

Saint Mary of Sorrows Church

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*St. Mary of Sorrows
is a caring Catholic community
dedicated to living the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*We
Listen to the Word of God;
Draw our life from the Liturgy;
Promote the sanctity of life;
Proclaim the good news
of the Gospel;
Serve others in a spirit of truth;
Nourish through education;
Commit ourselves to proclaiming
and promoting social justice.*

Weekend Mass Schedule

Worship Center

Sat: 5:00 pm

Sun: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 am, & 12:30 pm
& 5:00 pm September through May

Historic Church

Sun: 9:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon - Fri: 6:30 am - Historic Church

Mon - Sat: 9:15 am - Worship Center

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am - Worship Center

Holy Day Schedule - Worship Center

Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm;

Holy Day: 6:30 am, 9:15 am, 7:00 pm

Holiday Schedule Changes

Please see the Parish Life and Liturgy sections of the bulletin for changes in the Mass, Adoration, Confession & Parish Center Office schedules.

Adoration

Worship Center

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:45 - 11:45 am

First Friday All Night Adoration following the

9:15 am Mass; Taize Holy Hour 7:30 pm

First Saturday: Devotions after the 9:15 am Mass

Historic Church

2nd - 5th Fridays: 7:30 pm Holy Hour

Holy Day Schedule - Worship Center

Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm;

Holy Day: 6:30 am, 9:15 am, 7:00 pm

Confessions

Worship Center

Sat: 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Mon: 10:00 am

Wed: 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Anointing /Visits to the Sick

Duty Priest 703-978-4141, ext. 1.

Last Sunday of the month after the 12:30 pm Mass

Parish Center Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 8:30 am - 8:30 pm

Sat: 9:00 am - 6:15 pm

Sun: 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Registration

Please register at the Parish Center Office so that we can serve you more effectively. Your use of envelopes helps us to assess our resources and to plan for the future.

Inquiry (R.C.I.A.)

Please call Irene Alexander, 703-978-4141, ext. 101, to make an appointment with Fr. Barkett.

Travelers: www.Masstimes.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 24

George Munera, Jr. †, Robert Davis †,
Sylvia Kraynak †, Francisca Claire †,

For the People

Monday, May 25

Mark Deitz †

Tuesday, May 26

Dean Honeyutt †, Gini Bernero †

Wednesday, May 27

Christina Benedi (Birthday), Jack Petric †

Thursday, May 28

John Klein, Matthew Kerches †

Friday, May 29

Family of Ventura Rubio, John G. Joly †

Saturday, May 30

Robert E. Grant †, Amanda Honeycutt

Sunday, May 31

For the People, Charlie Kaplar (Birthday),

Marie DeSimone †, Edward Shackelford †,

James Feighery †

Mass Intentions will be prayed by our priests in private Masses.

We regret that you will not be able to attend.

READINGS

Sunday	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
Mon:	Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33
Tues:	Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a
Wed:	Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19
Thu:	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

DONATIONS

Donations for the Week of May 3

Sunday Collection	\$29,134.06
Building Fund	\$27,584.00
Easter	\$1,915.00
Capital Improvements	\$1,147.00
Special Parish Needs	\$270.00
Heat	\$60.00

Additional Collections

Samaritan Fund	\$2,140.41
Food Pantry	\$410.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$277.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$250.00
Holy Land	\$60.00

PARISH LIFE

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th

Mass will be at 9:15 a.m. There will be no adoration and no confession on Monday. To View Mass at St. Mary's go to www.stmaryofsorrows.org and click on Daily Mass. The building will be open for private prayer until 8:00 p.m. on Monday.

News from the Pastor...

As we look forward to opening up our church for public Mass, in the next phase, on May 29th, there are several things we need to keep in mind.

BISHOP'S DISPENSATION

Firstly, our Bishop has excused anyone who doesn't feel safe from attending Mass, especially those who are 60 years and older. As the elderly are the most vulnerable and there is always a risk with this illness, we want you to be safe. I am asking those who are in this category to refrain from ministering at Mass during this time. You may still attend Mass if you choose to.

MASS ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL

This is also the reason that I am asking that anyone who attends Mass to wear a mask. Remember this is not for your protection but for the protection of the people around you.

The Governor has set the next phase of opening at 50% occupancy with continued social distancing. This means that we cannot have more than 92 people in the Worship Center at any one time. We will also set up Farrell Hall for an overflow at the same time of Mass.

