

RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 7, 2025

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$3,340	Maintenance & Repairs	\$
Loose	\$105	Flowers	\$886
Votive	\$	Meals on Wheels	\$25
Flowers	\$	Capital Campaign	\$10,000
Sub Total	\$3,445		\$
Grand Total	\$14,356	Sub Total	\$10,911

8AM	38	9:30	64	Total	102
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Prayers for Our Military



As a faith community, we lift up in prayer the women and men serving in our armed forces, especially those from our parish family who are on active duty. We ask for God's protection, strength, and peace for them and their loved ones. Please join us in praying for the service members:

Major Thomas G., USMC
Major Joseph G., USAF
James Kobyra, CDR, USN

If you have a St. Mary’s Church family member currently serving in the military whom you'd like to include in our prayers, please email stmarys165@gmail.com with their name, rank, and branch of service.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: [Matthew 21:25-27](#)

Reflect today on whether Jesus’ experience with the irrational religious leaders of His time is something you experience with those in your life. Though some people are blessed to be surrounded by very supportive and faith-filled family and friends, others are not. Ponder the ways God wants you to live your faith openly, even if it draws criticism. When it does, try to imitate the humility and wisdom Jesus manifested so that you are not drawn into unhealthy and irrational conversations.

TUESDAY: [Matthew 21:28-32](#)

Reflect today on whether you often pay lip service to God, pretending to do His will, or if you regularly experience God’s call to repentance on a deepening level. Identify yourself with the repentant tax collectors and prostitutes, and imitate their humility when they were confronted with their sins. Know that repentance is the beginning of freedom and is the first step toward greater unity with God.

WEDNESDAY: [Matthew 1:1;17](#)

Reflect today on God’s perfect fidelity, continuity, and promise of eternal salvation to all who become members of His Kingdom. That Kingdom will remain forever while every other kingdom will pass away. Resolve to remain a full citizen of that Kingdom by being unwaveringly faithful to God’s promises, and you will be blessed now and forever to share in the eternal plan of our saving God.

THURSDAY: [Matthew 1:24](#)

Reflect today on whether you tend to dwell on irrational ideas or whether you turn your intellect to divine Truth as the basis for what you believe and how you act. Just as Joseph trusted in the Truth revealed to him by the angel and acted upon it, we too must place our trust in the Truth and act accordingly.

FRIDAY: [Luke 1:13-15](#)

Reflect today on any ways that your sins have resulted in consequences. It takes deep humility to admit our sins and take responsibility for their effects. Though it is easy to be angry, to point the finger elsewhere, and to justify our actions, doing so is a rejection of God’s loving chastisement meant for our good. Strive to imitate Zecharaiah by humbly changing when your sin results in consequences so that God can bring good into your life, even from a lack of faith and obedience to His will.

SATURDAY: [Luke 1:26-29](#)

As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, **reflect upon** Mary’s pondering mind and heart. Though we will never engage in her depth of contemplative prayer, she is our model. We must accept every divine mystery revealed to us with faith and then grapple with each mystery on a deeper level that can only be accomplished by contemplative prayer. Those who attain this depth of prayer are drawn exceptionally close to God Who uses them to continue the effect of the Incarnation by spiritually giving birth to Christ in their lives.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 14, 2025

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.

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune
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Rev. Jesuprathap Narichetti
(Father JP)
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Parish Secretary Becky Chaski

MASS SCHEDULE	
Sunday	8am & 9:30am
Wednesday	9:00am
Friday*	9:00am
*Adoration following Mass on the 1st Friday	
RECONCILIATION	
Sunday	7:15-8am
Wed/Fri	8:30-9am

Diocesan Office of Protective Services
(843) 261-0430
Diocese Victim Assistance Ministries
(843) 856-0748

PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

WELCOME: WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS TO ST. MARY'S! WE TRUST YOU WILL FIND US A WELCOMING AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY AS YOU JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE MASS TODAY. COFFEE IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH CENTER AFTER MASS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS: **Today’s 8:00** mass is being offered for Ann Mitchum, on behalf of Patty DiBiase. **Today’s 9:30** mass is being offered for Patricia Gould, on behalf of Bobby & Dena Clair.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: Our next meeting is **1pm Wednesday December 17** at 4199 Hwy 165. We are reading "Mother Angelica" by Raymond Arroyo. "Mother Angelica is a beautifully told story of a beautiful woman of God whose toughness, tenacity, drive and determination built a network to bring the Catholic truth and culture to a nation that has never been more desperately in need of them." Please call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

UPDATE ON OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Our nonassessable diocesan account for the capital campaign for our new parish hall is active. If you have an IRA and need to take your required minimum distribution before the end of 2025, please consider donating it to St. Mary's for our new parish hall. Distributions made directly to St. Mary’s are non-taxable, and move us closer to our building campaign goal. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Eric Meyer via email at emeyer@mekappassociates.com or Mark Bauknight at mbauknight@atc-hq.com. All donations are greatly appreciated!

