

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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St. Joseph Center/Religious Education

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Ray Rychalski

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Marie Gabrielle Diharce

Schedule of Masses

Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm

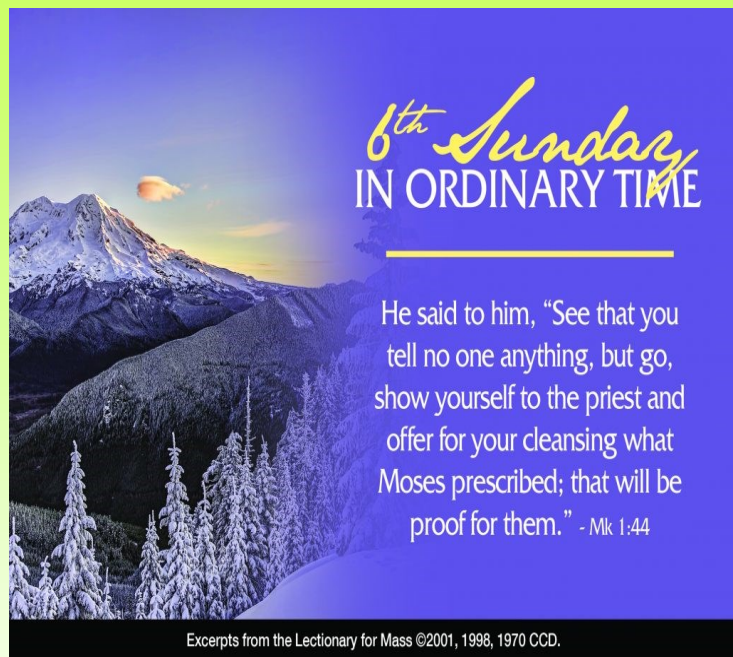
Sunday 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

Monday-Thursday: 12:15 pm

National Holidays: Mass at 9:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm

Anointing of the Sick: First Saturday of the month at the 5:00 pm evening Mass.



6th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." - Mk 1:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RCI Program:

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or are you a baptized Catholic seeking to complete the Sacraments Initiation?

For an application or any questions, please send an email to dre.stmarylic@gmail.com

or call 917-832-6104.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Baptism:

4th Saturday of the month at 1:30 pm. For courtesy please arrive fifteen minutes earlier.

Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor.

Weddings:

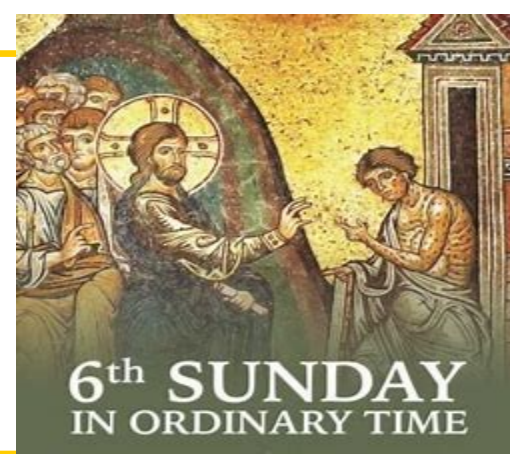
Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance in prior to the wedding date. Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor. All couples are required to attend the online Pre-Cana and present the certificate when completed.

Funerals: Monday through Saturday

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we approach Ash Wednesday and the season of repentance and penitence, we hear how Jesus responded to a man who was considered unclean, both physically and spiritually. Over the following forty days, we will approach our Lord as sinners, in need of forgiveness, in need of being “made clean”. May Jesus’ response to the leper in today’s Gospel assure us of his love and mercy for us despite our failings, despite our sinfulness.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, February 10, 2024

5:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, February 11, 2024

9:30 am William Lamadore

12:00 pm Father Peter Schonenberger

Monday, February 12, 2024

12:15 pm Mary Ann Kammerer

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

12:15pm Paul Mazza Sr.

Ash Wednesday February 14, 2024

11:00am Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Helen Murphy

3:00pm Prayer Services
with Distribution of Ashes

7:30pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes

Thursday February 15, 2024

12:15pm Jean Liggio

Friday, February 16, 2024

NO MASS

Saturday, February 17, 2024

5:00pm Loretta Luizer

**Statistics February 3-2024
and February 4-2024**

2/3-5:00 pm 80

2/4-9:30 am 140

2/4-12:00 pm 124

Total Count 344

1st Collection \$2,019

2nd Collection \$ 885

Pray for the sick,

Jean Willison, Michelle Yashita, Pat Gamble,
Camille Sollis, Maria Vessillo, Teresa Ortiz,
Joe Sullivan, Martha Catel, Jimmy O’Neil,
Robert Keegan, Joan Pacheco,
Madelaine Sullivan, Mary Roedner

Pray for the Deceased

Joseph Vessillo
Christopher A. Polizzi, Nicholas Correa,
Ines Cano, Sal Caiaccia, Emily Loiacono,
William F. Marsh, Antonio Natale,
Antonio Magri, Stella Bonilla,
Albert Setford, Rosa D’Amato

Purgatorial Intentions

Anthony DeFelica, Evarito Sipin, Frank Carrado,
Yolanda Sipin, Genevive Roeder, Pasqual Cafiero,
Robert Rohan, Tommaso Valesse, Leonardo Anto-
nio, Donna Vova, Vincenza Rios,
Mildred Schifano

Antoinette Pastore D’Amato

February 11 to February 17

Sanctuary Lamp



Join us in Indianapolis!

Diocese of Brooklyn

July 17-21, 2024

Diocesan Pilgrimage Led by Bishop Robert Brennan



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by January 29, 2024**

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Pope to seminarians: Cling to Christ and serve His people

Pope Francis meets with Spanish seminarians from Madrid, and encourages men preparing for the priesthood to draw their inspiration from Christ in prayer.

