

MASS INTENTIONS

You may request a special intention for Mass at any time.

St. Mary's – Yonges Island

Confessions on Wednesday and Fridays at 8:30AM

Sunday	Feb 4	8:00am
Sunday	Feb 4	9:30am
Wednesday	Feb 7	9:00am
Friday	Feb 9	9:00am

St. Frederick & St. Stephen

Confessions on Thursdays and Saturdays at 4:00PM

Rosary 8:30AM on Tuesday

Saturday	Feb 3	5:00pm
Sunday	Feb 4	11:45am
Tuesday	Feb 6	9:00am
Thursday	Feb 8	5:00pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

St. Frederick & St. Stephen

Susie Voorneveld, Brice Voorneveld, Theresa Garrido, Tony Brodnicki, Rita Cullen, Decatur Sonenberg, Adelaide Leavans, Frank Leavens, Nelson Hartrich, Ken Korpanty, Lenore McDonald, Elizabeth Neustadt, Elizabeth Good, Peter Good, Patsy Sheahan, Peggy Ryan, Samuel Wenthe, Chris King, Mott Parker, Elizabeth Bush, Shannon Montgomery, Bonnie Gary, Christy Petillo, Vic Ketchum, Patrick Meyer, Lila Aissen, Betsy Yarborough, Bubba Unger, Maxine Smith, Fran Taylor, Samuel Wingate, Tim Whitt, Lynn Bagnal, Ding Kizer, Scott Bagnal.

St. Mary

Hazel Basilio, Landon Smith, Mary Redman, Larry Walker, Grace Miller, Mary Wilson, Sally Gorman, Clementa Florio, Eloise Stroud, Chester Broton, Jr., Milagros Lamar, Bea Clair, Peter Good, Elizabeth Good, Ceil Ceva, Frank Wilson, Ken Fleming, Elizabeth Smith, Edward Wolf, Sarah Cunningham, Allison Condon Chappell, Jack Cooper, Barbara Barrs, Sarah Proulx, Jean Abbey, DeeDee Huck, Asher Coryell.

DAILY REFLECTION

MONDAY: MEMORIAL OF AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Inner peace be with you.

It's stories like that of Agatha, a young virgin from Sicily (d. 251) who was tortured by having her breasts cut off, that make following in the footsteps of the saints seem so, well, horrible. But what's often missing from popular accounts of the lives of saints is their ability to find God, and therefore joy, in all things—including those experiences that an observer might consider unbearable. Today as we contemplate our own voluntary deprivations during the upcoming season of Lent, we can glimpse the inner peace that conquers hardship when our intention is, as Agatha put it, that "Christ possess alone all that I am."

Today's readings: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56 (329). *They . . . began to bring in the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.*

TUESDAY: MEMORIAL OF PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Give your all

Japanese-born Paul Miki (1562-97) was baptized at age 5. A man of his culture with a profound knowledge of Buddhism, he made an effective and affectionate preacher among the Japanese. When his fellow Jesuits were expelled from Japan,

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he remained and was eventually crucified with 25 others in Nagasaki. For each generation of Christians the demands of faith and the promises of Christ remain the same: Love God and love one another and you will live in love eternally. **Today's readings:** 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13 (330). *"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."*

WEDNESDAY: What's for breakfast?

With the season of Lent and its practice of fasting arriving next week, it's a little puzzling to remember that Jesus was a great *breaker* of fasts and violator of religious food rules—that was one thing that got him into trouble with the authorities. His followers gathered grain on the Sabbath because they were hungry. He ate with sinners and outcasts. He simply *did not follow the rules*, but for a purpose: to show how the rules should not control but rather serve to bring a person into a more loving relationship with God and neighbor. What makes a person holy is not external observance but internal faith and love, which leads to right behavior.

