

Reverend Vincent De Rosa
Parish Priest



Schedule of masses

Monday

11:30 novena and 12:05pm Mass

5:15pm – Mass and novena.

No public Mass and Novena on federal holidays.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

12:05 pm – English Mass

Friday

8:00 am – Tridentine Mass

12:05 pm – English Mass

Saturday

First Saturdays: 9:00 am Tridentine Mass

5:00 pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday

9:00 am – **Tridentine Mass**

10:30 am (English)

11:30 am – (Cantonese)

1:00 pm – English

7:30 pm – (English)

Staff

Parish Secretary: Soraya Strobach

Custodian: Jimmy Vines

Director of Music: Bray McDonnell

Priest in Residence:

Fr Vincent Rigdon

**Saint Mary Mother of God
Catholic Church**

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Sunday, March 3rd, 2019
Quinquagesima Sunday
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gift of Education. One of the most important gifts we can give our children is an excellent education, steeped in the Catholic values we treasure. Catholic schools instill a life-long love of learning. They enrich both the child's heart and mind together in a safe and faith-filled environment. Visit the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic school's website at www.adwcatholicschools.org to find the right Catholic School for you.

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington is an organization for single Catholics, ages 21 to 65-plus, enjoying each other's company in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Most members are 45 and older. Please find out more about us at www.catholicsinglesofgreaterwashington.org or call Tricia at 301-460-9195

New Parishioners We welcome new members to our parish community. Please register by filling out a Census Form available at the Rectory office or at the back of the church. Or send us an email at stmarys20001@gmail.com and we will assist you.

Visitors: You are welcome here at historic Old St Mary's!!! Please feel free to visit and stop by for some coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall, every Sunday!! After the 9:00 am Mass.

Our Lady Of China Pastoral Mission: Celebrate Mass in Cantonese and Mandarin each Sunday at 11:30 am – Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass. For more information contact Fr John Ming Ruan (301) 738-2459 or Clare Tang (301) 251-7831 The Mission Center is at 1001 Grandin Ave. Rockville, Md 20851

Sacraments at Saint Mary Mother of God Catholic Church

Marriages: Preparations require arrangements be made at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Please call the Rectory or send an email stmarys20001@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Baptisms: Call the Rectory (202) 289-7771 or send an email to stmarys20001@gmail.com to make arrangements.

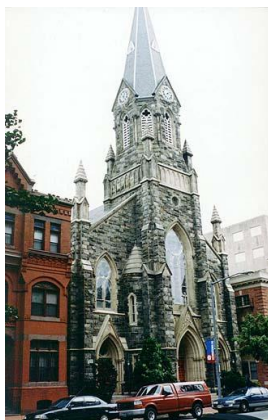
Sacraments of Penance:

Weekdays at 11:30 am before the 12:05 pm Mass.

Saturdays at 4:30pm before the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm Mass.

Sundays at 8:30 am before the 9:00 am Mass and Sundays at 7:00pm before the 7:30 pm Mass.

Sacrament of The Sick: Please contact the Rectory concerning parishioners who are ill.



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Schedule of Masses

Sunday, March 3rd

9:00am- Jacqueline Dimilio (D)
10:30am- Edward Maione (D)
1:00pm- Father Alfred J. Harris(L)
7:30pm- Father Garrett O'Brien (L)

Monday, March 4th

12:05 – Peter Ho Thien (D)
5:15pm – Eugene Foeckler (D)

Tuesday, March 5th

12:05pm – Paul Ho Hai (D)

Wednesday, March 6th – ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 am – Samuel S. Strobach (L)
12:05pm – Lucille Ho-Pham (L)
5:30pm – Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:30pm – Bernie Roache (D)

Thursday, March 7th

12:05pm – Agnes Chung (D)

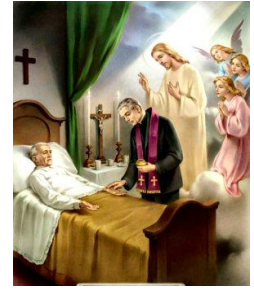
Friday, March 8th

8:00am – John Joseph Hadford (L)
12:05pm –David Mellon (D)

Saturday, March 9th

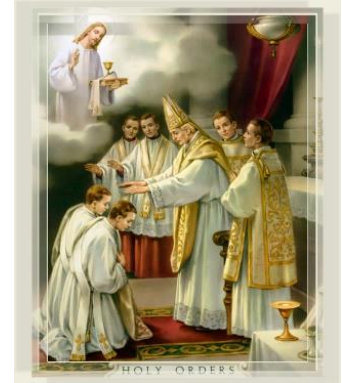
5:00pm – The appointment of the new Archbishop
In Washington DC.

Remember to honor your loved ones, alive and deceased. They all need your prayers. Please consider offering Masses for them. Your deceased ones will be grateful for all eternity. You can fill out the provided envelopes in the church and put it in the collection basket. A beautiful card of Saint Mary's beautiful altar is included if you request.



Pray for our seminarians!!

Please take a moment today to stop by the "Vocations Tree" in the church, where you will see cards for each of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Please choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese.



Behold! Adoration and Confession

Every Thursday evening from 7-8pm, the John Paul II National Shrine hosts an event entitled *Behold!*, consisting of Adoration with prayerful music, silence, and Confession. It is hosted in collaboration with parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Make a Difference for Christians in Syria

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity, the place of St. Paul's conversion. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria or 202-526-6800, x895

Please join us for our last day as part of our dinner and discussion series, Pillars of the Faith.

