



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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www.harrisoncatholic.org

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 Ben 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 Ben.

Pastor/Administrator:

Deacon:

Secretary:

Rev. Benjamin Riley

Dc. Mark Scouten

Robin Markham

Adult Scripture Study:

Tom Hoberock

Buildings, Maintenance:

Craig Bailey

Catholic Christian Women:

Holly Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Custodian:

Holly Coffman

Eucharistic Adoration:

Carmen Andrade

Finance Council:

Joe Koenig

Flocknote:

Robin Markham

Knights of Columbus:

Jerry Hogue

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Everett Burr

Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Music Ministry:

Julie Jasper

Prayer Group / Seven Sisters:

Carmen Andrade

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

2022 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday,	December 17
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – All Parishioners
Sunday,	December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Walter Israel
Monday,	December 19 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	December 20
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Ida Reding, 3 rd Anniv.
Wednesday,	December 21
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: +Tommi G.S. Lair
Thursday,	December 22
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Teri Tabor, 1 st Anniv.
Friday,	December 23
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Harvey & Lorita Henry
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
Saturday,	December 24
3:30 PM	Christmas Caroling
4:00 PM	Christmas Vigil Mass: +Bill Burge
10:30 PM	Christmas Caroling
11:00 PM	Christmas Vigil Mass: +George & Joyce Kester
Sunday,	December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All Our Parishioners



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

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

ONLINE BULLETINS for Mary Mother of God Church and St. Andrew's Church may be found at harrisoncatholic.org.

Personal Listening Devices are Available for Mass. Please see an usher in the vestibule to sign one out.

2023 CATHOLIC CALENDARS are available in the vestibule. Please, only one per family. Many thanks to Holt Memorial Chapel for providing these calendars to our parishioners.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES – If you do not receive envelopes for the weekly collections, please contact the church office by email, phone, or drop a note in the collection. Thanks!

If you are a **Dynamic Catholic Ambassador**, please consider handing out “Holy Moments” to our parishioners following the Christmas Eve Masses and Christmas Day Mass. If you are interested, please contact Alvin Hanson at 870-436-5379.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR – LET US ALL SHARE THE JOY OF SERVING THE LORD!! Please sign up as soon as possible. If you are new to serving (Halleluiah!) please contact the church office or fill in your chosen ministry on the back of the bulletin, drop it in the collection basket, and someone will contact you for a brief training session.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 2 PM.



The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available at St. Peter the Fisherman in Mountain Home on **Sunday, December 18, 2-4 PM.** Several priests will be available to hear your confession.

Harrison Community Choir will present Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 PM (w/piano accompaniment only) and Monday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 PM (w/orchestra accompaniment) at the First Baptist Church. Our very own Julie Jasper will be singing!



BINGO TODAY – Sunday, December 18 at 2 PM. Invite a friend! Doors will open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

NO PREP THIS WEEK. SEE YOU JANUARY 4, 2023!
NO LEGION OF MARY THIS WEEK. SEE YOU JANUARY 5, 2023!



ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL will be Wed., Dec. 21 at 6:15 PM & Thurs., Dec. 22 at 6 PM w/handchimes/handbells.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Veterans, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Charlotte Amrhein, Carl Bell, Donnie Billups, Betty Burge, Bishop Ferd Cheri, Brian Coffman, Donald Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Sally Conner, David Decker, Billie Jo Dix, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Neal/June Gibson, Lorraine Gokenbach, +Richard Gokenbach, Sarah Grattan, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, Waylen/Preston Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Ruthie Holman, Linda Hoyet, Chris Jasper, Mary Koenig, Brian Long, Eliska Pollock, Duane Prochaska, Jaque Radisch, Dc. Mark Scouten, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Mike Stephen, Loretta Tarochione, Linda Utaski, Jean Williams, Ashley Wygel. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Patsy Hahn, Jackie Jaworski, Lylia Laffoon, Bonnie Lundblad, Bill May, Bob/Diane Patterson, Mary Ralston, Dan Roberts, Giovanna Sandri, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley. **Please keep our list current by notifying the office to add/delete names. Names will be deleted at the end of 2022.**



