



## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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*A Parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter*

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# The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

### DIVINE WORSHIP ORDER OF HOLY MASS

Low Mass 8:00 am, Sung Mass 10:30am, Low Mass 6:00 pm

*See Mass card or Missalette*

### Collect

Raise up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us: that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sorely hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

### First Reading

*Micah 5:2-5a*

Thus says the Lord: You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who has labor pains has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the sons of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And this shall be peace.

*8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses said by lector and people after the First Reading. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am Mass*

### Gradual

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him:  
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

V/. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

Brethren: When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,' as it is written of me in the roll of the book." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses chanted by priest and people.  
Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am Mass*

### Alleluia. Alleluia.

V/. Come, O Lord, and tarry not:  
forgive the misdeeds of thy people.  
**Alleluia.**



## The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the child leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Intercessions (Form III): Missalette page 29

**For those expecting children:** Katie & Dan; Joan & John Paul; Bethany & Seth; Karla & Jacob; Lisa & Ben; Christy & Doug; Kathryn & Phillip; Celeste & Zachary; Rebecca & Brinton; Erin & Sebastian; Megan & Bart.

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** *Sunday:* Samantha Smith [B]; *Monday:* Charlotte Zipper [B]; *Tuesday:* Bennett Blue [B]; Isabella Blue [B]; *Wednesday:* Jon Carr [B]; *Friday:* Joyce Asber [B]; *Saturday:* Tristan Smith [B]; Donald Stewart [B]; Dave & Paula Palmer [W]; William & Claire Harvey [W].

**For those in special need:** Michael; Noreen; Nina; Chiem; Dang; Soan; Frank; Ryan; Laurie; Susan; John; Jennifer; Grant; Lisa; Carl; Damian; Jaime; Earl; Isabella; Ronald; Jennifer; Susan; Colette; Colleen; Rebecca; Laura Anne; Joseph; Carol; Cole; Melissa; Michael; Morgan; Ann; Emma; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

**For those serving in our armed forces:** Patrick; Richard; Victor; Byron; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

### For the faithful departed:

**Anniversaries of Death:** *Sunday:* Rubin Clapes; Henry Seider; *Monday:* Donnie Smith; Lucille Carlson; John Martin; *Tuesday:* Barbara Yablonsky.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

If you are scheduled to serve but unable to please arrange substitutes & call (817.460.2278) ASAP.

December 23

|                |                      |                               |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>8:00 am</b> | Altar Server         | John Williams                 |
|                | Ushers               | Nance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro |
| <b>10:30am</b> | Master of Ceremonies | Will Vina                     |
|                | Thurifer             | Nate Jones                    |
|                | Crucifer             | Theo Irlbeck                  |
|                | Torchbearers         | Luke Garland / Jake Garland   |
|                | Boat Boy             | Matt Garland                  |
|                | First Reading        | Joe Morris                    |
|                | Intercessory Prayers | Meg Jones                     |
|                | Oblationers          | The Irlbeck Family            |
|                | Ushers               | Lonnie Jones / Mike Pratt     |
| <b>6:00pm</b>  | Altar Servers        | Derek Histen / Wm. Harvey (C) |
|                | Ushers               | John Mota / Ken Manichi       |
|                | Office Help          | Don Brignac / Shelby Estrada  |

## The Parish Offering

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| Weekly Offertory Forecast.....  | \$6,000.00 |
| Actual Offertory Collected..... | \$9,452.00 |
| Variance.....                   | \$3,452.00 |

*Thank you for your loving support.*

## MUSIC

**Simple Latin Chant Mass, MS 2 in the new SMMH.**  
All Hymns and Mass Music are in the St. Mary Missal and Hymnal (SMMH)

|                              |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Prelude</b> .....         | C 1 in SMMH, Vs 1,6,7,8              |
| <b>Introit</b> .....         | <i>The Advent Prose</i>              |
| <b>Offertory Hymn</b> .....  | C 13 in SMMH                         |
| <b>MYSTERIUM FIDEI</b> ..... | MS 2 in SMMH                         |
| <b>AMEN</b> .....            | MS 15 in SMMH                        |
| <b>PATER NOSTER</b> .....    | MS 17 in SMMH                        |
| <b>Communion Hymn</b> .....  | C 2 in SMMH                          |
| <b>Anthem</b> .....          | <i>O Antiphons for Advent Season</i> |
| <b>Postlude</b> .....        | C 6 in SMMH                          |

*The numbers above are for the new pew Missal & Hymnal.*

*MS represents Mass Setting.*

*C represents Christmas*

*(including Advent & Epiphany.)*

*EU represents Eucharistic hymns.*

**Adult Choir rehearses today from 2-4 pm**  
**Youth Choir rehearses after the 10:30 Mass today.**



*Please don't forget that you can now park in the Play Area located in the back of the parking lot.*



## ST. MARY'S THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 23

Masses at 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm  
Practice for Christmas Pageant 9:15

### Monday, December 24

Mass at 12:00 pm  
Parish Office Closed  
Vigil Mass of Christmas 5:00 pm  
Cookies & Punch will be served in the parish hall immediately following.  
Christmas Carols 10:30 pm  
Christmas: In the Night Mass 11:00 pm  
Champagne Reception in the parish hall immediately following the 11:00 pm Mass.

