



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

Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

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

Libraries:

Jennifer Johnson

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Music Ministry:

Julie Jasper

Pastoral Council:

Greg 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

2023 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday,	May 13
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Robert K. Scott, 14 th Anniv. (5-12)
Sunday	May 14 – 6th Sunday of Easter
	Happy Mother's Day!
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Bill Ogier
Monday,	May 15 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	May 16
9:30 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Funeral Mass: +Velia Castro
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Delphine Gladden Mulvihill
Wednesday,	May 17
4:30 PM	Evening Prayer & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: +Linda Hoyet
Thursday,	May 18
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Benjamin Bartnicke
Friday,	May 19
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Patsy Hahn
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
Saturday,	May 20
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	May 21 – Ascension of the Lord
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – All 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.

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, 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.



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.

CEMETERY FLOWERS – It is very windy on our church property. Please secure your saddles and any flowers with fishing line.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of longtime parishioner, Carl Bell, who died on May 5th. Please remember Carl and his family in your prayers.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Velia Castro (mother of Michelle Aldrete) who died on May 11. **Velia's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, May 16 at 10 AM. The Rosary will begin at 9:30 AM.**

Trail Life will sponsor a **FREE breakfast** following the 8:30 AM Mass today, Sunday, May 14th. See you there!

HANDBELLS – Monday, May 15 at 7 PM.
ADULT CHOIR – Tuesday, May 16 at 7 PM.



The Legion of Mary will meet on Thursdays at 3:30 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.



PARISH DIRECTORY – Photographers will be here this week, Tuesday through Saturday, May 16-20. If you haven't scheduled your appointment yet, please call Holly Coffman today!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

May 14: Acts 8:5-8; 14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21
May 15: Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26–16:4a
May 16: Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11
May 17: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 / Jn 16:12-15
May 18: Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20
May 19: Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23
May 20: Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28
May 21: Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – ADORERS NEEDED!!!

"In the Eucharist we have Jesus, we have his redemptive sacrifice, we have his Resurrection, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit, we have adoration, obedience, and love of the Father. Were we to disregard the Eucharist, how could we overcome our own deficiency?" St. John Paul II **Call Carmen at 305-815-1795 to schedule a time. The following hours are available:**

Sunday @ 7 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, Noon & 3 PM
Monday @ 7 AM & 1 PM
Tuesday @ 7 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM & 2 PM
Wednesday @ 11 AM, 1 PM & 4 PM
Thursday @ 1 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM
Friday @ Noon & 1 PM
Saturday @ Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Veterans, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Aubrey/Audrey, +Kitty Bastian, Donnie Billups, Shari Broscovak, Betty Burge, Brian Coffman, Donald Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Sally Conner, David Decker, Ruth Deischer, Wayne Dixon, Lisa Eastridge, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Lorraine Gokenbach, Ed Griggs, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, Dianne Hoberock, Chris Jasper, Caven James Keith, Mary Koenig, Jeff Lamboy, Brian Long, Eliska Pollock, Jacob/Jaxson Rivera, Nick Rykert, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Mike Stephen, Loretta Tarochione, Linda Utaski, Rita Ward, Jimmie Wells, Gary Wilcox, Jean Williams, John Zollo. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Jackie Jaworski, Lylia Laffoon, Bonnie Lundblad, Bill May, Bob/Diane Patterson, Jaque Radisch, Dan Roberts, Giovanna Sandri, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley. **Please keep our list current by notifying the office to add/delete names.**

Second Collection Next Weekend will be for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Half of the collection stays in the Diocese of Little Rock to support the communications ministries, including the newspaper and websites. Your donation makes it possible for 7,300 free *Arkansas Catholic* digital subscriptions to be given to readers. Please give generously. Thank you.

2023 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$2,668 or 12.7%** 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.

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS! The Seven Sisters Apostolate is inviting seven ladies in our parish to pray for Pope Francis. Each lady chooses a different day of the week and offers one holy hour. Thus, the Pope receives a holy hour every day. It will be a blessing for the Pope and for the intercessor. Please call Carmen to sign up at 305-815-1795.

Little Portion Retreat - "The Lord's Supper: A Eucharistic Revival" will be hosted by John Michael Talbot at Little Portion Hermitage **June 2-4 and June 16-18**. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: A Personal Encounter with Jesus Christ Through His Real Presence in the Eucharist. John Michael is supporting the National Eucharistic Revival happening today to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States. (During this retreat - guided by his new book, *The Lord's Supper ~ A Eucharistic Revival*, John Michael will accompany you through the Mass into a life-changing appreciation of Jesus Christ fully present in every Eucharist.) It is a true Eucharistic revival and you are invited! For complete details to register, visit <https://troubadourfortheLord.net/store/ols/categories/little-portion-retreats-with-john-michael-talbot>.

