

Reverend Vincent De Rosa
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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, April 7th 2019 Passion Sunday

Júdica me, Deus, et discérne causam meam de gente non
sancta: ab hómine iníquo et dolóso éripe me: quia tu es
Deus meus et fortitúdo mea.

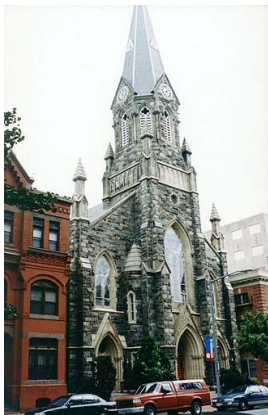


But Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple

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.



The way to financially support your parish. Sign up at www.faithdirect.com. Our church code: DC347

Schedule of Masses

Sunday, April 7th

9:00am- Anthony Hadford (L)
10:30am- Lena Caporaletti (L)
1:00pm- Father Alfred J. Harris (L)
7:30pm- Father Garrett O'Brien (L)

Monday, April 8th

12:05pm – Alicia Loudis (D)
5:15pm – Mr. J.J. Stinson (D)

Tuesday, April 9th

12:05pm – Katherine Hadford (L)

Wednesday, April 10th

12:05pm – Elmer Sailer (L)

Thursday, April 11th

12:05pm – James and Phyllis Puglisi (D)

Friday, March April 12th

8:00am – Sister Maria Carmen of Christ OCD (L)
12:05pm – Beatrice Szele-Szechenyi and children (L)

Saturday, April 13th

5:00pm – James and Phyllis Puglisi (D)



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.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE AT SAINT MARY'S



Feeding the Community

Please help us collect food for our brothers and sisters in Southeast DC! As part of our Lenten alms-giving, St Mary's is having a food drive for the entire season of Lent. Donations will go directly to the parish food pantry at Saint Francis Xavier church in Anacostia, which serves needy families in the community. This is Father DeRosa's former parish! The most needed items are

soup, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned vegetables/fruit, pancake mix, syrup, apple sauce, peanut butter and jelly. Food collection bins are located at the back of the church.

Once we collect enough food, we will need volunteer drivers to help deliver the donations to Saint Francis Xavier – please contact Samantha at [Samantha.sidhu@hotmail.com/401.464.2679](mailto:Samantha.sidhu@hotmail.com) or Fr. DeRosa if you are able to help with food delivery.

LENTEN WISH LIST

1 Side Altar Cloth \$100ea

Currently, our main altar only has one matching set of linens for regular use. The side altars have none; the linens currently on them have been cobbled together over years and in many cases are damaged/frayed. More than this, they really don't fit the width of our spaces (look for yourselves). Because our side altars are used on a regular basis... it'd really be best, and it'd put our best foot forward with visitors if our altars had properly tailored linens. An altar always represents the sacrificed Christ; so we dress it as Joseph of Arimathea dressed the body of Christ before burial, in white linen. With your help we can honor the sacrifice of our Lord beautifully.

1 Main Altar Corporal \$60 ea

A corporal is the linen on which a priest celebrates Mass, making the Eucharist present. A priest's intention should always be that all Items "on the corporal" be consecrated. St Mary's altar is of unusual depth making it hard for us to use regular corporals and fill all Our items on them at Mass. These new corporals will be tailored specifically to the needs of our altar making it easier to celebrate Large-scale events where many people need to receive Communion.

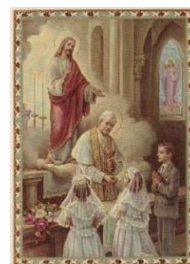
1 small monstrance to be re-plated in gold \$2,200

1 large monstrance to be re-plated in gold \$2,200

The monstrance is the container in which we place the Blessed Sacrament for display during Eucharistic holy hours, such as we recently had with Bishop Dorsonville. Our monstrances are antique and of high quality, but need some TLC in the form of new plating work to restore some of their luster.

First Holy Communion 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, at stmarys20001@gmail.com, and Father DeRosa will contact you for further details. The date that ALL children from Saint Mary's will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be the First Sunday of May (May 5th, 2019)



Cathedral Penance Service

The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle invites you to experience the love of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a Lenten Communal Penance Service, "Come Home for Easter," on **Tuesday, April 16 at 12:10pm**. More than 15 priests will be available for individual confessions, including Spanish-speaking and other foreign language confessors. The Cathedral is located at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, between Connecticut Ave. and 17th St., near the Red Line Farragut North Metro station. www.stmatthewscathedral.org/Lent2019

Veneration of the Relics of Christ's Passion

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites the faithful on **Good Friday, April 19**, to participate in the Exposition of the Relics of the Passion in the Crypt Church from 7:00AM to 6:00PM. The relics will be displayed for veneration by the faithful throughout the day except for the hour between 12 noon and 1:00PM, at which time the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated. Following the Stations, the relics will be returned for veneration until 6:00PM.

