

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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THE EPIPHANY of the LORD January 7, 2018



MARCH FOR LIFE NEWS

If you are planning on going to the March for Life event and are not taking any youth, please attend the mandatory meeting on Friday, Jan. 12th, at 7:00 pm in the Conference Center. If you are unable to attend please talk to Fr. Coleman.

Please join us for a **NO COST, Good Will offering only Breakfast Sunday January 14th** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Breakfast is **FREE** just offer a donation if you can anything helps, if you can't **please join us anyway**. We have currently raised over \$2,000, and are hoping to cover as much of our \$5,200 bus cost as possible.

THEOTOKOS Youth Ministry News

Wednesday, January 10th at 7:30 pm in the parish hall there will be a mandatory meeting for all parents and any youth going on the March for Life trip. If you are unable to attend the meeting or will be unescorted by your parent please talk with Susie Bryson.

Sunday, January 14th after both the 9 and 11am Masses there will be fundraiser breakfasts to raise money for the March for Life trip. All youth planning to go on the trip will need to sign up to help with the fundraiser. See Susie Bryson to sign up to help or for more information.

SCHEDULES FOR NEXT WEEK

9:00 am	Sunday Readers EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	January 14 Brian Raming, David Ramsey Ellen Miller, David Ramsey Brian Bock, Allen Thurston David Ramsey
11:00 am	Sunday Readers EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	January 14 Sheila Painschab, Matt Newsome Rebecca Fortmeyer, Matt Newsome Linwood Newsome, Dean Slusser Matt, Josiah, Malcolm and Alister Newsome

THOSE WHO SERVE: Please contact the office with dates and times you will not be able to serve during February through May, including the Easter season:

March 29: Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 pm

March 30: Good Friday Celebration at 6:00 pm

March 31: Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm

Offertory last weekend: \$ 3,058.00; Children's Collection: \$2.00

O Come Let Us Adore Him

“And he cometh to his disciples, and findeth them asleep, and he saith to Peter: What? Could you not watch one hour with me?”—Matthew 26:40

We must remember that adoring Jesus doesn't stop when Christmastide is over...

There may be many among us who don't know or understand what First Friday and First Saturday Devotions are. Simply put, these are devotions asked of us by Jesus and Our Lady, and in keeping these devotions we are doing so in reparation for the sins of not only ourselves but of many. These devotions involve Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, receiving Holy Communion, praying the rosary, sitting in consolation with the Lord and Our Lady to their Sacred and Immaculate Heart, and meditating upon the mysteries of the rosary. It provides opportunities necessary for those preparing to consecrate themselves and their families to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus through Mary.



Devoting one hour in Eucharistic Adoration strengthens us spiritually, not only individually but as a parish family and as the greater Mother Church. This practice grants immeasurable graces to us and our neighbors, strengthens families, and helps save souls in Purgatory. There have been accounts of increases in vocations, particularly to the priesthood and religious life, springing from parishes who host Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, particularly when this devotion is perpetual.

It is Father Coleman's wish that this year, we as a parish subscribe to the First Friday and Saturday Devotions and begin having 24 hours of Adoration every first weekend of each month. This won't happen overnight. It'll take dedication and require a building up process to get everything in place. We will begin with one hour starting in February. On the evening of February 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., we will embark on a journey to build toward the fullness of these devotions. The Holy Hour will begin with Exposition of Our Lord, confession will be available, and we will end with Benediction. We will increase the time of Exposition each month until we have achieved keeping this devotion for 24 hours straight. How quickly we are able to achieve this goal depends on each of you.

We will need dedicated adorers to make this work. This means setting aside and committing to the same hour each first weekend of every month and sitting with Our Lord for that hour. What's involved in making a Holy Hour? That is between you and Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. You can pray a rosary. Tell him your needs. Give him praise and thanks. There are books available on making a Holy Hour. Read scripture. Sit in silence and listen to him by welcoming him into your heart. There is no set way to make your Hour.