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS OR HONORARIUMS – Christmas Memorials (for a deceased loved one) or Honorariums (for a living loved one) are available for a \$10 donation. All poinsettias and decorations will remain throughout the Christmas Season on the

Altar. No names will be placed on the individual flowers, but an acknowledgment will be placed in the church bulletin and a card will be sent to the person or family you wish to honor or remember. Christmas Memorial/Honorarium envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Fill in the appropriate address on the envelope. **Please return envelope in the collection basket or the church office no later than TODAY, Sunday, December 18.** Thank you for beautifying our church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 18:	Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-17 / Mt 1:18-24
Dec 19:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
Dec 20:	Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38
Dec 21:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45
Dec 22:	1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56
Dec 23:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66
Dec 24:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79
Dec 24:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25
Dec 25:	Night: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14
Dec 25:	Dawn: Is 62:11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20
Dec 25:	Day: Is 62:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

2022 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. Andrew's Church - Yellville

Sunday, Dec. 25 11 AM Christmas Mass

Mary Mother of God Church – Harrison

Saturday, Dec. 24 4 PM – Vigil Mass

Saturday, Dec. 24 11 PM – Vigil "Midnight" Mass

Sunday, Dec. 25 8:30 AM – Christmas Day Mass



The Collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund.

This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity that they continue to share with us.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – COME & VISIT YOUR SAVIOR!

Our Lord has insisted on remaining with us, to give us a share in Heaven, through his presence in the Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament is in a most special sense Christ's Real Presence. It is no less than Heaven on earth. "Lord Jesus, thank you for bringing Heaven to earth in the Holy Sacrament. Draw me to yourself that I may be loosed from the fetters that weigh me down."

Call Carmen at 305-815-1795 to schedule a time.

Sunday @ 7 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, Noon & 3 PM

Monday @ 7 AM, 10 AM & 1 PM

Tuesday @ 7 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM & 2 PM

Wednesday @ 7 AM, 8 AM & 1 PM

Thursday @ 10 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM

Friday @ 10 AM, 1 PM & 4 PM

Saturday @ Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM



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 or text flockmmg to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. Need help to set up your flocknote? Contact the church office.

Little Rock Diocese Featured in New Show - The story of our diocese is featured in an episode of "The Chair: The Diocese of Little Rock." "The Chair" is a new 85-episode series celebrating the best of Catholicism in the United States, from the physical beauty of our cathedral to the holy beauty of the bishops. In the Little Rock episode of "The Chair," you'll hear from Bishop Anthony B. Taylor about his role as bishop and learn more about our diocese and the Cathedral of St. Andrew. This intimate portrait of our diocese is an opportunity to see our history and the journey of Bishop Taylor from his youth to our shepherd of today. **Watch "The Chair" for free at thechair.com/LittleRock.**

2022 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$19,620 or 93%** 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.



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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

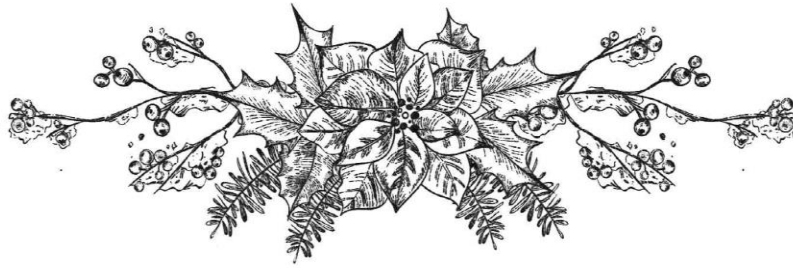
This Sacrament confers special grace which unites the sick person more intimately to the Passion of Christ for his good and for the good of all the Church. It gives comfort, peace, courage, and even the forgiveness of sins if the sick person is not able to make a confession. Sometimes, if it is the will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

SIGN UP TODAY!! The Offertory Gift Bearers have the privilege of bringing to the altar the bread, wine, and water that will be miraculously transformed into the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We encourage you, or you and your family, to participate in this ministry; consider a birthday or anniversary date. Sign-up sheets are in a Gift Bearer binder in the vestibule.