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve; no 9 AM Mass at St. Mary's
Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen 5 PM
Mass at St. Mary's 8 PM

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Mass at St. Mary's 9 AM
Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen 11:30 AM

December 27/28 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Thursday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen 9 AM
Mass at St. Mary's 12 Noon

Lector Schedule for 12/21/25
8am Ryan Hall
9:30am Leslie Bauknight
Eucharistic Ministers for 12/21/25
8am Wayne Hudson
9:30am Mark Bauknight
Collection for 12/21
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

We pray for each other. In your time of prayer, please remember the following people and intentions:



Helaine Ahern, Hazel Basilio, Chester Broton, Jr., James Butski Jr., Allison Condon Chappell, Frank Chestnut, Julliet Collins, Jack Cooper, Cherry Constable, Maryanne Cortez, Sonja Dees, Teresita Y. Domingo, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Frances Enos, Tricia Espiritu, Erlinda Evangelista, Ricardo Evangelista, Victoria Flanders, Ken Fleming, Avery Goetz, J. Gould, Jamekia Grampus, Krist Groover, Jerrie Hess, Doris Heffernan, Mary & Rod Jaros, Danny Kenney, Yvonne Livingston, Gus Long, John Lucas, Susan Mance Kelly Meyer, Patti McDermott, Jane Morley, Ray Marrone, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, Yvonne Nasser, Terri Nobleman, John North, Evan North, Connor O’Brien, Sarah Proulx, Miquelina Sanchez, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Sandy Unger, Soul of Marlene Ille Vincent, Larry Walker, Mary Walker, Ellie Wilson, Mary Wilson, Jose Yabut, Domingo Zarate Jr., and All Parishioners of our parish family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Father JP welcomes your mass intentions for celebrating a special occasion, on behalf of a family member or friend, or a deceased loved one. A Mass request can be submitted by the following:

- Calling our Parish office at 843-889-8549. You may leave a message with your contact information.
- Completing a Mass Intention Envelope, checking the calendar located in the back of the church for date availability and placing your envelope in the box above the calendar.
- Requesting a Mass Card be mailed directly to you, for whose All-Mass Intentions are voluntary offerings, since the Holy Eucharist is the universal prayer of all the church. The typical offering is ten dollars.

Stipends for Mass Intentions may be brought or mailed to the Parish office (cash or check).



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Suppose a priest came to your church to put on a parish mission, and during that mission he miraculously healed the blind, crippled, terminally ill, and deaf. What if he even raised the dead to life? How would you respond? Most likely with amazement! You’d contact everyone close to you and tell them about those miracles, encouraging them to attend the next session.

Though Jesus’ ministry was filled with miracles, they were far from the most important part of His mission. His miracles healed bodies that would eventually die, but His preaching healed souls that would live forever because His preaching ultimately pointed to His greatest work—to suffer and die for the salvation of souls.

If you were alive as Jesus walked the earth, performed miracles, preached the Good News, suffered death and rose again, which of His actions would have the greatest effect on you? When we consider our Lord’s mission, we must consider it all as one unified whole, not missing the most important aspects. From a faith perspective, Jesus’ suffering, death, and Resurrection are clearly His greatest acts. By freely embracing suffering and death, He transformed the worst into the best: the consequence of sin—which is death—into the instrument of eternal life. When Jesus said, “And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me,” He was identifying those as blessed who discovered the great value of His Cross.

If we were to ask Jesus’ first followers whether they would prefer to see Jesus perform miracles or suffer and die, most likely they would prefer the miracles. Such a question might have even left them confused. Why would anyone want to see a great prophet suffer and die? Yet, today, from a theological perspective, it is clear that Jesus’ suffering, death, and Resurrection are the greatest acts in human history.

Imagine being our Blessed Mother who witnessed it all, stood by her Son as He endured His Cross, and rejoiced with Him when He rose. Unquestionably, if we asked our Blessed Mother whether she preferred to see a few miracles from her Son or to witness His perfect sacrifice that brought salvation to the world, her holy and sorrowful heart would choose the latter.

Reflect today on these questions within the context of your own life. When you pray, do you primarily ask for favors, blessings, or miracles? Or do you primarily pray for the Cross? Do you see greater value in having God remove some suffering from your life or in transforming your suffering by the power of His Cross? Ask for the grace to die with our Lord, to become a living sacrifice of love, and to have the strength to lay down your life for others. By choosing that which has eternal value, you choose the better part and will rejoice in that better part forever.