We will be reflecting on and discussing prayer. You are invited to join us for all or just one of this Monday night series:

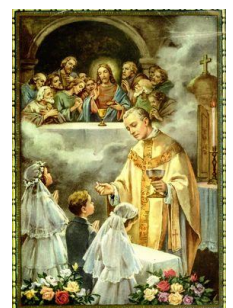
Mar. 4: How to Pray a Holy Hour, Br. Jordan Zajac, OP

We will meet in the St. Thomas Apostle parish library. Please RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/STAYPillars19> so we know how much food to make, but if you have a friend who wants to come last minute, please bring them along. If you would like to contribute to the cost of dinner, you can donate via paypal via this link: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=RQFJ9C3SQ5U4W&source=url

Saint Thomas The Apostle church is located at: 2665 Woodley Rd NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20008

First Holy Communions at Saint Mary Mother of God Catholic Church.

If you think your child is ready to receive his/her First Holy Communion this year, please let us know by sending an email to us stmarys20001@gmail.com and Father DeRosa will contact you for further details. The date that ALL children from of Saint Mary will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be **First Sunday of May (May 5th, 2019).**





2018 Financial Statement Letters have been mailed already. Let us know by email stmarys20001@gmail.com or by phone 202 289-7771 if you have not yet received yours.

Would you like to go to a pilgrimage to Roma with Father DeRosa as the priest leader? You can find the details by visiting our website saintmarymotherofgod.org and following this link: <https://christopher.travel/rome2019/>



Remember to bring your blessed palms from last year to Saint Mary so they can be used for **Ash Wednesday on March 6th**.

Schedule of Masses for Ash Wednesday

8:00 am – Mass in Latin

11:30 am confessions

12:05 – Mass in English

5:30pm – Mass in English

7:30pm – Mass in Latin

Ashes will only be distributed in the context of Mass.

Stations of The Cross: Every Friday immediately following the 12:05 pm Mass
Confessions: every day according to the regular schedule.

Holy Week – April 14th – 21st

Palm Sunday 8:00 am (English) 9:00 am – (Latin) 11:15am – (Chinese) 1:00pm – (English) 7:30pm – (English)	Monday 12:05pm only
Tuesday and Wednesday 12:05pm - Mass in English	Holy Thursday 7:30 pm - (Latin) Mass of The Lord's Supper
Good Friday (April 18th) 12:05pm Stations of The Cross (English) 3:30pm (Latin): Good Friday Service	Holy Saturday 8pm - Easter Vigil (Chinese/English) 10:30pm - (Latin) Solemnis Vigilia Paschalis

Easter Sunday

8:30 am Mass (English)

9:30am (Latin)

11:30am (Chinese)

A letter from Father DeRosa.

Sunday 3 March 2019

Dear Friends,

Lent is upon us! Later this week the Church around the world will observe Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy campaign of Lent. It's a time to give up on sin, to purge ourselves of anything that holds us back from the Gospel, and so from heaven. Of course we'll hear the famous Lenten call and response, "So what are you giving up this year?" "OH, I'm giving up sweets and...". While I'd normally pounce on the inadequacies of a merely *dietary* Lent... there's another shortcoming to this Lenten business as usual. You see, while it's true that "you" experience Lent, and "I" experience Lent... It's also true that "WE" experience Lent. As a Church we are never ever alone; not in our victories, nor our sufferings and certainly not in Lent. So yes, each of us will give things up this year... hopefully more than just food categories... give up on SIN, unhealthy habits, parts of life not in line with the Gospel... But it's also a great idea for our community to commit to the holy season.

To that end, just as each of us is called to extra prayer, fasting, and almsgiving... we'll do likewise as a parish. Throughout the season of Lent we will:

PRAYER - throughout Lent we will offer prayers for the Church suffering throughout the world, especially in places of active persecution, where to say, "I am Catholic," can cost you your very life.

FAST - food bins will be placed at the entry to the Church. Throughout the holy season, as the bins get filled with non-perishable food items, we will donate those items to the St. Francis Xavier Parish food pantry in SE DC. Having run that pantry for two years, I can tell you they'll appreciate the help.

ALMSGIVING - At the head of the main aisle of the church, and near the St. Anthony altar you'll see the poor boxes. Under Canon Law all monies placed in the poor boxes must be used exclusively for the service of those living in poverty. After consulting with the parish council, I've decided that all our poor box funds for the season of Lent will go to two charities: one local, the other international.

The local charity is A Simple House (www.asimplehouse.org): this group of young adult Catholics voluntarily choose to live in poverty so that they can serve the poor by direct communion with them. I've spent time with them walking the streets of DC's roughest inner city neighborhoods, visiting individuals and families in the most abject poverty. These brothers and sisters of ours receive the gift of hope and material support through the Simple House Ministry. The sick are visited, the living prayed with and the dead receive noble burial. It's really an amazing group of young people doing miraculous work right here in our city.

Our international gifts will go to the Hennemann family on mission (www.hennemannfamily.familymissionscompany.com). The Hennemanns are a Catholic family who after long prayer decided to sell everything, pack up their five kids, learn Spanish, and move to Costa Rica for two years of mission work among the poorest of the poor directly serving their needs. They're doing this through a fine Catholic organization, The Family Missions Company. The funds we send them will be used to support their ministry among those most in need.

I hope that throughout the holy season WE will be able to grow through these classic spiritual disciplines and in the process, maybe help not just ourselves, but the whole Church. Truly Lent is upon US.

Your Priest,
Fr. De Rosa