

RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 24, 25, 28, 2025

	Christmas	28th
Envelopes	\$5,750	\$3,755
Loose	\$376	\$212
Maintenance & Rep	\$	\$885
Capital Campaign	\$	\$300
Sub Total	\$6,126	\$5,152
Grand Total	\$11,278	

8PM 24 th	66			Total	66
9AM 25 th	36			Total	36
8AM 28 th	30	9:30	55	Total	85

Capital Campaign/Parish Center

Weekly Total	\$300	Grand Total	\$17,668.75
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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 4:23-24](#)

Reflect today upon the billions of people around the world who do not know that Jesus Christ is the one and only Lord and Messiah. Imagine what could happen if the entire world turned to Him, surrendered their lives to Him, and sought His holy will with all their hearts. As you ponder this spiritual challenge, prayerfully place yourself at the service of Christ and His Gospel. Sometimes our mission is to focus on close family and friends. At other times, we might be called to a much broader mission, even in a “viral” way. Strive to become as holy as you can so that our Lord can use you however He chooses.

TUESDAY: [Mark 6:35-36](#)

Reflect today on this Gospel passage as if you were standing with the Twelve Apostles. Consider those God has placed in your life who are hungry and wandering. As you identify them, offer to God everything you have and all that you are, trusting that He desires to work through you. With deep faith, you will be amazed at what God can accomplish through your humble offering.

WEDNESDAY: [Mark 6:50-52](#)

Reflect today on our Lord looking directly at you and saying, “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!” Give your full attention to Him. No matter what struggles you face, no matter the chaos that seems to surround you, there is nothing beyond God’s power. Believe this, do not be afraid, invite Him into your heart, and His peace will abound.

THURSDAY: [Luke 4:14-15](#)

Reflect today on the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. As you do, consider whether God might be calling you to begin a “public ministry” of your own, in the way He wills. Be at peace with whatever reaction you receive. While some will rejoice with you, others might not. Have courage, listen to the Holy Spirit, and allow God’s anointing to manifest Himself through you in any way He chooses.

FRIDAY: [Luke 5:12](#)

Reflect today on the example of this leper. Though the disease of leprosy is a dreadful affliction, the leper’s model of prayer is truly admirable. Consider whether you follow his example. Love, worship, and profess your faith in God, and then entrust yourself to His providential care, ready to embrace His will no matter what it may be. This form of holy detachment will unleash God’s mercy and provide you with what you need most—God’s will.

SATURDAY: [John 3:26-30](#)

Reflect today on the conclusion of John’s ministry as the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. See John’s decrease and Christ’s increase as a model for your own soul. Consider all the effort you have put into repenting, turning from sin, and turning to God. See that effort as preparation for Jesus to take over. Let Him take over, and give Him all the credit and glory. Pray that He increases in your life to the point that it is no longer you who lives, but Christ Who lives in you.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 4, 2026

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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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 9:00** mass is being offered for Healing and Comfort for Frank Chestnut, on behalf of Pam Kobyra.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please remember to pick up your 2026 Offertory envelopes in the Parish Center after mass.

MEN’S PRAYER GROUP: St. Mary’s Men’s Prayer Group will meet, **Thursday, January 8 at 6pm** at the Bauknight home, 4205 Highway 165.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: Our January meetings will be 1pm on **Wednesday January 7 and Wednesday January 21** at 4199 Hwy 165. We will have our final discussion of "Mother Angelica" and begin a new book. You are welcome to join us at any time. Please call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

Lector Schedule for 01/11/2026
8am Ryan Hall
9:30am Joe Yabut
Eucharistic Ministers for 01/11/2026
8am Ginny Bruneau
9:30am Kim Terry
Second Collection 01/11/26
Maintenance and Repairs

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



Helaine Ahern, Hazel Basilio, Sam Blackburn, 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

Why did God use a star to reveal the birth of the King of Kings to foreigners from the East? To Mary, Joseph, and even the shepherds, God sent an angel to announce the Good News. But to the Magi, He chose to use a medium they understood—a star.

The Magi, originally a priestly caste from Persia, were skilled in astrology, astronomy, dream interpretation, and other forms of wisdom and divination. The three Magi mentioned in Matthew’s Gospel were clearly experts in astrology, carefully studying the night sky. On the night of Christ’s birth, they made an extraordinary discovery: a new star had appeared in the sky. They knew it was a sign of great significance. According to their beliefs, the appearance of a new star heralded the birth of a new king.

This star was not just a celestial phenomenon; it symbolized the light of Christ breaking into the world, guiding all nations—Jew and Gentile alike—toward the Savior. Just as God drew humble Jewish shepherds to the newborn King, He also drew representatives of the Gentiles to adore Him, for Jesus came to save all of humanity.

The divine initiative to include the Gentiles was not a new concept but a fulfillment of a promise made to Abraham: “All the families of the earth will find blessing in you” (Genesis 12:3). The prophets and Psalms echo this theme, emphasizing that all nations will come to the Lord (see Isaiah 2:2-4; Psalm 67). In Jesus’ public ministry, we see His outreach to the Gentiles, a mission that continued in the early Church, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. At the time of Jesus’ birth, however, the Jewish emphasis was primarily on being the chosen people. The story of the Epiphany reveals God’s universal call to holiness from the very beginning of Jesus’ life, establishing that His mission was for all people, not just for Israel.

Because of this universal call to holiness, we who believe in Christ and live our Catholic faith must avoid becoming isolated or insular, creating a small, self-contained world. Instead, we are called to live our faith in a way that is welcoming to all and engaged with the broader world, reflecting the universal mission of the Church. Being Catholic is not merely a cultural heritage; it is the spiritual means of eternal salvation that everyone needs. The word “epiphany” means “manifestation,” and Christ must be made manifest to all, becoming the King of every soul.

As we celebrate the Epiphany, be open to the ways God might want to use you to share the light of faith with those who are not yet faithful Catholics. We must be like the star of Bethlehem, drawing others to Christ in ways they can understand and accept. This is best accomplished when we place ourselves at God’s service, ready to be used as instruments of His grace. God alone knows how to draw all people to Himself, and when we offer ourselves to His service, He will inspire us and use us to be that shining light, guiding others out of darkness and into His marvelous light.