15	Linda Robles	Nov 29	Judy Keith
Nov 8	Kathleen Stimson	Nov 17	Owen Styles	Nov 30	Suzie Dardas
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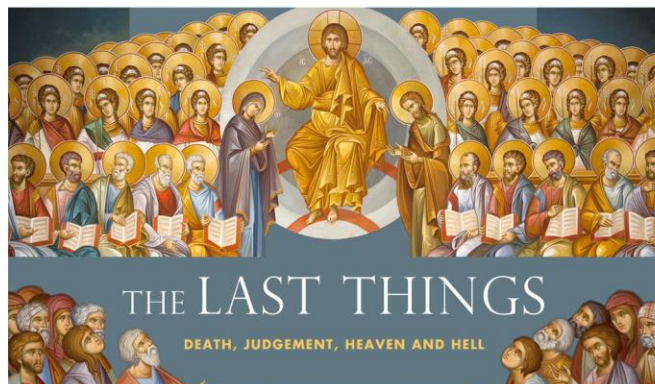
## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov 1	James & Deborah Taylor	Nov 19	Dan & Mary Allen
Nov 2	Joel & Audrea Ray	Nov 19	Paul & Wendy Watters
Nov 4	Toby & Terra Atkinson	Nov 23	Chris & Angie Pratt
Nov 4	James & Theresa Holt	Nov 24	Art & Velma Honeymann
Nov 7	Alvin & Regina Hanson	Nov 28	Casey & Kathlene McBride
Nov 8	Joe & Mary Koenig	Nov 29	Mike & Myrna Galligan
Nov 11	Larry & Cindy Benner	Nov 29	Michael & Maureen Garner
Nov 15	Jerome & Bonnie Tauer	Nov 30	Roger & Joy Lizarda

Oct 31, 2021

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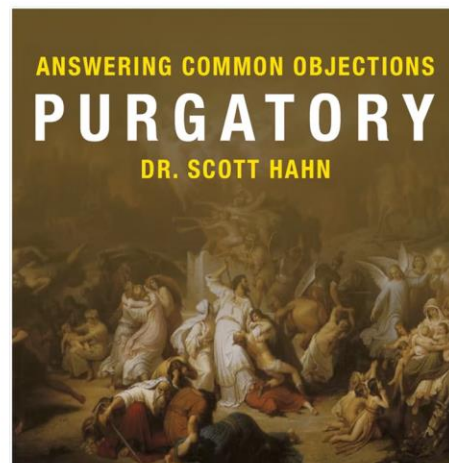
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<u>Lectors:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>
<u>Extraordinary (Communion) Minister:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Ushers:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>

Please complete and return to the church office or in next weekend's collection basket.  
**If you are new** to serving in any of these ministries, someone will contact you for a brief training meeting. Thank you!



# Prayer

**"COME BY YOURSELF TO AN OUT-OF-  
THE-WAY PLACE AND REST A WHILE"**

**MARK 6:31**

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# St. Joseph

## Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

Dear St. Joseph,  
help us to  
imitate your  
faithful trust and  
courage.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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July 26, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

I have recently been asked whether the Diocese of Little Rock should re-impose restrictions such as mandatory mask-wearing, physical distancing and disinfection of surfaces in response to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in Arkansas, 85% of which involve the highly infectious Delta variant. It has been suggested that since only 40% of Arkansans have been vaccinated, we need to do something to protect the other 60%, many of whom could be vaccinated but refuse.

It is important to note that with the universal availability of effective vaccines, the present threat is much different from that which occasioned the restrictions when COVID-19 first became a threat. Now, other than people with a medical condition that disqualifies them, anyone above age 12 can readily be vaccinated at no cost to themselves. As for those below age 12, for whatever reason, there have been very few serious cases involving younger children who may have some degree of natural immunity. The vaccine is effective in preventing most infections, even of the Delta variant, and vaccinated people who do become ill generally experience a much milder case than otherwise. Moreover, the vaccines are the best way to minimize the degree to which the virus can keep mutating. The vaccine's connection with abortion-derived fetal cell lines is very remote and our cooperation with such acts via receiving the vaccine is passive (no active cooperation) and so the Vatican has declared their use "morally acceptable" given the grave danger of the pandemic. Therefore, everyone who can be vaccinated has been repeatedly and strongly encouraged to do so—not only by me, but also even by Pope Francis—and so in the end, those who fail to do so have to be willing to accept the consequences of their decision. Diocesan policy will not be dictated by those who despite strong and clear encouragement, refuse to take the necessary steps to protect themselves and others. So for now, the only restriction that remains in place diocesan-wide is that the Precious Blood will continue not to be distributed to the faithful at Mass.