Today's readings: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23 (331). *"Everything that goes into a person from outside cannot defile . . . But what comes out of the man, that is what defiles."*

THURSDAY: MEMORIAL OF JEROME EMILIANI

Let the children come

Born into a noble family, Jerome Emiliani (1481-1537) led the life of a carefree and dissolute soldier. After being captured and imprisoned, however, he underwent a conversion. Upon release he began devoting his resources to overseeing the educations of his nephews and caring for the sick and poor. Eventually he dedicated himself to abandoned children, of whom he is now the patron saint. Jerome helps us to remember that unwanted children are all around us, and that all children need care and support.

Today's readings: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30 (332). *"Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."*

FRIDAY: Embody mercy Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs is a theory in psychology that proposes that human beings must have their basic physical and emotional needs met before they can realize their fullest potential. Catholics are expected to help others satisfy those needs through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which include feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and visiting the sick as well as teaching those who lack education, forgiving offenses willingly, and comforting the afflicted. Through works of mercy the world gets closer to reaching its fullest potential. Let's all get to work!

Today's readings: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37 (333). *"He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."*

SATURDAY: MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

Devote yourself from beginning to end

We know few facts about Saint Scholastica: She lived in Italy in the fifth and sixth centuries, was the sister of Saint Benedict, became a nun and a prioress, and helped found Benedictine monasticism. Yet, thanks to two brief comments by Saint Gregory the Great, we know volumes about *how* she lived her life. Of her childhood Gregory wrote: "She was devoted to God from a very early age," and a few paragraphs later he added that when she died "her soul ascended into heaven in the likeness of a dove." Though seemingly innocuous, these comments are like bookends of Scholastica's existence and give us a sense of the rich content of her biography. As you think about your life's journey, what do your bookends look like?

Today's readings: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10 (334).

"My heart is moved with pity for the crowd."

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE CHURCH OF STS. FREDERICK & STEPHEN



**"The whole town was gathered at the door .
He cured many that were sick."**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Mission Statement: Our mission is to form Christian Communities that will glorify God by our loving and serving one another, and to extend our love, support, and compassion to the needy.

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PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

ST. MARY'S CHURCH YONGES ISLAND



WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS/VISITORS: Welcome to the Parish of St. Mary's! We are a small and vibrant community of faith and action. We invite you to make yourself at home in our lovely community **and please come by the Parish Center after Mass, have a cup of coffee, and let us get to know you. Today's goodies provided by Bill & Patrina Jacques. Thank you!**

OYSTER ROAST: The Oyster Roast will be held **NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11** at 3PM on the Church grounds. Katie and Matt Wolf generously provide the oysters, and we ask everyone to bring a covered dish to share. Ice tea will be provided; you are welcome to bring your favorite beverage. We will set up at 2:30PM. **EVERYONE is invited to attend.** This is a great opportunity to meet our new parishioners. Rain or shine!

BAKE SALE: Thank you all bakers and buyers! The Ladies' Guild appreciates your continued support. Donations totaled \$152 for baked goods and \$8.70 in the coffee jar.

BOOK CLUB: The Book Club will meet **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7** at 1PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss "Humility". Everyone is welcome!

SOUP/BREAD DINNERS: Lent begins on **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**. There will be a Mass and distribution of ashes, followed by a soup dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Center for the soup dinners. We will need three pots of soup for Ash Wednesday and two pots of soup for the remaining Wednesdays of Lent. The soup/bread dinners will immediately follow the Stations of the Cross each Wednesday.

PALMS: In preparation for February 14, Ash Wednesday, please bring your old palms to the box in the back of the Church. These palms will be burned to provide the ashes.

TAX INFORMATION: If you find any discrepancy on your donation total, please leave a message at the Parish Center.

Record of Faithfulness			
1/28/2018	Second Collection		
Parishioners	\$ 1980.00	Latin America	\$ 387.00
Visitors/Loose	\$ 49.00	Parish Charity	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 2029.00	Maintenance & Repair	\$ 10.00
		Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Parking Lot	\$14525.00		
Year to Date			
Attendance			
Sunday 8am	31	Sunday 9:30am	69

FAITH ENOUGH TO SEEK MORE

By Mary M. McGlone, CSJ

Today, St. Millie, one of the seldom noticed model disciples in Mark's Gospel, is going to show us what happens when one is touched by Jesus. Mark didn't actually tell us her name, he only identified her as the mother of Peter's wife. But she's important enough to deserve a name and calling her "Millie" is easier than continually referring to her as Peter's mother-in-law.

