



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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:

Deacon:

Secretary:

Rev. Benjamin Riley

Dc. Mark Scouten

Lucia McArthur

Adult Scripture Study:

Buildings, Maintenance:

Catholic Christian Women:

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Cemetery Committee:

Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary:

Custodian:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Finance Council:

Flocknote:

Knights of Columbus:

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Libraries:

Liturgy, Sacraments, Devotions:

Music Ministry:

Pastoral Council:

Prayer Group / Seven Sisters:

Pro-Life:

Religious Ed, Formation (PREP):

Sacristans:

Alternate Sacristans:

Safe Environment:

Social and Charitable Outreach

Trail Life USA:

Tribunal:

Wedding Coordinator:

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Tom Hoberock

Holly Coffman

Marlene Rowe

Pat Knickerbocker

Lori Goulet

Carmen Andrade

Joe Koenig

Lucia McArthur

Jerry Hogue

Everett Burr

Jennifer Johnson

Dc. Mark Scouten

Julie Jasper

Greg Jasper

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Holly Coffman

K. Jones, M. Stephens

E. Scouten, C. Bailey

Holly Coffman

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Wes Bradford

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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: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Parish Moved From: _____

Parish City: _____

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

2023 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday,	August 19
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	August 20
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Joyce Kester
Monday,	August 21 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	August 22 – Queenship of the BVM
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: +Richard Ford
Wednesday,	August 23 – St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
4:30 PM	Evening Prayer & Confessions
5:15 PM	Adoration & Benediction
5:30 PM	MASS: +Linda Hoyet
Thursday,	August 24 – St. Bartholomew, Apostle
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Jim Rowe
Friday,	August 25
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Dr. George Nettles
9:00 AM	Fatima Rosary
Saturday,	August 26
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: SI – Greg & Julie Jasper, 17 th Anniv.
Sunday	August 27
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Edmund Griggs



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.

Mary Mother of God Church – T-Shirts, Pullovers, AND Hoodies may now be ordered by visiting www.impacttees.com, or by scanning this QR code.



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps dioceses meet the faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

Theology on Tap – This Sat. Aug. 19 following the 5:30pm Mass, Father Ben will be leading a discussion on gender issues and God's plan for sexuality. If you didn't get a chance to sign up this time, we will hold more Theology on Tap discussions in the future!



BINGO THIS WEEKEND – Sunday, Aug. 20 at 2 PM. Doors will open at 1 PM. Bring a friend! Proceeds will benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

P.R.E. Registrations – Please remember to return your registrations to Holly, or place in collection basket.

RCIA / OCIA – Catechists will meet in the Parish Hall this Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6:30pm. If you, or someone you know would like to enroll, OR if you are interested in teaching this year, please contact Wayne and Judy Keith for topics and dates.

Praise & Worship Band – August rehearsal schedule is below. Please contact Julie Jasper if you have any questions.

** Thurs. Aug. 24th at 5:30pm (Sanctuary) – EVERYONE

** Thurs. Aug. 31st at 5:30pm (Sanctuary) – EVERYONE

Father Ben's Bookshelf – Our Church Library has instructions posted, or you may contact our Librarian to check out books from Father Ben's recommended list.



WeShare On-Line Giving Program is ready for you to use! You will now be able to set up a one-time donation or recurring donation to several funds including the General Sunday Collection, Diocesan Second Collections, Maintenance Fund, Cemetery Renovation Fund, and Catholic Youth Ministries. You may donate by visiting the church website at harrisoncatholic.org and click GIVE or by scanning this QR code.



MMG's ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT has been approved and sent to the Diocese. If you wish to review it, please see Joe Koenig or contact the church office.

Check out FORMED.org

It's EASY and FREE to Register! Visit FORMED.org with your favorite web browser. Click Sign Up. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization". Find your parish by name. Enter your email and that's all there is to it! There are movies about saints (both adult and children), numerous Bible studies, Catholic Answers, audio books, apologetics and much more! **Now you can deepen your faith life even more!** Sign up for FORMED Daily to receive a short clip by email from the platform's best content each day. Visit <https://FORMED.org/promo/daily-reflections-signup>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Aug 20: Is 56:1, 6-7 / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 / Mt 15:21-28
 Aug 21: Jgs 2:11-19 / Mt 19:16-22
 Aug 22: Jgs 6:11-24 / Mt 19:23-30
 Aug 23: Jgs 9:6-15 / Mt 20:1-16
 Aug 24: Rv 21:9-14 / Jn 1:45-51
 Aug 25: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22 / Mt 22:34-40
 Aug 26: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 / Mt 23:1-12
 Aug 27: Is 22:19-23 / Rom 11:33-36 / Mt 16:13-20



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Loretta Tarochione, she was a long time parishioner of Mary Mother of God. Please remember +Loretta and her family in your prayers.