Having said that, given the principle of subsidiarity, individual parishes are free to take steps to address the threat locally. This could include making mask-wearing mandatory at one of their Masses, or setting aside one section of the nave for physical distancing and the exclusive use of mask-wearing participants.

Sincerely in Christ,

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July 16, 2021

Office of the Bishop

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

In view of the publication today of the Apostolic Letter "*Traditionis Custodes*" issued by Pope Francis in which he revokes, effective immediately, permissions regarding the use of the Roman Liturgy in place prior to the reform of 1970—the *Vetus Ordo* Mass (i.e., the Traditional Latin Mass, hereafter called the Latin Mass) granted by Pope Benedict XVI in his Apostolic Letter "*Summorum Pontificium*," it is incumbent on me as your bishop to indicate the implications of this change for our diocese.

Let me state clearly from the outset that the restrictions on the use of the Latin Mass imposed by *Traditionis Custodes* do not apply to our two personal parishes for the celebration of the Latin Mass: St. John the Baptist parish in Cabot and Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Springdale. There is no change for these parishes or the priests serving them. All that is required of them and the Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP) priests serving them is that they accept the validity and legitimacy of the liturgical reform of Vatican II, which they do. *Traditionis Custodes* does caution me not to establish any additional personal parishes for the celebration of the Latin Mass going forward.

To understand the reason for *Traditionis Custodes* and the need to revoke the provisions of *Summorum Pontificium*, it is important to realize that *Summorum Pontificium* sought to foster the healing of the schism of Archbishop Lefebvre and others who rejected not only the liturgical reforms of Vatican II but indeed often the Council itself. As it turned out, not only did *Summorum Pontificium* not achieve that purpose, the unintended result in many places was to create further division within parishes and among priests. *Traditionis Custodes* is the result of consultation among bishops in 2020 and seeks to foster unity by removing this source of division in our parishes. The main impact locally will be:

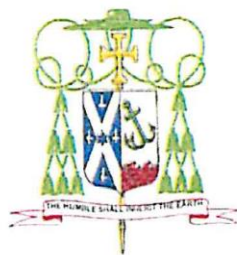
1) *Traditionis Custodes* (Art. 3, no. 2) indicates that the Latin Mass is not to be celebrated in regular parish Churches and so will no longer be celebrated in El Dorado, Mountain Home or Cherokee Village. I am to designate locations where the Latin Mass can be celebrated, and these are the personal parishes of St. John the Baptist in Cabot and Our Lady of Sorrows in Springdale.

2) *Traditionis Custodes* (Art. 5) indicates that priests who already celebrate the Latin Mass must request permission from the bishop to continue to enjoy this faculty. Here, for non-FSSP priests, that would be exclusively for the private celebration of the Latin Mass since the public celebration of the Latin Mass in Arkansas is to occur only in the two personal parishes entrusted to the FSSP.

The *Novus Ordo* Mass is to be celebrated according to the rubrics provided for that Mass. The *Novus Ordo* Mass can be celebrated by any priest in any language, including Latin and Latin service music can always be used, but elements of the Traditional Latin Mass are not to be grafted onto the *Novus Ordo* Mass, regardless of whether it is celebrated in Latin or the vernacular.

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July 9, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

With the spike in COVID infections and the presence of the Delta variant in Arkansas, a question has arisen whether we should re-impose restrictions to protect those who have not been vaccinated. The answer is generally NO, though the principle of subsidiarity would allow for this in isolated instances.