Jesus apparently didn't know Millie until he went home with Peter and friends, presumably to get something to eat and discuss the whirlwind day they had just spent going from shore to synagogue. They no sooner get in the house than they inform Jesus that the chief cook, Millie, is laid low with a fever. Jesus wastes not a moment but goes right to her bedside and takes her by the hand. Fully aware that he's using loaded language, Mark tells us that Jesus raised her up and the fever left her.

Mark said very clearly that our Millie began to wait on the people in the house. To describe that, he used the verb diakoneo, a word variously translated as wait on, minister to, or serve. That word hints that Mark may have used this story to introduce us to the first Christian deacon. The message is even stronger when we realize that Mark used that word sparsely in his Gospel. The next time Mark uses this word he is quoting Jesus himself. Jesus used the word when he described his own vocation. In response to his disciples who were jockeying for position, Jesus said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve" (10:45). The only other time Mark uses this verb for serving, it again refers to women. He identified the women who stood by Jesus at the cross as including those who "had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him" (15:41). When Mark says that Millie waited on them, he is giving her higher praise than the apostles ever earned. He is telling us that Millie accepted the gift Jesus was offering the world and responded by becoming a servant like him.

What Paul adds to our discussion is his sense that once he came to know Christ he was impelled to serve Christ and the Gospel. When he says "Woe to me if I do not preach it!" Paul admits that the only way to be truly himself is to carry Christ's work forward. Like Millie, he knows that service is the only thing that makes sense of his life, not because he's looking for a reward, but because he is expressing what has come alive within him.

Today's Liturgy of the Word, invites us to spend time with three of our ancestors in faith. Job the theologian will caution us about any sense of entitlement, reminding us that nothing we can do merits life and the love of God. We can only receive them as free gifts. Paul the passionate apostle challenges us to evaluate whether our way of life and the messages we proclaim are true to who we are and God's life in us. St. Millie leads the way in showing us how to be faithful images of the Master. She demonstrates that sharing God's love can be as simple as setting the table and enjoying communion with anyone who comes.

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STS. FREDERICK AND STEPHEN'S CHURCH EDISTO ISLAND



WELCOME NEWCOMERS: The Parish community of St. Frederick and St. Stephen welcomes all newcomers to our community. Please fill out a registration card, which can be found in the back of the Church and drop it in the collection basket. We encourage your involvement in our Liturgical Ministries, as we are an all-volunteer parish.

VISITORS: We welcome our visitors! Thank you for your presence, prayers and support of our Parish Community. Please sign our Guest Book so we may have a record of your attendance and remember you at the Church.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: Members and visitors are invited to enjoy fellowship, pancakes, sausage, and fruit from 5 – 7 pm in the Church on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**. Please use the sign-up sheet posted by the door to let the ladies of the church know you are coming. No charge - but a basket will be available for offerings. Hope you can be part of this festive Mardi Gras event as we prepare for Lent 2018.

TAX STATEMENTS AND NEW ENVELOPES: Your tax statements for 2017 are in the back of the church. Please take your home. Also, if you have not yet gotten your envelopes for the 2018 year, these are also in the back of the church. Please take your homes.

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: A sign-up sheet for lectors and Eucharistic ministers has been posted in the kitchen. Please sign up for those Saturday and Sunday Masses for which you are available. Note that the sign-ups are for the next couples of months. Thank you for your assistance.

Record of Faithfulness

01/28/2018		Second Collection	
Parishioners	\$ 935.00	Latin America	\$ 306.00
Visitors/Loose	\$ 260.00		
Total	\$ 1195.00		

Building Fund \$ 705.00

Attendance

Saturday 5:30pm	52	Sunday 11:30am	37
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