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, please call Marlene Rowe at 870-365-0236.

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; and if you would like to register, either for the first time or returning, please write to g.carmen.8786@gmail.com to let us know what day would be best for you. Our bulletin shows the days and hours that are currently available. A brief meeting to impart guidelines will be scheduled. If you have any questions, please call Carmen at 305-815-1795.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Veterans, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19, Terrorism and War, Vocations, Aubrey/Audrey, Donnie Billups, Shari Broscovak, Betty Burge, Brian Coffman, Donald Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Sally Conner, Tootie Darms, David/Mary Decker, Ruth Deischer, Wayne Dixon, Randy Flowers, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Lorraine Gokenbach, Bill/Levi/Ruth Haley, Pete Hartman, Waylen/Preston Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Chris Jasper, Jeannie, Caven James Keith, Darby Kester, Mary Koenig, Martha Lamboy, Courtney Martin, Beth Nelson, Eliska/Glenn Pollock, Joel Ray, David Reuter, Jacob/Jaxson Rivera, Terry Rodery/Kenna Rodery, Nick/Summer Rykert, Ed Servis, Phil Sides, Margaret Smith, Mike/Margie Stephen, Greg Stephens, Mary Stephens, Linda Utaski, Rita Ward, Jimmie Wells, Mark Wiatt, Gary Wilcox, Jean Williams, John/Sherry Zollo. **Our Nursing Home Residents:** David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Lylia Laffoon, 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.**

Women's Retreat – Fr. Patrick Boland, OSB, will lead the retreat at Coury House Aug. 11-13. The theme is The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church. The cost is \$150 per person for a shared room and \$200 for a private room. The cost includes two nights' accommodation, six meals, and all the conferences. To make a reservation, call 479-934-1290 or email couryhouse@subi.org

HELP OUR MARRIAGE.ORG – Are you facing difficult challenges in your marriage relationship? Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Primarily, it is a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. **Our next weekend will be September 22-24, 2023, at St. John's Center in Little Rock.** To register: www.helpourmarriage.org For information, call 1-800-470-2230 or contact the Family Life Office at 501-664-0340.

Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat – Project Rachel is hosting a one-day retreat for women who have been wounded by abortion on Saturday, September 23, 2023 in the Texarkana area from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exact location is only disclosed to participants. This retreat offers a safe, confidential, non-judgmental space for women to begin or continue their journey to hope and healing. To register or for more information, please call or text (501) 663-0996, or e-mail projectrachel@dolr.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Please also contact Project Rachel for information about other healing opportunities, including retreats for men or retreats in Spanish.



Enthronement of the Sacred Heart – An act of adoration that publicly declares Him as "Lord of the Household". It is more than setting aside a dwelling place for Him in a building; it is the welcoming of the Reign of Christ into the heart of the family, couple or the person that dwells within that place. It has an impact on families that carries over to society and becomes the basis for spreading the Social Reign of our King and Savior." If you are interested in the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your home, please contact the Legion of Mary for details.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – THE LORD WAITS FOR YOU!

"I was born Catholic and I will die Catholic. There are lots of reasons for that, but none more compelling than the Eucharist". (Matthew Kelly). **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, 10 AM, 1 PM & 5 PM

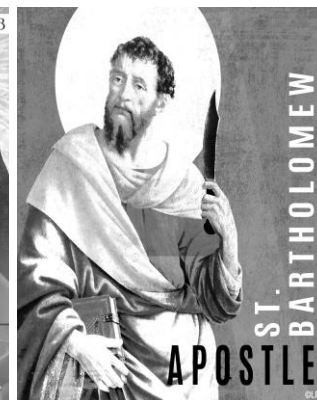
Tuesday @ 7 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM & 4 PM