The reason not to re-impose restrictions is that the vaccine is universally available and highly effective against the disease. We have been very insistent in emphasizing that all who can receive the vaccine should do so, not only to protect themselves but also to protect the small number of people who due to a compromised immune system or other factors are not able to receive the vaccine. The failure to be vaccinated when one can is therefore a threat to the common good, which all Catholics have a duty to uphold. Since the vaccine is readily available and effective, there is no reason for the Church to re-impose restrictions, and those who could get vaccinated when they have the opportunity to do so, but don't and contract the disease as a consequence of their failure to get vaccinated have only themselves to blame. Moreover, those who are eligible but who fail to get vaccinated could also jeopardize the health and wellbeing of those who are currently ineligible or unable to be vaccinated—which is all the more reason to get vaccinated.

Of course, if the situation changes or evolves with respect to variants, vaccine efficacy or directives from the Governor of the State of Arkansas, the Diocese is certainly open to reassessing the approach we need to take.

Please remember that the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation ended last October 1 for those who are in good health and not especially vulnerable or caring for someone who is especially vulnerable. As was announced at that time, if you are in a risk group identified by the CDC or—after serious prayer and deliberation—remain very fearful otherwise, you can consider yourself still dispensed. If you are in doubt, feel free to consult with your pastor regarding your specific situation.

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May 9, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

Now that most Arkansans over the age of 16 have access to a coronavirus vaccination, I have sought the advice of the Presbyteral Council and the Diocesan Pastoral Council regarding next steps, and so today I am pleased to promulgate two things. First a further loosening of the anti-COVID 19 protocols that for over a year have prevented an outbreak of disease in any of our parishes and second, I would like to invite everyone to come to the Barton Coliseum for the ordination of 5 new priests for the Diocese of Little Rock at 10:00 am, Saturday May 29. This will be a special time to thank the Lord for bringing us through this pandemic so far and for providing us these new priests as we look to the future.

I believe that due to the universal availability of the vaccine, we can now make mask-wearing optional, effective next weekend, May 15-16. This gives vaccine-hesitant people one more week to at least get their first shot. In addition, Communion on the tongue during Mass is now allowed. I do recommend, but do not require, continued mask-wearing for those who are not yet fully vaccinated or who are otherwise especially vulnerable.

Also, I encourage all Arkansas Catholics to come to the ordinations at the Barton Coliseum on May 29. This will be an unforgettable experience! The Barton Coliseum holds 10,000 people, so there will be plenty of room for people to spread out.

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March 25, 2021

Office of the Bishop

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

Thanks to your cooperation with the protocols we have had in place to mitigate the danger of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing number of people who have been vaccinated, we are now in a position to make a few modifications in the protocols to be observed effective April 1, 2021. We expect to be able to return to pre-pandemic conditions once everyone who wants to get a vaccination is able to get one.

**Physical distancing**—It is no longer necessary skip every other pew throughout the Church, but people should maintain 6' lateral distancing between family groups.

**Mask wearing**—Even though mask wearing requirements have been loosened by public authorities in other settings, gatherings for Catholic worship have their own dynamics and so mask wearing will continue to be obligatory for everyone at least until May 12, when we will reassess this requirement in the light of the situation then current. Masks can be removed by lectors when reading and priests at the altar but it is preferred that masks stay on even then.

**Music**—Continues to be restricted to a cantor and musician at least 12' from the congregation. Choirs can be permitted only when all members have been vaccinated and preferably wearing masks. Congregational singing should be masked and kept to a minimum. The parts of the Mass which are normally sung should be recited when possible.

**Holy Water**—Can be restored to the Holy Water fonts, possibly beginning with the Easter Vigil if this has not been done so earlier.

**Communion on the hand** continues to be mandatory during Mass and only in the form of the consecrated host, even when celebrating First Communion. In this extraordinary time of pandemic, communion on the tongue will remain available only after Mass, administered from the tabernacle with hand sanitizing whenever the minister's finger touches the tongue of a recipient. We will reassess the need for this restriction on or before May 12.

**Entrance and Exit processions**—Parishes can resume processions from the entrance of the Church, including altar servers, instead of entering from the sacristy in places where this has been done but should maintain physical distancing before and after Mass if greeting people.