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 the Gift Bearer binder in the vestibule.

The Diocese of Little Rock has an opening for an Associate Editor for *Arkansas Catholic*. Requirements include a bachelor's degree in journalism/communications or equivalent experience and two years of writing and editing experience. This is a full-time position at St. John Catholic Center in Little Rock with competitive pay and benefits including retirement plan. To inquire or apply by submitting a cover letter, resume and portfolio, email Malea Hargett, Editor, *Arkansas Catholic*, at mhargett@dolr.org or call (501) 664-0125.

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On-Line Giving Program - Check the bulletin next weekend for more info!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Saint Teresa of Calcutta says, "Every single moment you spend before the Blessed Sacrament, in love, increases the glory you will have in heaven, forever!"



Thank you if you are already a registered, faithful Adorer of the Holy Eucharist.

If you would like to register, either for the first time or to return, please write to g.carmen.8786@gmail.com to let us know what day would be best for you. Our weekly bulletin shows the days and hours that are currently available. A brief meeting to impart guidelines will be scheduled.

If you have any questions, call Carmen at 305-815-1795.

→ Check out FORMED.org ←

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A NOTE FROM FATHER BEN: I am very excited to participate in Father Mike Schmitz "Catechism in a Year Podcast." This is a FREE podcast that can be found on your smartphone. Apple users can visit: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-catechism-in-a-year-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1648949780>.

The podcasts can also be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@TheCatechismInAYear>.

The reading plan can be downloaded at <https://ascensionpress.com/>.

It is with great joy that I encourage you to participate, delving deeply into our faith; exploring not only what we as Catholics believe, but also why we believe. With great joy, Fr. Ben Riley



Catholic Cemetery Gravesites are available to purchase from a Cemetery Committee representative. Gravesites are \$500 each. **A monthly payment plan is available.** If four or more gravesites are purchased at the same time, a 10% discount is applied, and the cost is \$450 per gravesite. Any questions, call Marlene Rowe at 365-0236.

A parishioner would like to offer her assistance in exchange for letting her park her camper on their property. If you know of anyone who might need rides to appointments, help with chores, etc., please call Mary at 407-399-1630.

PRAYER CLOTHS - We now have prayer cloths blessed with Holy Water and prayer for your healing. Laura Brown will have prayer cloths available after Sunday's Mass or you may call the office or Laura at 870-360-8055 to request these prayer cloths.

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!

CELEBRATE

Mother's Day



Announcing the 106th Anniversary 2023

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." As a result, America is suffering from the effects of a health crisis; from violence and chaos on our streets; from confusion in our young people, and moral and societal collapse. It is urgent that we listen to Our Lady's request and stop offending God if we hope to enjoy His blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us when we pray through the intercession of His most Holy Mother. That is why we are doing this Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In "The Secret of the Rosary" Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort said, "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

If we don't recognize the tragedy and suffering in our country, we may be part of the problem.

JOIN THE 2023 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY!!

WHAT: THE HOLY ROSARY
WHERE: BY NOPALITOS RESTAURANT ON HWY 65
WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 13TH AT 12 NOON







For more information, contact Carmen at 305-815-1795

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and its America Needs Fatima campaign.

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**MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 30 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Graduation Mass	May 1, 2023 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells	May 2 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	May 3 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PRE Classes 1st Communion Practice ++ 7:30-8 PM Youth Choir In Julie's Office	May 4 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	May 5 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	May 6 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
May 7 <i>First Holy Communion & May Crowning</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ 2 PM BINGO 	May 8 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells	May 9 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM Installation of CCW Officers in Church CCW Spring Banquet Follows at DeVito's	May 10 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Potluck A-G: Bring Side or Salad H-Z: Bring Dessert ++ NO YOUTH CHOIR	May 11 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow in Parish Hall ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	May 12 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	May 13 NOON Rosary Rally at Nopalitos - Join Us! ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
May 14 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ FREE Breakfast Sponsored by Trail Life Following Mass 	May 15 NO MASS ++ 7 PM Bells	May 16 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass UNIVERSAL PHOTOS 2 PM - 8:30 PM	May 17 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass UNIVERSAL PHOTOS 2 PM - 8:30 PM	May 18 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ NO Adult Choir UNIVERSAL PHOTOS 2 PM - 8:30 PM	May 19 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary UNIVERSAL PHOTOS 2 PM - 8:20 PM	May 20 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass UNIVERSAL PHOTOS 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM
May 21 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Cath. Communications Campaign ++ 2 PM BINGO	May 22 NO MASS	May 23 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	May 24 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	May 25 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir w/Handbells	May 26 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	May 27 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
May 28 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 	May 29 <i>Memorial Day</i> NO MASS 	May 30 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	May 31 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	June 1, 2023 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ NO Adult Choir - Summer Schedule Begins	June 2 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	June 3 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions 9 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.						