During Holy Communion I am asking you to prayerfully consider receiving in the hand. You do have the right to receive on the tongue but if you do, we will have to purify our fingers every time you do.

At this time only the priests and deacons are allowed to give out Holy Communion.

If the Governor pushes back the next phase of opening up, we will introduce Communion Services which we can offer for 10 people at a time.

LIVESTREAMING IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners we are going to upgrade our A/V system for better livestreaming as soon as we can. We will continue to live stream the Masses and other liturgical events.

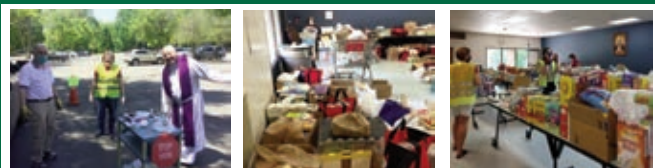
Please continue to check back on our website for the latest information and know that your priests and deacons are praying for you every day.

Church Re-Opening Survey

Since the church will be partially reopening at the end of May we would like each family to take the survey listed or visit our website to access the link. <https://forms.gle/bRXWxdqhp55EHPg6> Thank you!

Mass Times for the Weekend of May 30th/31st

5:00 p.m. Vigil, 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Sunday

**St. Mary's Food Drive Thanks You!**

Thank you to all who participated in the May 15th Food Drive. Many individuals and families in need throughout our area will have nutritious meals during this unprecedented pandemic due to your generosity! A special thank you to parishioner, Mike Rolince, and to the Huber family and the St. Mary's Boy Scouts and families, along with our thanks to our dedicated St. Mary's food pantry team.

Operation Joy

We are looking to bring joy into your life, either by you creating it or viewing the creations of others. We're asking families to create pictures-online, crayon, marker, paint, playdough, chalk on sidewalk, etc. and take a picture of it and/or make a quick video singing a song, playing instruments or sending a message and email to preschool@stmaryofsorrows.org. We will post them on the website, Facebook and in the bulletin. We will also be sending the email creations to others in our parish. We hope that you will join our staff and participate in this form of corporal and spiritual works of mercy during these difficult times.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Private Prayer

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Worship Center is Open for AdorationMay 24th-29th: Tuesday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944aaaa2fabf85-parish>

Only ten people are permitted in the Worship Center at one time. If your whole family is attending adoration, please register each family member! If you arrive and there are already ten people inside, please remain in the foyer or come back at another time. We are also gladly accepting Offertory Contributions in the box by the front office. We are extremely thankful for your donations!

Still Scheduled Events

Weddings & Funerals (Generally still held, limited to immediate family)

Events to be Rescheduled

Padre Pio Relics and Mark Forrest

Cancelled Events

All events scheduled to be at the Parish Center for this week are cancelled.

LITURGY & MUSIC**Please Pray for the Sick**

Lisa Buchanan, Joseph Witter, Tiffany Banules, Maizie Lex, Andrea Baker, Robert Bevilacqua, Greg Neifert, Diane Self, David Anderson, Julie Atkins, Kathleen Hall, Tom Copeland, Rae Copeland, Linda Depew, Marty Merlo, Maria Delobe, Maria Leitao, Laura Murray, Ed Reinsel, Bill Smith, Kathleen Grant, Carol Stoffelen, Renee Davis, Lilly Morris, Pauline Merlo, Brendan Murphy, Diane Anderson, Rebecca Sullivan, Elissa Vavrinec, John Germain, Shirley Warrick, Connor Broussard, Shirley Warrick, Barbara Alberse, Titou Phommachanh, and those in our book of prayers.

Please Pray for the Deceased and Her Family

Silvia A Porta

**Novena Prayers in Honor of the Holy Spirit
Act of Consecration To the Holy Spirit**

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth." Amen.

Prayer For The Seven Gifts Of The Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

"And, now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your Name that You have given Me, so that they may be one just as We are." - Jesus

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Psalms Study

Please join us as we study the Psalms (Ascension Press/Jeff Cavins). We will have a zoom meeting from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Thursday evenings. Contact Barbara Mahiques at b.mahiq@verizon.net.

Focus Men's and Women's Bible Studies

Focus Men's Bible Study with Deacon Dave is continuing to meet via Zoom Meeting. Questions, please call Deacon Dave at 703-472-1037.