**Offertory procession**—Can resume and collection baskets can once again be used.

**Altar Servers**—Can resume, but they must be masked and maintain physical distancing.

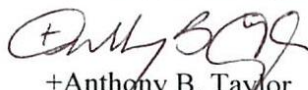
**Cry Rooms**—Can be used only if 6' distancing between family groups can be maintained.

**Adoration Chapels**—Can be used if 6' physical distancing can be maintained between adorers.

**Communion to the Sick in their homes**—unless the minister is a family member or caretaker, the Communion Minister must be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 corona virus.

I would like to thank you, the Catholics of Arkansas, for how cooperative you have been with the protocols we have had to adopt in order to respond appropriately to the threat posed by the corona virus. We will continue to monitor the prevailing conditions in the community and in our Churches and will continue to make common sense adjustments to our protocols—loosening them or reinforcing them—as changing circumstances seem to require.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
+Anthony B. Taylor  
Bishop of Little Rock

March 2, 2021

## UPDATE FROM BISHOP TAYLOR

As the pandemic statistics are improving and more and more people have been vaccinated, the question has arisen regarding possible modifications in our protocols, so I thought I would bring you up to date on present thinking.

1. Earlier advice was given to use as Communion Ministers only those who are under 65 years of age and have no other health risks. This was to protect our older ministers, but was only a guideline and older Communion Ministers continued to function in a few places that had very few younger parishioners. Now that many of our parishioners have been vaccinated, older Communion Ministers and those with health risks can now resume this ministry once they themselves have been vaccinated.
2. Water can be restored to our Holy Water fonts, possibly starting with the Easter Vigil.
3. Sanitizing of hands should continue, but sanitizing of surfaces, pews, hymn books is no longer necessary.
4. Processions from the entrance to the Church instead of from the sacristy is now permitted, and masked altar servers are now permitted. Offertory processions are still not permitted. Greeting people after Mass is not recommended unless sufficient physical distancing can be maintained.
5. On the other hand, choirs are still not permitted and the sign of peace, which is optional, should not involve physical contact. Communion for the congregation is still only in the form of the Body of Christ and in concelebrated Masses all the priests receive by intinction except the last to receive, who drinks the remaining Precious Blood. Communion on the tongue is still not permitted during Mass, but may be received from the Tabernacle after Mass.





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March 3, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

The following statement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops addresses concerns that many have regarding the available COVID-19 vaccines:

*“The approval of Johnson & Johnson’s COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines.*

*“Pfizer and Moderna’s vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that ‘when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.’ However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna’s vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson’s.*

*“While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good.”*

In practical terms, here in Arkansas we are not currently given a choice regarding which vaccine to receive—each place has only one option to offer. Therefore, unless this changes, Catholics here can—and, in the interest of the common good, should—receive whichever vaccine is offered, including the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. If for reasons of personal conscience any Catholic refuses a vaccine when it becomes available, that person has a moral obligation to do their utmost to avoid becoming a vehicle of transmission to others, especially the most vulnerable.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor  
Bishop of Little Rock





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February 27, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

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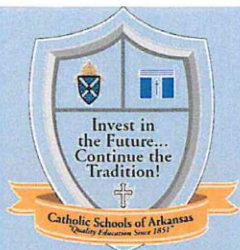
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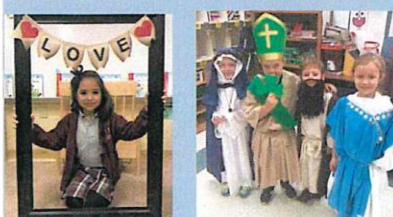
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## ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

November 14, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Sadly, there are Catholic schools throughout the country closing due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help prevent this from happening in Arkansas through your gift to the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal. Our Catholic schools are facing a combination of financial challenges: decreased subsidy from parishes, cancelled fundraising events, decreased enrollment, and a greater need for financial assistance for families negatively affected by the pandemic.

The Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal is held annually to give tuition assistance to families with a demonstrated need. Catholic schools throughout the state submit applications on behalf of these families. Last year funds from the appeal provided tuition support to 54 students attending Arkansas Catholic schools with awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per family.

Families who qualify are granted assistance through Parish subsidies, school fundraising, foundations, and individual donors. However, even with this financial support, a need still exists for more tuition aid. This year our calculated need is \$465,000. Please help us by donating to the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal. Every dollar received from donations will be used to aid those in need of financial assistance.