I will begin taking names to cover blocks of time very soon, so please keep watching the bulletin for this opportunity to immerse yourself further in the love of Jesus and Our Lady. Although these days will be set aside for the First Friday and Saturday Devotions, don't be afraid to sign up and simply adore. The opportunities for the Devotions will be there for you, but Adoration alone is a huge step in moving toward the calling of Jesus and Mary to fully commit to the Devotions. Please prayerfully consider dedicating but one hour to keep watch...

For more information please contact Denisea Kampe: 828-508-1949 or email denisea.kampe@gmail.com

God bless each of you in your discernment in this.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Justin Basenese, Jacki Bautista, Susie Bryson, Sheila Coller, Will Crain, Rory Glover, Monica Glover, Barbara Jakiela, Skip Karby, Rita Lamanna, Paul Lormand, Daniella Machado, Karen Matulis, Christine Murzyn, Georgia Newsom, William Newsom, Jr., William Newsom, Sr., William Owen, Cathleen Pilch, Zig Pilch, Cynthia Pitts, Alicia Ramirez, Stuart and Janet Snyder, Jay Thorne, Allen Thurston, Joshua Turner, Lewis Turner, Pauline Watson, Bonnie Welch, Elaine Willkes;

Those in Nursing Homes and the Homebound: Phyllis Brogan, Theresa Campbell, Il Whan and Moon Chung, Alicia Elias, Rosemary Finnegan, John Huffman, Anna Morrill, and Lorraine Sclafani;

Family and Friends called to active duty: Christian Houston, Courtney Ortengren.

Friends in Religious Life: Sr. Catherine, OCD ;

and the intentions for all of the prayers written in the parish book of prayers.

LITURGICAL AID

Proper (Cycle B-II)	Mass Readings		Psalms
Sunday <i>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12		SUN I
Monday <i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11		SUN I
Ordinary Times Begins with Week 1			
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28		Tue I
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20; Mark 1:29-39		Wed I
Thursday	1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45		Thu I
Friday	1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a; Mark 2:1-12		Fri I
Saturday <i>St. Hilary</i>	1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19;10:1; Mark 2:13-17	Pastor, Doctor	Sat I
Sunday <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</i>	1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20; John 1:35-42		SUN II

PRO-LIFE NEWS

The “epiphany” most needed in our time is the ability to see beyond the appearances of those who are smaller and weaker, and beyond the illusion created when some are declared “non-persons” under the law. Breaking through all this darkness and blurriness is the clear light of Christ, which shines on every human life without exception, bringing those lives God’s love and giving us the sacred obligation to love them as well.

CHURCH EVENT SCHEDULE – January 7, 2018

Sunday	8:15 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm	Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Pro Populo Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Karen Matulis Respect for Life Meeting in the Conference Center
Monday	9:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: William Newsom Morning Prayer Latino Apologetics in the Conference Center
Tuesday		
Wednesday	4:45 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Confessions until 5:20 pm WEEKDAY MASS: Father Stephano Gobbi† Faith Formation Classes (K-12) until 7:30 pm Latino Formacion in the Fellowship Hall Latino Readers’ Practice in the Church March for Life Meeting for Youth and Parent in the Conference Center
Thursday	9:00 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: Todd Wenberg† Morning Prayer RCIA Latino Choir Practice in the Church Latino <i>Familias Pastoral</i> in the Conference Center
Friday	9:00 am After Mass 9:30 am 7:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: Sr. Margaret Alice Shalvoy† Confessions Adoration and Benediction until 10:30 am March for Life Meeting for Adults in the Conference Center
Saturday	9:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Knights 4 th Degree Meeting in the Fellowship Hall WEEKDAY MASS: <i>Deceased Member of the Knaff and Culler Families†</i> Morning Prayer Confessions until 6:45 pm MISA EN ESPANOL
Sunday	8:15 am 9:00 am After Mass 10:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm	Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Pro Populo Youth Fundraiser Breakfast for the March for Life trip Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Christopher Seeling† Youth Fundraiser Breakfast for the March for Life trip

NO MASS TUESDAY MORNING THIS WEEK.

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