Focus Women's Bible Study is continuing to meet on Saturday in the morning and Wednesday in the afternoon via Zoom. Questions, please call Kathy at 703-472-0003.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



THE WILD GOOSE
Father Dave Proverka

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is breathing in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart.

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ST. MARY'S PRESCHOOL



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

"Without CONFIDENCE and LOVE, there can be no true EDUCATION." St. John Bosco, patron saint of children. Our Preschool welcomes 2 ½-year-olds through 5-year-olds. We have openings in a number of classes. We encourage you to check out our website at <https://stmaryofsorrows.org/> and our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Preschool-Fairfax-> for a virtual tour. Interested families may contact Michelle Huber, our Director, at michelleh@stmaryofsorrows.org or leave a message at 703-978-4557 as we are not back in our offices at this time.

LEARN, SHARE, LAUGH, GROW EVERYDAY, IN GOD'S WAY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K - 6th

REGISTRATION for FAITH FORMATION 2020 - 2021: Save the Date for June!

We are working towards implementing an online registration and payment option. We will notify families when the date for registration is determined. We look forward to welcoming you in the Fall. Thank you for your patience!

Magnifikid! Subscription Opportunity

If you missed out on ordering MagnifiKids for the 2020-21 school year, we have good news! We have two subscriptions still available. Send us an email to claim your 12-month subscription and write a check for \$16.00 (made out to St. Mary of Sorrows). Please include "Magnifikid" in the memo line of your check. You can drop off checks to the main office, the RE office, or mail it in.

Vacation Bible School 2020

Has been **CANCELED** for this Summer.

Religious Education 7-8/ JR & HS Youth Ministry

All classes, activities and events at the Parish Center are cancelled until further notice.

CONFIRMATION RE

On-line Learning through My Catholic Faith Delivered continues with the direction of the catechists.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Check with Mark for zoom meetings at marks@stmaryofsorrows.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

High School groups are meeting through Zoom. Contact Mark at marks@stmaryofsorrows.org for information on join the group.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

All Parish Outreach Ministry Programming is Cancelled or Postponed at this Time.

Food Pantry



The St. Mary's Food Pantry volunteers continue to provide food donations to our community-based food banks and feeding programs, many of which are St. Mary's Tithing Fund recipients, including: Fairfax FISH, The St. Lucy Project, Food for Others, The Lamb Center, and Christ House. At the time of this bulletin submission, the volunteers are also providing food from the St. Mary's pantry to families in need on a limited basis BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. For more information, contact christinab@stmaryofsorrows.org - 703-978-4141, x109 or karen.abraham56@gmail.com. This is NOT a drop-in/walk-in service and is subject to change. No food is distributed from inside the church main foyer and **appointments must be made by phone or email only - no walk-ins.**

Jesus Ascended into Heaven



The Ascension is one of the great feasts of the Church. Jesus went up, Body and Soul, into Heaven to be with His Father where He is waiting for all of us. Can you imagine what it was like for the apostles to see their leader and best friend going up to Heaven? It would be pretty amazing, don't you think?



At the same time, doesn't it seem a bit sad that Jesus left? Well, He knew it was time for His disciples to start working on their own. It was kind of like having someone there to help you learn to ride a bike and then they let you go so you can learn to bike on your own.

But Jesus didn't go away and leave us without any help. Nine days after He went into Heaven He sent the Holy Spirit, who would help and guide His followers.

WOW! DID YOU
SEE THAT?



YES... WHAT ARE WE
GOING TO DO NOW?

Answer to puzzle on front page: God
mounts His throne to shouts of joy!
Answers to True or False:
1. True 2. False 3. False 4. True
5. True 6. False 7. True

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The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension

May 24, 2020

A G B O C D D M E O F U G N H T H S J H K
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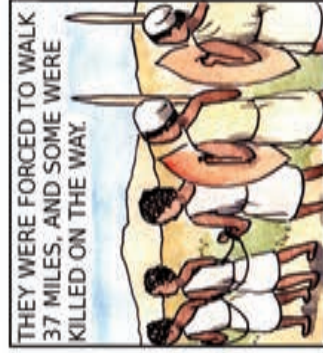
What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension?
Use every other letter from the box of letters above
to fill in the blanks below.

6 _____

_____!

Saint Charles Lwanga And companions

June 3



SAINT CHARLES AND HIS FELLOW PAGES DID NOT LET THE FEAR OF DEATH STOP THEM FROM FOLLOWING GOD AND DOING WHAT WAS RIGHT. IF EVER YOU ARE TEMPTED TO SIN OR TO MAKE AN EASY CHOICE THAT IS WRONG, PRAY TO SAINT CHARLES AND HIS FRIENDS FOR STRENGTH TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.