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MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: MAY 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Carrie Culhane

Lector: Carrie Culhane

E/M: Val Stechly
Betty Stechly

Ushers: Tim Reeves
Bill Markham
Chuck Draper
Terry Draper

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: Joan Lipsmeyer

E/M: Stacy Burge
Judy Keith
Greg Jasper

Ushers: David Krueger
Steve O'Laughlin
Jerry Hogue
Volunteer Needed

ALTAR SERVERS: APRIL 29, 2023 TO JUNE 4, 2023

Apr 29: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Apr 30: Book/Cross: Lily Pinson
Candle: Keeley Culpepper
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper

May 6: Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Erin Culhane

May 7: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings
Candle: Michael Adamos

May 13: Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Adam Coffman

May 14: Thurifer: Jacob Simon
Book/Cross: June Simon
Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

May 20: Book/Cross: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Jacob Bradford

May 21: Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper
Book/Cross: Lily Pinson
Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper

May 27: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Adam Coffman

May 28: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Kori Eddings
Candle: Logan Eddings
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston

June 3: Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder

June 4: Thurifer: Lily Pinson
Book/Cross: Jacob Simon
Candle: June Simon
Candle: Michael Adamos

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

Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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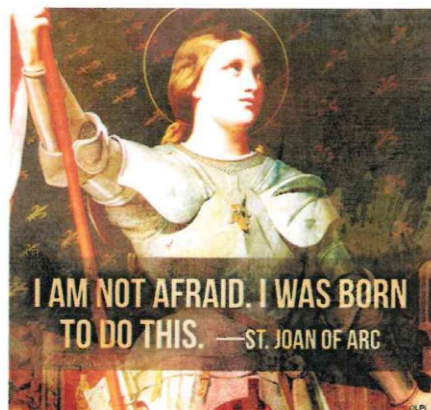
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Are You Interested?

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!



Greg Klott

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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 14, 2023

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now. — Father John Muir

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• DINNER •
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 Saturday
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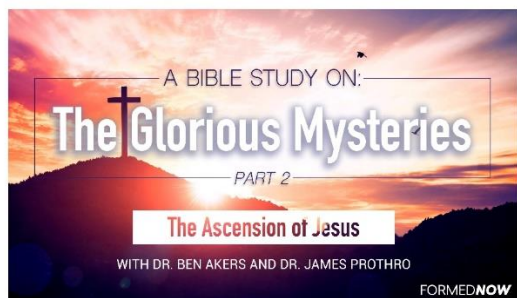
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In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of May 14, 2023



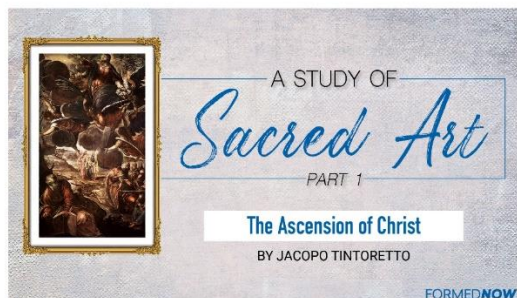
A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Ascension (Part 2 of 5)

Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.



Station 13 | Via Lucis Commentary | The Ascension

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The Ascension | Sacred Art

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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

**MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR
SIGN-UP SHEET**

<u>MINISTRIES</u>	<u>Sat Mass</u>	<u>Sun Mass</u>	<u>Name & Phone #:</u>
<u>Rosary Leader:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>
<u>Lectors:</u>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<hr/> <hr/>
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<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!



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 6:00pm and sings at the Sunday 8:30am Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation, as well as Advent and Lent concerts.

Youth Choir—The Youth Choir consists of students 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 Handbell Choir meets on Monday evenings at 6PM and plays at approximately 7 Masses throughout the year and other parish events.

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. I 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 juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com



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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.