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 or text 501-663-0996 or email rpuello@dolr.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS! The Seven Sisters Apostolate has a mission to pray for individual priests in small groups of only seven. Each woman chooses a different day of the week and offers one Holy Hour. Thus, the priest receives a Holy Hour every day. It is a blessing for the priest and for the intercessor! Learn more by contacting Carmen at 305-815-1795.

New Informed Choices for Women Center Needs Volunteers - The new Informed Choices for Women Center, located at 714 West Sherman Ave. in Harrison, needs volunteers during the week to help man their pro-life Christian outreach to women in crisis pregnancies. The non-profit Center provides a variety of options and services to women (and men) during and after their pregnancy, including free ultrasounds to bring their babies to full term and birth. This center is a blessing to our area and is an opportunity for us as Christians to get involved in the Respect Life ministry locally. If you can spare an hour or two a week to help in this effort, please call the Center at 870-280-3169 for more information. God will richly bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

May the peace of the Christ child and the Holy Family of Bethlehem be with you, and all your loved ones throughout the new year of 2023!

The parish has a Christmas gift for each of you available for pick up after the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. I hope you will find *Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life* by Matthew Kelly to be a source of spiritual growth and inspiration.

As of December, I have been serving as pastor of Mary Mother of God and Saint Andrew's parishes for seven months. It is amazing how quickly the time has gone, and I want to thank all of you, from the bottom of my heart, for being so kind and welcoming as I transition into this new role. Our community experienced a great loss with the death of Father Jim Fanrak. I pray that you will continue to be patient with me as I continue to try to fill his very large shoes. Please continue to support and care for each other through prayer as we anticipate the coming of our Lord at Christmas.


Covid has been a significant hindrance to ministry at the parish. It has caused many people, including myself, to become a bit reclusive and introverted, preferring to stay in the comfort of our homes instead of getting out and socializing. Thankfully, it has also helped us to recognize the necessity for community and has caused many to desire more social interactions at the Church. It is with joy, now that all the Covid restrictions in the church have been lifted, that we can return to active ministry and build up our community. There has already been some progress in this area. In commemoration of the Eucharistic Revival happening over the next three years, both Saint Andrew's and MMG have begun Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction before the Wednesday Masses. Saint Andrew's parish has begun an in-person Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Class, "O.C.I.A.", and has had great success. It is my desire to start a similar program at MMG in the Fall. Mary Mother of God parish also organized a fun and well-attended parish picnic.

To continue this progress, and so that I may ask your help in building up the kingdom of God, I have scheduled a parish "Town Hall Meeting" both at Saint Andrew's and Mary Mother of God. The purpose of this meeting is to continue the conversation concerning the Synod on Synodality, look for new social and ministry opportunities in the parish, and discuss upcoming projects. If you have any suggestions for topics, please submit them to Robin at MMG or Denise at Saint Andrew's. All parishioners are invited to join the town hall meeting which will be held on January 21st at Mary Mother of God and January 28th at Saint Andrew's, both at 10 AM.

Please make plans to join me and the whole parish community as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift to the world. Invite and welcome to Christmas Mass a friend or neighbor who has no church family with which to celebrate this holiest of days. Encourage them to come to Jesus, the Prince of Peace, that they may know, as we know, how much God loves them and all of us.