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True or False about... The Ascension

How well do you know the story of the Ascension?
See if you know which of these are true
and which are false:

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?

5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?

6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?

7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?



Face Masks Needed

Pathway Homes is a nonprofit organization that makes non-time-limited, affordable housing and services available to people who have mental illness and co-occurring disabilities in Northern Virginia. Pathway Homes is seeking donations of face masks for clients and for essential staff members who continue to work with clients face-to-face. If you are making masks and would like to donate some, please contact Caroline Moyer at cmoyer@pathway-homes.org. This would be a good service project. Pathway Homes receives money from St. Mary's tithing funds.

Financial Assistance

Do you or someone you know need financial assistance due to the pandemic? St. Mary's provides financial support to Fairfax County's Britepaths program, which provides emergency financial assistance to individuals and families in need. To get help at this time with basic needs, contact Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) - 703-222-0880.

Want to Help From Home?

1) The St. Lucy Project, a food distribution program of Catholic Charities, which provides food directly to those in need through our Diocese is in dire need of food donations. They have set-up an Amazon Wishlist for people to order food and have it delivered straight to them:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/O36HJ5Y74CBH/ref=bnnav_topnav_lists_2

This is a great way to help restock their food warehouse and help families in need!

2) Consider sending a check to House of Mercy to help them restock their food pantry for families: 8170 Flannery Court, Manassas, Virginia 20109, Attn: Jessica Root, Executive Director.

3) Consider offering to order groceries and other household supplies for friends, neighbors, and family members, and having items shipped directly to them. And, don't forget to simply call, email, video chat, or text just to check-in, say hello, share some humor, and stay connected. We all need to give and receive love during this difficult time. Social distancing doesn't have to mean social isolation!

<https://facets.ejoinme.org/MyPages/NeighborsInNeed/tabid/1138363/Default.aspx>

Additional Ways to Help

To assist by sending a monetary donation to help support children and families in need through the Fairfax County Public School programs: <https://fcpsfoundation.org/support-students-in-need-while-schools-are-closed/> (use all hyphens). This will help provide nutrition, technology, connectivity, and school supplies.

To make a one-time or recurring donation to help supply food and other essentials for our local homeless population: <https://facets.ejoinme.org/MyPages/NeighborsInNeed/tabid/1138363/Default.aspx>

To assist our brothers and sisters in Peru needing healthcare and supplies due to Covid-19 in Peru: <https://friendsofchimbote.org/>

"All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers." - Acts 1:14. Jesus prayed for the unity of all believers before He returned to the Father, so let us unite with Christians all over the world and devote ourselves with one accord to pray for peace and healing.

Papal Blessings

Papal Blessing Parchments

The gift of an Apostolic Blessing, formally inscribed on parchment and sent from Rome, is a traditional means of marking milestone events such as wedding anniversaries, baptisms, first communions, confirmations and significant birthdays. These parchments are produced by the Holy See's Office of Papal Charities, or Elenosineria Apostolica, which is charged with exercising charity to the poor in the name of the Holy Father. Since the time of Pope Leo XIII, the production of these parchments has served as an important means of funding charitable works. Papal Blessing Parchments may now be ordered online directly from the Elenosineria Apostolica using their website, www.eleosineria.va (click on "Papal Blessing Parchments"). A number of beautiful formats are available for each type of event.

Requesting a Papal Blessing Parchment

The procedure to request a Papal Blessing has changed. Papal Blessing Parchments can be ordered online at www.eleosineria.vaby and clicking on "Papal Blessing Parchments" at the top of the page. (The website can also be located by searching online for "Office of Papal Charities.") Parchments can be paid for online using a credit card; completed Parchments will be sent to the recipient via DHL Express.

Please be aware that the new procedures include limits on the types of occasions for which Blessing Parchments may be requested ("general blessings" are no longer available), and also limits on how long before or after an occasion a Parchment may be ordered.

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

The Ascension of the Lord -- May 24, 2020

"They received the Holy Spirit." The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. Do you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Michael Isenberg 703-841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

"At this time we ask God to take special care of our families, especially the sick and the people who are taking care of them: doctors, nurses, and volunteers, who risk their lives in this service." Pope Francis



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