### Tuesday, December 25

Christmas: On the Day Mass at 10:00 am  
Parish Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 26

Confessions at 11:00 am  
Mass at 12:00 pm  
S.I. Karen Pope, RIP

### Thursday, December 27

Mass at 12:00 pm  
S.I. Karen Pope, RIP  
Men's Examen Group at 10:30 am

### Friday, December 28

Mass at 9:00 am  
S.I. Karen Pope, RIP  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 am–6:00 pm

### Saturday, December 29

Mass at 9:00 am  
Confessions 10:00–11:00 am  
S.I. Karen Pope, RIP  
Saturday Morning Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 am

### Sunday, December 30

Masses at 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF  
THE HOLY FAMILY OF  
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

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### Year End Contributions

If you are considering making a year-end contribution to the Parish, it must be RECEIVED in the Parish office by 12/31/18 or POSTMARKED by 12/31/18 for it to be considered a 2018 donation. These are the rules promulgated by the IRS and the Parish follows those rules. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary the Virgin.

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## St. Mary the Virgin Christmas Schedule

### Monday, December 24

Daily Mass 12:00 pm  
Parish Office Closed

Vigil Mass of Christmas 5:00 pm

Cookies & Punch will be served in the parish hall immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass

Christmas Carols 10:30 pm  
Christmas: In the Night Mass 11:00 pm

Champagne Reception in the parish hall immediately following the 11:00 pm Mass. SMV will supply champagne, please bring a "breakfast finger food" to share.

### Tuesday, December 25

Christmas: On the Day Mass 10:00 am  
Parish Office Closed

### Monday, December 31

**NO NOON MASS**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Solemn High Mass 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 1

**NO DAILY MASS**  
Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, January 5

K of C Epiphany Party  
Everyone invited! 6:30 p.m.  
Bring a treat to share and an inexpensive gift to exchange



To the Parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin,

With all that is going on overseas and in our own country, the brief story of *Tahar* (below), is just what we – and what the world needs and is an important reminder that our faith is more than our unfortunate tone-deaf and modernist bishops, but is about the saving of souls on a world-wide basis. We are just days away from our Lord coming again and may we take to heart his words that “it is not easy to admit Jesus into your life” but the love of God knows no bounds. This Fourth Advent, may we know what *Tahar* knows: “There is hope.” Tahar, a truck driver, born in France in 1963, is the son of an imam, married to a practicing Muslim and father of four small children. In 1982 he converted to Christianity. Here is what he told Aleteia.

**“Why did you become a Christian?”**

When I was in Algeria for some months during the ‘80s, I began practicing Islam. It was there that I read Surah 9, which invokes the holy war: “Fight [slay] the unbelievers wherever you find them, may they find severity in you”. I understood [then] that Islam doesn’t coincide with the spirit of peace and love, and I also met some Algerians who had converted to Christ. I received the grace to see the truth.

“Why me? I don’t know, but I thank the Lord. My father was an imam and never had the chance to understand the Gospel. It’s true; it’s not easy to admit Jesus into your life. When I converted in 1982, I began preaching the Gospel in Algeria; I always sat in the rear seats of the bus for fear of being stabbed in the back. But when you have Jesus in your life, you thank God day and night. Nobody is better than anyone else, but God has given us grace. Today it doesn’t matter whether I’m French or Algerian: I ‘m a citizen of Heaven.

**“How do you spread the Good News?”**

This morning I distributed Christian calendars during my break. At work I put a tag on the back of my jacket with “I love Jesus” on it. Some make fun of me... We cannot speak about Jesus to everyone, but we have to show His love in one way or another, even if sometimes we are mocked. One day, an imposing gypsy told me that everyone used to be afraid of him, but after his conversion, no one was afraid of him anymore. People would say: “Antoine has changed”. The faith makes your heart good. But we have no right to force anyone to become a Christian. Each person has to choose for himself.

**“What do you think of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris?”**

It is not surprising. We see the true face of Islam in these attacks. Those people are not to blame, the blame lies with those who preach the Koran. Some people say they are mad or fundamentalists, but they are simply applying the Koran to the letter. Everyone knows this, but nobody says anything for fear of offending the sensitivity of Muslims. Most Muslims, are good people, but have a veil over their eyes. They aspire to an Islam of peace and truth, but it doesn’t exist. In Islam, for example, if you offend me and I don’t forgive you, God cannot forgive you either. In other words, a Muslim doesn’t only put himself on the same level as God, but thinks he is superior to God.

**“How can a climate of peace and hope be restored?”**

I hope that all Muslims come to know the Gospel, because it’s not through reciting prayers or respecting Ramadan that we are saved, but in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Saviour. Muslims live in uncertainty. “Inshallah” means “if God wills”. And if He doesn’t will? Peace will be possible when Jesus returns in all His glory. This is the only hope. However, I know that God loves Muslims, I’m certain of it! Recently, in Algiers, I met an 80 year old man, who had just completed a pilgrimage to Mecca. Upon arriving there, he saw Jesus, Who said to him: “Go back to where you came from”. He went back to Algeria and converted to Christ – at 80 years of age! There is hope!”

Original article in Portuguese translated into Italian by Roberta Sciampliocotti; translated from Italian to English by Rorate contributor Francesca Romana

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*Priest:* Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

**All:** O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinariate / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.

*Priest:* Bless our families. / Bless our children.

**All:** Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.

*Priest:* Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

**All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.



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**A. M. D. G.**

**Flowers:** NO FLOWERS DURING ADVENT

**Sanctuary Light:** Jacqui Payne *for a special intention.*

**Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady:** The Blue family *in celebration of Bennie & Bella’s birthday.*

**Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph:** The Brignac family *in loving memory of May Brignac..*

**Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese:** Charlene Schwartz *in loving memory of Charlene Hart.*

**Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I:** Munde & Hans Lewis *in loving memory of Bruce Lewis.*

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