Wednesday @ 11 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM & 6 PM

Thursday @ 1 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM & 6 PM

Friday @ Noon, 1 PM & 5 PM

Saturday @ 10 AM, 11 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM



MMG CEMETERY – APPROVED ADDITIONS



- The Mary Mother of God Cemetery renovation will include: extending the existing sidewalk through the center of the cemetery, paving the road, and adding a crucifix with meditation benches.
- Thankfully, through your generous support over the years, our parish has the funds to begin construction once we finalize the plans and get bids.
- To ensure our parish continues being a good steward of our resources, we need to offset the cost of the renovation with a capital campaign.
- Please prayerfully consider donating by visiting the new “giving” tab on our parish website www.harrisoncatholic.com or simply use your cellphone camera to scan the QR code to the right.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 30 <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ All Youth Pool Party 3 PM at Tim & Robin Reeves' Home	July 31 NO MASS	August 1, 2023 NO MASS ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	August 2 NO MASS	August 3 NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	August 4 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	August 5 <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
August 6 <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ 2 PM BINGO	August 7 NO MASS	August 8 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ CCW Mtg Moved to Next Tuesday -- See You There!	August 9 11 AM Silver Bells ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	August 10 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	August 11 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	August 12 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
August 13 <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study	August 14 5 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Vigil Mass 	August 15 <i>Assumption of BVM Holy Day of Obligation</i> 5 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study ++ CCW Mtg Following Holy Day Mass ++ Noon Mass in Yellville	August 16 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	August 17 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Choral Reading & Potluck in Parish Hall	August 18 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	August 19 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ Theology on Tap Following Mass @ Rick & Anne Milburn's Home Bring Appetizers to Share Sign-Up in the Vestibule 22 Spots Available!
August 20 <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Cath. Home Missions Appeal ++ 2 PM BINGO	August 21 NO MASS	August 22 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	August 23 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	August 24 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	August 25 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	August 26 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
August 27 <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	August 28 NO MASS	August 29 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	August 30 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass	August 31 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar	Sept. 1, 2023 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	Sept. 2 <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.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR: AUGUST 2023

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Carrie Culhane

Lector: Carrie Culhane

E/M: Renae Whiteside
Wes Bradford

Ushers: Everett Burr
Chad Coffman
Chuck Draper
Terry Draper

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery

Lector: Mary Bausch

E/M: Bob Lowery
Mary Billups
Mike Galligan

Ushers: Al Hanson
Regina Hanson
Gerry Gokenbach
James Virnig

ALTAR SERVERS: AUGUST 5, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Aug 5: Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Matthew Bradford
Candle: **Kate Sidfrid**

Aug 6: Thurifer: Jacob Simon
Book/Cross: June Simon
Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Michael Adamos

Aug 12: Book/Cross: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane

Aug 13: Thurifer: Lily Pinson
Book/Cross: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Josselyn Huddleston

Aug 19: Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

Aug 20: Thurifer: Keeley Culpepper
Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Kayleigh Culpepper
Candle: Michael Adamos

Aug 26: Book/Cross: Erin Culhane
Candle: Jacob Bradford
Candle: Landon Snyder

Aug 27: Thurifer: June Simon
Book/Cross: Jacob Simon
Candle: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings

Sept 2: Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Matthew Bradford
Candle: **Kate Sidfrid**

Sept 3: Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Book/Cross: Lily Pinson
Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

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

Joseph F. Koenig, C.P.A.

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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.

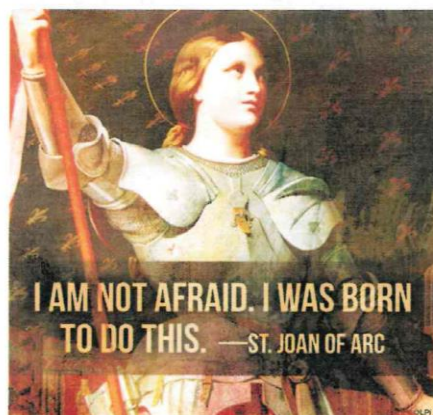
Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.

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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See Bulletin For Meeting
Dates & Times

August 20, 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What He does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs His mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to Him. Shockingly, He responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat Him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into His home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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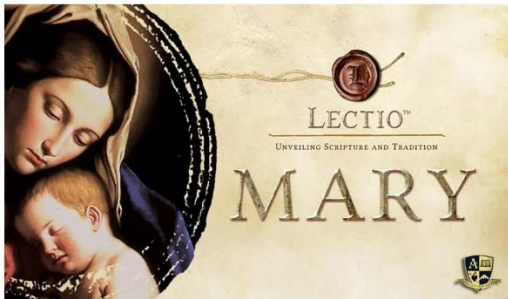
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Week of August 20, 2023



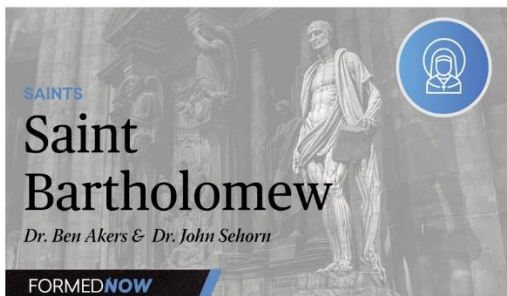
Pope Saint Pius X

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.



The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



Saint Bartholomew

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the great apostle, St. Bartholomew. Grab your Bible and follow along. We recommend The Augustine Bible.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

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/>
<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!



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)

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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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\$135	Provides a scholarship for one youth to attend a Search weekend.
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\$250	Provides dental care for a patient of the Westside Free Medical Clinic.
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\$1,500	Provides Bibles and rosaries for people incarcerated in the criminal justice system for six months.
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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.