The relics include a particle from the table of the Lord's Supper, stone particles from the Garden of Gethsemane, particles of the pillar of the scourging, the purple garment worn by Jesus, a spine from the crown of thorns, stones particles from Mount Calvary, a particle of the inscription tablet, shavings of the nails or spikes, particles of the sponge and reed, particle of the seamless linen garment worn by Jesus, the lance which pierced his side, the bindings and cloths used in the burial of Jesus, stones from the Holy Sepulchre, and a particle of the True Cross. Also displayed are relics of Mary, the Mother of Jesus; her sister, Mary, wife of Clopas; Mary of Magdalena; the Twelve Apostles; and Saint Paul.

This event is open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica offers ample free parking and is conveniently located within walking distance of the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For more information, please call the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

Easter Octave Concert

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to attend the annual Easter Octave Organ **Recital on Sunday, April 28th at 6:00PM** in the Great Upper Church. The organist for this recital will be Clay Christiansen of Salt Lake City, Utah. This event is free and open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica offers free parking and is conveniently located within walking distance of the Brookland-CUA Station of Metro's Red Line. For more information, please call the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

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Spring Gala

Join the Dominican Community at its Annual Spring Gala on **Saturday, April 13 @ 6:00 PM**. This popular evening of fellowship and festivity benefits the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception and includes food & entertainment provided by the Dominican student brothers, silent and live auctions, musical entertainment by the [Hillbilly Thomists](#) and sung compline (night prayer). Tickets are \$125.00 per person and \$50.00 for students. Learn more here. dhs.edu/gala.



April 13th 2019 16th Annual 7 Church Walk for Young Adults | #7ChurchWalk. DCCatholic invites all young adults (20s and 30s) to the 15th Annual 7 Church Walk (#7ChurchWalk)! Join hundreds of young adults for our annual Lenten pilgrimage as we continue a Roman tradition in DC. We walk to seven historic downtown D.C. churches, praying together at each station, and concluding with a 4:30pm Vigil Mass & Dinner with Bishop Mario Dorsonville at Holy Rosary Catholic Church! holic invites all young adults (20s and 30s) to the 15th Annual 7 Church Walk! Join hundreds of young adults for our annual Lenten pilgrimage as we continue a Roman tradition in DC.



Schedule:

Adoration begins at 9:30am - Immaculate Conception: 10-10:30
St. Augustine: 11:15am-11:30am - Shrine of the Sacred Heart: 12:00pm-12:30pm
Lunch from - St. Thomas the Apostle: 2:00-2:30pm
Our Lady Queen of the Americas: 3:00-3:30 - St. Stephen Martyr 4:00-4:15
Final Blessing, St. Matthew's Cathedral 4:45-5:00

What to Bring? An open heart, a contemplative spirit, comfortable walking shoes, water bottle, rosary, and a brown bag lunch (or \$ to buy)!

Where do we Meet? -Meet at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (1315 8th St NW) at 10:00am!

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A letter from Father De Rosa

Dear Friends,

Often, in the Christian life, we say that graces have to be, “unpacked,” like gifts. Over time, God’s gifts become more apparent... Sometimes the unpacking takes years! Given our Lord’s many Gospel metaphors, we also think about seeing the fruits of our labors and sacrifices. And, again, those fruits sometimes take a long time to ripen. All that said, this Lent we’ve seen the beginning of something good happening and I want to both thank and congratulate you for it!

Following our financial update in February, we’ve seen a noticeable increase in e-giving through Faith Direct! In January, our Sunday collections were down by \$1,000 *per Sunday* compared to the same time last year. We have closed that gap to ~\$600/Sunday in March. We still have a ways to go, but this is a superb start! Well done!! I’m so grateful for this positive response... not just because it helps our bottom line...but because it means you are thinking about St. Mary’s as *a community*.

Another place we’ve seen this is grace at work is in our poor box giving. Over the course of Lent you’ve responded generously in our drive to help our missionaries here in DC and in Central America. In just these few weeks of Lent we’ve collected over \$3,000 for the poor. That’s as much as we collected in all of calendar year 2018. Trusting in Scripture I can guarantee you that the Lord will reward our parish for this fidelity and generosity to his children in need.

If in the coming weeks and months, we can continue to think pray and live *as one community* of believers I have every confidence that not only will our fiscal fate improve, our general happiness and hope will grow as well... and **THAT** is every parish priest’s dream for his family.

Your priest,

Fr. De Rosa

Holy Week Schedule

April 14th – 21st

<u>Palm Sunday</u> 8:00 am – (English) 9:00am – (Latin) 11:30am – (Chinese) 1:00pm – (English) 7:30pm – (English)	<u>Monday</u> 12:05pm only (English)
<u>Tuesday and Wednesday</u> 12:05pm only (English)	<u>Holy Thursday</u> 7:30pm (Latin) Mass of the Lord’s Supper
<u>Good Friday</u> 12:05pm Stations of the Cross (English) 3:30pm (Latin): Good Friday Service	<u>Holy Saturday</u> 8pm – Easter Vigil (Chinese/English) 10:30pm – (Latin) Solemnis Vigilia Paschalis

Easter Sunday

8:30am (English)
9:30 am (Latin)
11:30 am (Chinese/English)