With great joy,
Father Ben Riley

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study	November 28 NO MASS	November 29 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	November 30 <i>Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle</i> 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM Classes	December 1, 2022 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6-8 PM Adult Choir	December 2 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	December 3 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
December 4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Natl. Retirement Fund for Religious ++ Ordered Fruitcakes May Be Picked Up After Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ 2 PM BINGO ++ Caroling to Homebound: Meet at 3:45 at Church & Return for Soup, Etc.	December 5 NO MASS	December 6 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	December 7 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 Holy Day Vigil Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes	December 8 <i>Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Holy Day Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ NO ADULT CHOIR ++ Noon Mass in Yellville	December 9 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ 6-8 PM Adult Choir	December 10 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
December 11 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ CCW Christmas Potluck 2 PM in Parish Hall Sign-Up Sheets in Church	December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> NO MASS	December 13 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	December 14 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Bible Study 6 PM PREP Christmas Potluck Party A-F: Dessert G-Z: Salad or Side Dish	December 15 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6-8 PM Adult Choir	December 16 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	December 17 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
December 18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 2 PM Decorate the Church for Christmas -- Volunteers Needed ++ 2 PM BINGO	December 19 NO MASS	December 20 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	December 21 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO PREP TONIGHT ++ 6:30-8:30 PM Adult, Youth & Handbell Choirs	December 22 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ NO LEGION OF MARY ++ Christmas Solos Practice To Be Determined by Julie	December 23 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	December 24 3:30 PM Caroling 4 PM Vigil Mass 10:30 PM Caroling 11 PM Vigil Mass ++ Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund Coll. 
December 25 <i>Holy Day of Obligation Nativity of the Lord</i> 8:30 AM Mass ++ Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund Coll. ++ 11 AM Mass in Yellville	December 26 NO MASS	December 27 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	December 28 4:30 Confessions/Rosary 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO PREP TONIGHT Classes Resume on January 4, 2023	December 29 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ NO ADULT CHOIR	December 30 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	December 31 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass

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

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: DECEMBER 2022

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Roy Arnold

Lector: Wes Bradford

E/M: Roy Arnold
Elisabeth Scouten

Ushers: Everett Burr
Chad Coffman
Chuck Draper
Terry Draper

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery

Lector: John Duncan

E/M: Bob Lowery
Mike Galligan
Mary Billups

Ushers: Alvin Hanson
Regina Hanson
Gerry Gokenbach
James Virnig

ALTAR SERVERS: DECEMBER 3, 2022 - JANUARY 1, 2023

Dec 3: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Dec 4: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Liam Lampe
Candle: Jacob Simon
Candle: June Simon

Dec 10: Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane

Dec 11: Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper
Book/Cross: Kayleigh Culpepper
Candle: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings

Dec 17: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Dec 18: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Liam Lampe
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston
Candle: Abby Cuevas-Klepper

Dec 24: Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford
4 PM Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Dec 24: Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper
11 PM Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane

Dec 25: Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper
Book/Cross: Michael Adamos
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Julia McFadden

Dec 31: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Jan 1: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Lily Pinson
Candle: Jacob Simon
Candle: June Simon

If you are unable to serve, please find your replacement. Thank you.

Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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Are You Interested?

YES!! We Need You!! YOU can be an active participant at Mary Mother of God Church! 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.

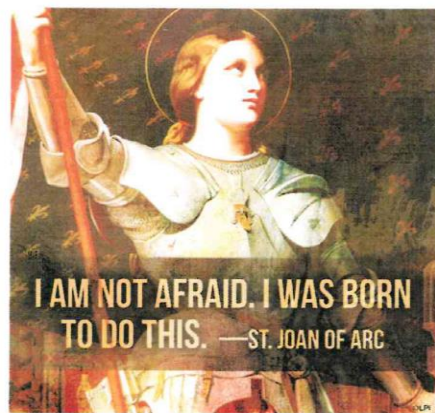
Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.

Extraordinary Minister: Distribute Body & Blood 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.

If so, call the church office!



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Mary Mother of God Catholic Church
Catholic Christian Women (CCW)
109 Years of Serving Our Parish
See Bulletin For Meeting
Dates & Times

Fourth Sunday of Advent 2022

A seminary professor of mine once said, "Don't confuse enthusiasm for a virtue with the virtue itself." How easy it's been in my life as a priest to talk about the greatest of virtues — love — and totally fail to live up to its concrete demands!