Catholic schools are an integral part of the teaching mission of the Church because they assist parents in the important obligation of educating and forming their children through faith development. This year our schools have responded beautifully finding creative and practical solutions to challenges related to safety and virtual learning. They continue to provide a rigorous education, rooted in the Gospel, and rich in the cherished traditions and liturgical practices of our faith. Even in the midst of a pandemic, our schools are ensuring that students will have the foundation to live a moral and upright life to face the challenges brought by changes in the world today.

Thank you for your support of the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship fund. Please keep our schools in your prayers.

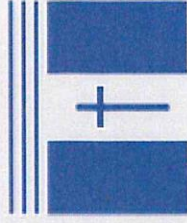
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# Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal



A Catholic education is a gift that serves the child, their family, and the community throughout their lifetime and beyond. The cost of tuition is a challenge to hundreds of our families who desire a Catholic education for their child. Parish subsidies, school fundraising, and foundations provide funds for financial assistance, but not enough.

All funds raised through this appeal go directly to an Arkansas Catholic school to provide tuition assistance to a family with a demonstrated financial need. Your gift will help keep these children in our Catholic schools. Please be generous, and remember our Catholic schools in your prayers.

“Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.”

Pope Francis

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Mail check made payable to: **AR Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal, Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72207** or set up an online monthly pledge or one-time gift at [www.givecentral.org/arkansas/](http://www.givecentral.org/arkansas/).

Thank you so much for your gift. You are changing lives and impacting the future.

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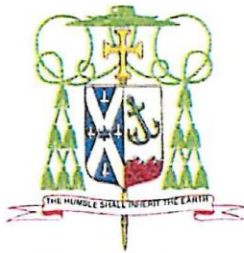
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September 25, 2020

### **On Lifting the Suspension of the Sunday Mass Obligation, effective October 1, 2020**

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

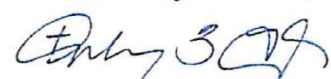
The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and our Sunday communal celebration of the Eucharist is a central and non-negotiable part of who we are as Catholics. However, in view of the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, effective March 12, 2020 I dispensed everyone in the Diocese of Little Rock temporarily from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person, with the stipulation that everyone keep holy the Lord's Day in other ways, for instance through participation in Mass transmitted over the internet, through Eucharistic Adoration or other time spent in prayer, for instance a family rosary. And then effective the weekend of March 21-22, in view of the increasing danger and following the advice of our governor, the public celebration of Mass was suspended for the entire state of Arkansas, with the exception of small, self-contained groups at the discretion of the priest. This was consistent with the steps taken in dioceses throughout the world and lasted for 6 weeks.

On May 4, 2020—once we had a clearer idea of the steps to be taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus at Mass—I authorized the resumption of the public celebration of Mass on a limited basis with the stipulation that all participants be required to wear masks the entire time they are in the Church, that the space occupied not exceed 25% occupancy, that 6' of physical separation be maintained between family groups and individuals, plus other steps be taken to ensure the safety of the participants, including the sanitizing of hands and surfaces, the temporary removal of hymn books and the temporary suspension of the ministry of choirs and altar servers. The progressive re-opening of our Churches continued throughout the summer and as of June 15, 2020 we were able to authorize up to 66% occupancy in Churches where that was possible while still maintaining the required use of masks and 6' physical distancing. During this time the dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance continued.

Today I am happy to announce that our anti-COVID protocols have been effective in preventing the spread of the disease at Mass. We are not aware of even a single case of transmission linked to participation in worship in any Catholic Church in Arkansas—or for that matter, not any other Catholic Church in the United States where these protocols were in place. **Therefore, we are now in a position to lift the dispensation from the obligation of in-person Sunday Mass attendance for everyone who is in good health and not especially vulnerable or caring for someone who is especially vulnerable—effective October 1, 2020. The celebration of the Eucharist is at the center of our relationship with Jesus, whose true body and blood, soul and divinity we receive in this sacrament—the greatest treasure in our lives. Of course if a person feels ill, or has been exposed to COVID-19 and is in quarantine, or is otherwise especially vulnerable, for instance due to chronic illness or the frailty of old age, they remain dispensed—but still have the obligation to otherwise keep the Lord's Day holy.**