By Devin Watkins— Vatican News

02-2024

“From Jesus we do not learn things. We welcome Him; we cling to Him, to be able to bring Him to others.”

Pope Francis offered that reminder to men studying at the Archdiocesan Seminary of Madrid, Spain, on Saturday.

In his prepared remarks, the Pope noted that Cardinal José Cobo Cano has come to Rome to take possession of his titular church of Santiago and Montserrat.

He said the church’s patron saints—St. James and the Blessed Virgin Mary—combine the “apostolic faith and love for Mary that characterizes all of Spain.”

Finding the cornerstone in adoration

Turning to the seminarians, Pope Francis said many Spanish bishops have sought to turn their pastoral dreams into reality through their seminaries by providing high-quality formation for men preparing for the priesthood.

He pointed to the words of St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia (1877-1940), who said he wanted a seminary “in which the Eucharist was: in the pedagogical order, the most effective stimulus; in the scientific, the first teacher and the first subject; in discipline, the most vigilant inspector; in the ascetic, the most vivid model; in the economic, the great providence; and in the architectural, the cornerstone.”

The Pope urged seminarians to let Christ be their cornerstone and stimulus for their pastoral activity, saying this can only be achieved through adoration.

“Jesus,” he said, “will make us a pedagogue—patient, severe, sweet, or firm as we need in our discernment, because He knows us better than we know ourselves, and He waits for, encourages, and supports us in all our journey.” pastoral activities.

“Have confidence in the One who has called you to this beautiful task,” he said, “and prostrate yourselves in adoration to be able to build with docility the temple of God in yourselves and in your communities.”

Greatest lesson of humility

Pope Francis went on to say the greatest lesson Jesus teaches us is humility, which He imparts through many varied parables, comparisons, and events of His life.

Discipline, he added, is required for all seminarians and priests, so that they may faithfully participate and eventually celebrate the Eucharist every day.

The Pope said men consecrated to the service of God and His people must also be vigilant and practice asceticism.

“Silence, prayer, fasting, penance, asceticism are necessary to free ourselves from what enslaves us and to be all for God,” he said.

Spiritual and charitable labours

-Pope Francis concluded his remarks to the seminarians of Madrid by inviting them to turn their interior spiritual labours into an outward expression of God’s closeness to people around them in their





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We encourage parents to attend **every Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.** alongside their children.

Following the Mass, we invite parents to let their **kids explore and grow in their faith** by attending our

Catholic faith classes for all ages, which commence at **10:30 a.m.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to: May God bless you and your family abundantly.
 Yours in Christ, Giovanna Varlese, Director.

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**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
 Pledged the Amount \$ 30,034
 For "The Annual Catholic Appeal 2024"**

- ⇒ Goal: \$17,344
- ⇒ Pledged: \$30,034
- ⇒ Received: \$1,760



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

In person AA Meetings
 held in St. Mary's Church Basement,
 gather Mondays at 7:00 pm
 Wednesday meetings take place via Zoom at 7:30 pm
 For more information, please visit the website:
Licgroupsaa@gmail.com
 Live Hotline from 9:00 am-2:00 am at 212-647-1680
 Monday-Sunday

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth
St. Mary Parish Choir
Sunday Mass at 12:00 pm
Rehearsal in the Church 11:15 am - 11:40 am



Our Parish Choir helps lead the congregation in song (along with our Cantor) at the Sunday Noon Mass every week.

Do you like to sing? If so, we would like to hear from you!

There is a painless and quick audition with Dr. Bischof our Director of Music to sing through a hymn and discuss the Parish Choir commitment.

To sign up for an audition, please contact Dr. Justin Bischof at **646-206-7638** or **justin@justinbischof.com**.

ASH WEDNESDAY **February 14, 2024**



- 12:15 pm Mass with distribution of Ashes
- 3:00 pm Prayer Services with distribution of Ashes
- 7:30 pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes

Fasting and Abstinence during Lent

Lent is the time before Easter during which the faithful abstain and fast in remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on Calvary. It is a 40-day time of preparation before Easter, the memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There are two main ways that Catholics use to focus on growing closer to God during the Lenten season: abstinence and fasting.

Abstinence

Abstinence is the act of “doing without” or avoiding something. For example, someone may abstain from chocolate or alcohol by not consuming them. Particular days of abstinence during Lent are Fridays, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. As canon law states, Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season (Canon 1250 - 1253).

During Lent, Catholics are also encouraged to undertake some sort of personal penance or abstinence. Examples include giving up sweets, a favorite TV show or not listening to the radio in the car on the way to work. Giving up these things isn't some sort of endurance test, but these acts are done to draw the faithful closer to Christ.

For example, a person may give up his favorite TV show, but if he simply turns the television to another channel, the Lenten penance really does not mean as much. Instead, the person should consider devoting the spare time to prayer or perhaps his family.

As always, when considering acts of penance that are stricter than the norm, it is important that the Catholic would speak with a priest or spiritual director. Any act of penance that would seriously hinder one's health or the health of others would be contrary to the will of God.

Fasting

Fasting is the act of doing with less. In the Catholic Church, those ages 18 - 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Canon 97). On such days, those fasting may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength. However, together, the smaller meals should not equal a full meal.

Eating between meals is not encouraged, but liquids are allowed.

It is important to understand that the Church excuses certain people from these obligations. Examples include those who are frail, pregnant or manual laborers. The Church understands that certain people are not able to commit to the Lenten fast.

The time of Lent, through fasting and abstaining, may be an important reminder of what it means to suffer. This small suffering should not be with misery but with great joy as we better understand the incredible sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humanity.



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