Fortunately, our religion is not mainly about ideas or virtues but about persons. The angel of the Lord says to Joseph, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit" (Mt.1:20). We don't know exactly why Joseph was scared to receive Mary and therefore Jesus. We do know the solution: take Mary home. It's so concrete. Look at her. Listen to her. Talk to her. Protect her. Help her. Laugh with her. Eat with her. Rest with her. Christianity begins here for Joseph, so it must with us, too.

New year challenge: This week I challenge you to choose a concrete way to "take Mary into your home." Praying a weekly or daily Rosary is a proven way. Perhaps for you it's making a little shrine with a statue or image. Maybe it's praying a weekly Litany of Our Lady on Saturday night. Whatever it is, make sure it is a concrete action and do it. She will be there. Soon her virtues will follow, especially love.

— Father John Muir

• **DINNER** •
Tuesday thru
Saturday
4:30—8 PM
870-741-8832

• **Sunday Lunch** •
11 AM—1:30 PM

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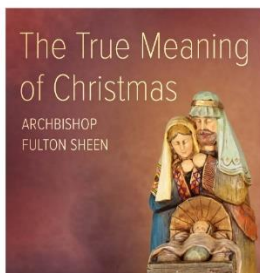
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JOURNEYING TOGETHER SYNODAL REPORT TO THE DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK
Mary Mother of God Church – Harrison, AR – Fr. James Fanrak, Pastor / Deacon Mark Scouten

Section 2: Narrative – How MMG Parish organized the consultations:

Parish organization leaders as well as volunteers at large were sought out to be facilitators and note-takers during the consultations.

Manageable-sized small groups were made available and gathered; usually offered after Masses, and at the regular meetings of the various parish organizations. Individual consultations were also held as requested.

The facilitators and note-takers recorded and summarized the conversations held at these meetings.

In addition, consultation questionnaires were sent to all registered households in the parish. Returns were recorded and summarized.

All input was synthesized by the parish secretary and committee. This formed the basis of this report.

Section 3: Top Three Revealing Discoveries:

- 1) The people of the parish do feel a part of the Church, and they do their “journeying together” as they are present and participate in the Mass, the Sacraments. They also “journey together” as they become involved in the ministries, organizations, gatherings, and socials that are done as a parish family.
- 2) The people of God, our parishioners, have a very positive and warm experience of how the Church is journeying with them. They feel welcomed, acknowledged, and valued as individuals within the parish. They sense that leadership is trying to care about them, about their welfare and needs. They feel that fellow parishioners are one with them as a family-like group. Parishioners sense that they can reach out to other parishioners in their time of need.
- 3) The people of Mary Mother of God Parish are thirsting for better and more reaching out to those who seem no longer to come to church, as well as to welcoming those who are searching for a church and spiritual family. They would also like to strengthen their bonds with the Lord and with one another through additional spiritual and corporal works of prayer, service, and fellowship.

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

- 1) About why parishioners do not come to church and about why they do not participate in Mass and other parish activities and groups
 - Illness, company, disabilities,
 - Distance from church, no transportation,
 - Irreverence during Mass,
 - Too many requests for money,
 - Pedophilia, scandal,
 - Priests and hierarchy stray from the authentic, traditional teachings of the Church,
 - Dissatisfaction with political leaders,
 - Covid,

Section 4: Most Common Observations:

1) Continued

- Personal scheduling,
- Very little talk about mortal sin, hell,
- Validity of sacraments,
- People's judgmental stance of others at Mass, Church

2) About what parishioners like and appreciate what's going at Mary Mother of God Parish:

- Welcoming feeling, "family" feeling,
- Spiritual environment, friendliness,
- Rosary, extraordinary ministers,
- New Pentecost Prayer Group
- Scripture Study
- The structure, the rituals, the prayers
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Availability of Confession
- Knights of Columbus events
- Legion of Mary, prayer and visiting
- Corporal and Spiritual works
- Very accommodating Mass schedule
- Wonderful organization leaders
- Pastor, deacon, sacristans, homilies
- Livestreaming of Masses and events
- Music Ministry, Youth Choir and Musicians
- Trail Life Youth
- PRE, Youth Ministry
- Flocknotes, bulletins, prayer needs alert
- List of those needing prayer in bulletin
- Visits and Communion to homebound
- Gospel is taught
- Fellowship – sharing food
- CCW (Catholic Christian Women)
- Greeting card ministry
- Kitchen ministry that builds connections and friendships
- Simple, understandable teaching
- Appreciate the bishop and hierarchy for their asking parishioners' thoughts
- Church secretary
- Use of parish hall for dinners, get-togethers, family events
- Magnificat, Formed, EWTN
- Spiritual Director
- Caring and ministering when there's a death
- Beautiful, well-kept gardens, lawns