In the event that due to the ongoing requirement of physical distancing, the number of people seeking to attend Mass exceeds the capacity of the Church building and any overflow areas provided, any who are turned away have fulfilled their obligation before the Lord by the mere fact of having attempted to come to Mass, so long as they then participate in Mass via the internet, or observe some other way of keeping holy the Lord's Day, for instance through a family rosary or time spent in Eucharistic Adoration.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
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Bishop of Little Rock





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Clarification and Reminder 9/29/20  
Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

As we prepare to lift the suspension of the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance for those who are in good health, not especially vulnerable and not caring for someone who is especially vulnerable, the following clarification and reminder is in order.

Clarification: if you are in a risk group identified by the CDC or—after serious prayer and deliberation—remain very fearful otherwise, you can consider yourself still dispensed. Older adults and persons with certain medical conditions, including asthma and diabetes, have been identified by the CDC as being at greater risk. When dealing with fear or otherwise in doubt, feel free to consult with your pastor regarding your specific situation.


Protocols: all of the measures we have taken for protecting our people at Mass not only remain in place, they should be more strictly observed due to the larger number of people who will be attending Mass. In addition to mask wearing the entire time you are inside the Church, 6' physical distancing and hand sanitizing upon entry into the Church, the following (about which questions have been asked) should also continue to be observed:

Communion on the hand. You receive on the hand with the mask still on, step aside, lower the mask, place the host in your mouth, raise the mask and return to your place. There is no Communion on the tongue except during the Latin Mass. Those desiring to receive on the tongue should wait until the congregation has left, and then receive communion from the tabernacle, the priest or deacon sanitizing his hands before and after.

Dismissal: People should be dismissed row by row from the back of the Church to the front and instructed to go directly to their cars. People should not be allowed to congregate in the vestibule or immediately outside the Church following Mass.

The Eucharist is the greatest treasure the Lord has left us and it is my hope that increased participation will draw us closer to the Lord at this difficult time and provide us the spiritual nourishment we need amid the challenges we face. May the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael protect us as we move forward in our journey of faith.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
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## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Informed Choices ministry exists to evangelize, encourage and empower men/women in making life affirming choices.

### **Informed Choices provides:**

- Pregnancy Testing
- Pregnancy options education
- Healthy pregnancy education
- Limited ultrasounds
- Post abortion recovery
- Referrals for
  - Pre-natal care
  - Social services
  - Adoption
- Parenting Skills
  - Support mothers & fathers beyond pregnancy
  - "Earn While You Learn" program where clients earn items and resources to provide a healthy environment for their child

## WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

- PRAYER PARTNER
- FINANCIAL SUPPORTER
  - One Time Gifts
  - Monthly Gift
- DONATE ITEMS
- VOLUNTEER
  - Men/Women Volunteers
  - Youth Group Service Projects: yard work, sort baby items
- PROMOTE & PARTICIPATE
  - Baby Bottle Campaign
  - Annual Banquet(s)
  - 100-Hole Golf Marathon
  - Community Events

## CURRENT NEEDS

- Diapers sizes 1&2
- New baby items
- New (unused) car seats



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**Do you love to sing?**  
**Do you love to make music for the Lord?**  
**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MUSIC MINISTRY?**

**Adult Choir**—The Adult Choir meets every Thursday at 6:30pm and sings at the Sunday 8:30am Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation.

**Youth Choir**—The Youth Choir consists of students in grades K-12. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm immediately following PREP class. They sing at the scheduled Youth Masses throughout the academic year. Hand chimes and other instruments are used, as well.

**Hand Bell Choir**—The Hand Bell Choir meets on Tuesday evenings at 6PM and plays at approximately 7 Masses throughout the year.

**Silver Bells**—Silver Bells is a group, specifically for the senior members of our parish. Opportunities for food, fellowship, and fun are guaranteed!

