

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2024



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024 (5:00 PM)

1Sam 3:3b-10,19 | Ps 40:2,4,7-10 | 1Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 | John 1:35-42

Special intention of Lyette Alley

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 (9:00 AM)

†Alan Sr. & Alan Jr. del Puerto



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

1Sam 15:16-23 | Psalm 29:1-4,3,9-10 | Mark 2:18-22

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 (7:00 PM)

1Samuel 16:1-13 | Psalm 89:20-22,27-28 | Mark 2:23-28

†Lorenza Panella

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024 (9:00 AM)

1Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51 | Psalm 144:1b,2,9-10 | Mark 3:1-6

†Joseph Wosik, †Christopher Bende and Special int. of Ogechi Aigbe, Mary Bende, Mela de Cuna, Paola De Campo & family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 (9:00 AM)

1Samuel 18:6-9;19:1-7 | Psalm 56:2-3,9-10a 10b-13 | Mark 3:7-12

NO MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024 (9:00 AM)

1Samuel 24:3-21 | Psalm 57:2-4,6,11 | Mark 3:13-19

Special intention of Alfonso & Stefanie De Amaral

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 (9:00 AM)

2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 | Psalm 80:2-3,5-7 | Mark 3:20-21

† Remigio Yu Tan, †Christopher Bende, †Alberto & Stella Severin and Special intention of Mary Bende & Ogechi Aigbe

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS WEEK

DAILY DEVOTIONS (after Mass)

Tuesday – Sts. Anne & Joachim

Wed. – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday - St. Jude

Friday – Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday – St. Michael

Confessions: Sat. 9:30 to 10:30 am

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PASTOR'S BLOG

At the beginning of the Advent season, we had the great joy to beginning the new liturgical year of hearing from Dr Josephine Lombardi at our retreat, "Lord, teach us to pray". This request of the apostles to Jesus still resonates in our lives, as we come to the parish, to the Church (the Mystical body of Christ on earth) to learn how to pray. I have always believed that our parishes should be a "school of prayer" where we are able to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, to trust in Him and receive the life and love that He offers to His disciples. It is within this relationship that we are nourished in His pastures, protected from the wolves and led towards eternal life, our heavenly homeland.

After a time of discernment and asking the Lord how to make our parish more a "school of prayer", we noticed that we do not have a specific "prayer ministry" at St. Mary's and such a ministry would be the fruit of our retreat, "Lord, Teach us to Pray." Having a ministry in the parish dedicated to prayer is something that everyone can be a part of and can contribute to the sharing of the life and love of Jesus Christ as His disciples. From my experience, having been a priest at parishes with prayer groups, and growing up in a parish with a very strong and vibrant prayer group, I have noticed the fruits in the parish community with them and I pray and hope for the same at St. Mary's.

What will this "Prayer Ministry" look like?

In our time of prayer asking this question, there were four main areas that we would like to add to what already exists and continue to grow: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, Intercessory Prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Beginning in February, on the first Friday of the month, we will have an additional hour of adoration in the evenings from 7-8pm followed by a time of fellowship in the hall. On the first Saturday of the Month, we will have a time of Intercessory Prayer following Mass and devotions to St. Michael. On every Friday of the month, at 3pm we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet over zoom. And finally, we would like to have our daily Rosary before Mass grow with parishioners dedicated to lead the prayers.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will continue to communicate more about this prayer ministry. My invitation to you is to pray for the success of this "prayer ministry" with the following prayer:

God, Father full of tenderness for your children;
you fill us with your grace, your joy and your peace.

As disciples of Christ,
We ask that every member of our Christian community
be made aware of their vocation to share their gifts and charisms by putting them at the service of
their brothers and sisters.

Send your Spirit so that,
in this new effort of evangelization,
we become flames of faith, hope and love
within our families, in our communities and in our workplaces.

We are committed to becoming your hands, your feet, your eyes in this world.

Put in us the desire to live like You
So that, through our actions and words,
we radiate your love and divine mercy.

Bless our families;
may they be environments that encourage
the vocation of marriage, priesthood or religious life.

St. Mary Star of the Sea, pray for us.

Amen.

In your time of prayer, if you feel on your heart that God is calling you to join the prayer ministry, even just one aspect of it, please speak to either Adriene, Sam, Deacon John, Wendy Fietta or I.

Fr Michael

SSVP CHRISTMAS SUMMARY

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to make Christmas brighter for 76 households, consisting of 119 adults, of which 17 are seniors, plus 49 children. We distributed \$15,630 in store vouchers, and \$1,476 in bus tickets for a grand total of \$17,106. May God bless you.

St. Mary's continues to be the "little parish that could" (and does!).

SSVP HELPLINE

For assistance, please call 647-628-2058

Leave your name number and a brief message and someone will get back to you at the earliest.

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In Thanksgiving
For the Souls in Purgatory

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In Thanksgiving
For the souls in Purgatory

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In Thanksgiving
For the souls in Purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In Thanksgiving

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Navigation Nights are back with a new date and time! Our Navigation Night youth group will now be on Fridays from 6:30-8:00pm with the next one being this coming Friday, January 19th where we will be covering the topic: Science & Religion! All youth from grades 6-12 are welcome!

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SUN, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Join us in our fundraising efforts to send the Youth
to Steubenville Catholic Conference this summer!

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PRAYER MINISTRY

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" - Philippians 4:6

First Friday Adoration (7-8pm)

First Saturday intercessory prayer (Post Mass)

Weekly Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet (Online)

Daily Mass Rosary Devotion (Pre-Mass)

Begins in the Month of February