3) About what parishioners want more of and what they want begun at MMG:

- Speak more about the good the Church does
- Communal Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Local theology study programs
- Pilgrimages to Holy Places
- Motivational speakers' resources
- Novenas, Missions, Cursillos
- Benedictions, Eucharistic Processions
- Communal Anointing of the Sick, Healing services
- Encourage Religious Orders (nuns, priests and brothers) to go back to religious habits, etc.
- That the Bishop visit more
- That the hierarchy speak more clearly about how to deal with public figures, political figures who vocally disagree with the authentic teaching of the Church
- Stronger evangelization committee
- More visible and active welcoming committee
- Get-togethers, coffees after Mass
- Socials for all the parish, meals
- Penance Services, Tridentine Rites, Tridentine Priests
- Restore lost Church traditions and rituals, separation of church and state
- Catholic issues study programs
- Empty-nester ministry
- More emphasis on Respect Life
- 6:30 or 7 PM Mass on Days of Obligation
- 4 PM Saturday Mass in Winter
- PRE, Sunday School after Sunday Mass; more emphasis on Youth Ministry
- That the Bishop and hierarchy be fully open, honest, and accountable about abuses, scandals
- More attention to homeless; saving the environment
- Make annulment process smoother
- Latin Mass once in a while
- Church teaching to be more appealing and inclusive, more definite and fixed rather than negotiable
- Young people to become more invited in, active in church
- Catholic parochial school
- Clearer, more definite, authentic Catholic teaching from bishops, pope, magisterium
- Against China government appointing bishops
- More frequent updated parish directory and pictures
- More about Centering prayer
- Laudato Si, Fratelli Tutti groups
- Life in the Spirit seminars
- Clearer teaching on homosexual, trans-sexual issues
- More publicity about the charitable works which the church does

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If you are new to serving in any of these ministries, someone will contact you for a brief training meeting. Thank you!



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 - 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

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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)

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**If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact
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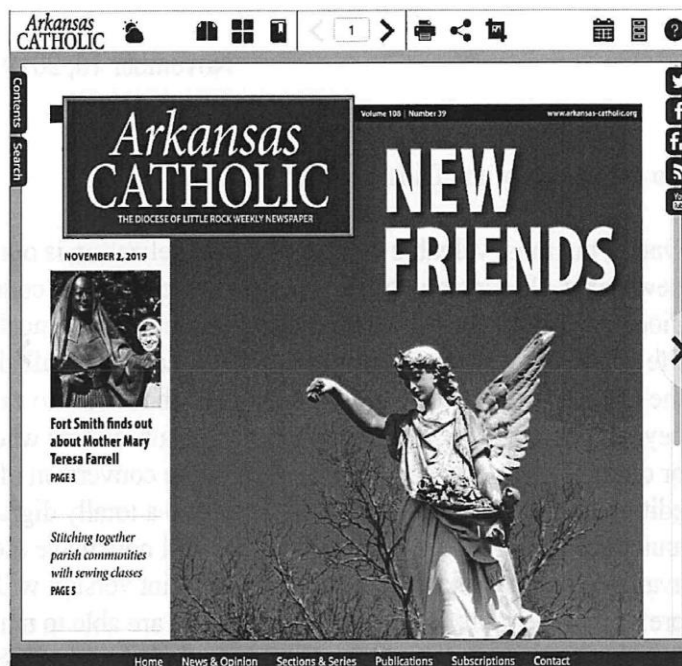
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1) Employees

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.