*What does Music Ministry mean to me?*

"Singing in church has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. It was such a natural routine for me that I would feel as if I had not participated in Mass if no singing was involved. Music ministry continues to be a meaningful part of my life even as a senior member of the parish. It is only through God's blessings that I continue in this ministry and gain a greater connection to my fellow choir members and our church congregation. I would strongly encourage others who appreciate music during church services to seriously consider giving music ministry a try."—Kevin Cheri (Adult Choir member)

"I like singing in the church choir because it lets me glorify God in a way that I enjoy. I also like the choir because it makes me feel peaceful especially when I am singing about God."—Eliana & Charlize Adamos (Youth Choir members)

"I have been a part of this amazing handbell group since it started three years ago. Even though I do have a music background, I find playing handbells challenging. Instead of playing all the notes in a song, each bell is a part of the whole that makes the music. I am thankful that I have been able to use my talents to bring more to our Mass celebration. Being a part of our music ministry has been a blessing to me."—Bonnie Tauer (Hand Bell Choir member)

"These bells make our old souls sing!"—Silver Bells members

**If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact**  
**Julie Jasper, Director of Music Ministry at (870)688-9369 or [julesjasper93@gmail.com](mailto:julesjasper93@gmail.com)**



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\$25	Provides religious education book for two people.
\$50	Provides a partial scholarship for a student to attend a Campus Ministry retreat.
\$135	Provides a scholarship for one youth to attend a Search weekend.
\$150	Provides utility bill assistance for a family through our Family Assistance Program.
\$250	Provides dental care for a patient of the Westside Free Medical Clinic.
\$500	Covers the cost of an application for a work permit for an eligible immigrant.
\$700	Provides assistance in updating equipment for religious education.
\$1,000	Provides a Project Rachel experience for a woman experiencing the pain of a past abortion.
\$1,500	Provides Bibles and rosaries for people incarcerated in the criminal justice system for six months.
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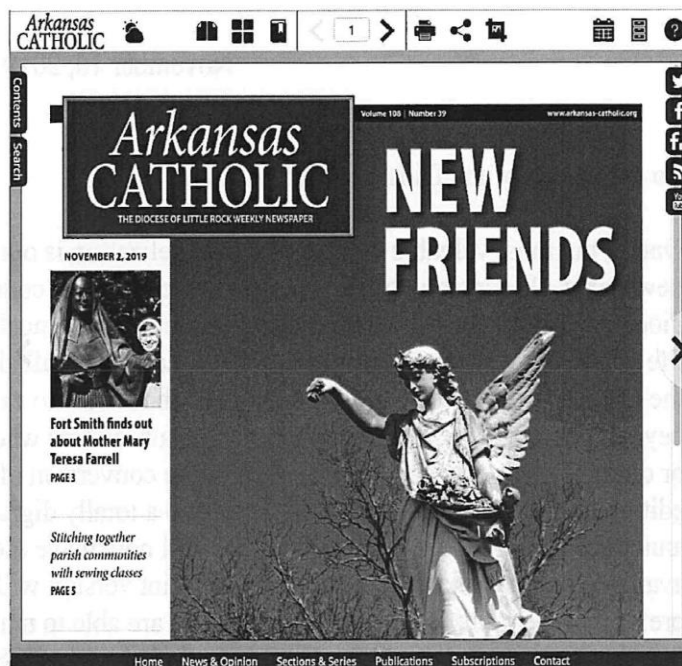


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# MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**In the Diocese of Little Rock,  
Beginning July 1, 2017:**

**WHO** must do safe environment training and background checks:

**1) Employees**

**2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/ Minors**

- a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
- b. Volunteers who do not have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do not have to do safe environment training or background checks.

**WHAT** training programs:

**“CMG Connect”** → online training for **adults**  
(<http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment>)  
(or directly at: <https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org>)

**“Circle of Grace”** → in-classroom training for **children/youth**

We will no longer use VIRTUS’s “Protecting God’s Children” or “Touching Safety.”  
Instead, we will use products supported by **Catholic Mutual Group (CMG)**.

All data from VIRTUS will be moved over to CMG Connect. No one who has already done safe environment training and a background check will have to re-do anything at this time. Users who are due for a 5-year recertification will be notified how to do that by their parish/school safe environment coordinator, who will also have info on both new programs.