

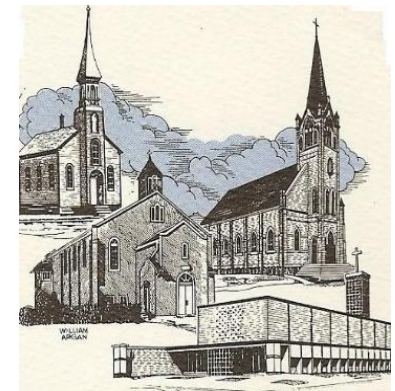


# SAINT MARY'S

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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**December 31, 2023**

*Parish Office Hours:*  
To be Determined  
Fr. Carlos Jimenez' office  
located at: **Holy Cross Parish**  
315 Douglas Avenue East  
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*Please* Join us at the Parish Center  
Every Second Monday – Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at **7:00 pm**  
*Next Topic – New Age Spiritualism*  
*Learn Our Faith - Education & Discussion*

### St. Mary's New Year's Mass Times

**Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am & 5:00 pm**  
Tues Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 am Confession 8:00 am Mass  
Wed Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm Novena 7:00 pm Mass  
Thurs Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am Confession 8:00 am Mass  
Fri Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Confession 7:00 pm **First Friday Mass**  
Sat Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Mass

### Sunday Masses: 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

#### Weekday Masses:

**Monday: No Mass**  
**Tuesday: 8:00 am**  
**Wednesday: 7:00 pm**  
**Thursday: 8:00 am**  
**Friday: 8:00 am – EXCEPT 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays (see below)**  
**Saturday: 8:00 am**

#### Confessions:

**Sunday:** Only before 5 pm Mass  
**Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday:** Before 8:00 am Mass.  
**Wednesday & Friday evenings:** Until 6:50 pm  
Also by appointment with Father Carlos

#### Devotions:

**Sunday: before the 11 am Mass**  
Chaplet at 10:15 am, Rosary at 10:30 am  
**before the 5:00 pm Mass,** Rosary at 4:30 pm  
Before weekday morning Masses 7:15 am Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary  
**1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of the month:** All Night Vigil in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mass at 7:00 pm. Confessions before and after, and Adoration until Mass at 8:00 am on Saturday morning.

**Baptism:** Arrange with the pastor. Please notify six weeks before for proper preparation

**Marriage:** Arrange with the pastor one year in advance

### Prayer to The HOLY FAMILY

Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate domestic life by Thine ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Thy holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

### Marian Centre

The Marian Centre would like to extend our thanks to all who have contributed towards their need of men's clothing in the past months. Our clothing room is now well supplied with men's winter clothing, which we share with those who come to us in need. We request at this time that further donations of clothing be suspended until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Again, thank You!



Pray The HOLY ROSARY Daily // [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

## The Family as a Communion of Love

*When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. [Luke 2:39–40](#)*

Today we honor family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families.

By God’s providence and design, the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was spoken of in the Scripture very little. We read of the birth of Jesus, the presentation in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve. But other than these stories of their life together, we know very little.

The line from today’s Gospel quoted above does, however, give us some insight worth pondering. First, we see that this family “fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord...” Though this is in reference to Jesus being presented in the Temple, it should also be understood to apply to all aspects of their life together. Family life, just like our individual lives, must be ordered by the laws of our Lord.

The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and “communion of love” found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives.

Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfill this duty of love?

*Lord, draw me into the life, love and communion that You lived with Your Immaculate Mother and Saint Joseph. I offer You myself, my family and all those to whom I am called to love with a special love. May I imitate Your family love and life in all my relationships. Help me to know how to change and grow so that I may more fully share in Your family life. Jesus, I trust in You.*

<https://mycatholic.life>

## St. Sylvester 1, Pope

St. Sylvester was the first Pope of Rome to reign entirely under the liberty of the Church, guaranteed by the Edict of Milan in 313. Sylvester - a priest of Rome and the son of one Rufinus, according to the *Liber pontificalis* - was elected to the See of Peter in 314. During Sylvester’s reign, the city began its transition into its Christian era, with the construction of the great Constantinian basilicas - including the Basilica of St. Peter on the Vatican Hill, which was erected above a temple dedicated to Apollo, to mark the burial place of the first Bishop of Rome. St. Sylvester and Emperor Constantine also collaborated on the Lateran Basilica and Baptistry, which were built adjacent to the former imperial palace where the Pontiff lived, as well as the (Roman) Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, and the Basilica of St. Paul outside the walls. Sylvester’s memory, however, is most closely tied to the church of St. Martin and Sylvester (known as the *titulus Equitii*, owing to its building site’s having been donated by a priest, Equitius) which still stands in Rome’s Monti neighborhood.

It is uncertain, however, what role Sylvester had - if any - in the negotiations regarding the Donatists at Arles, or over Arianism at the first Ecumenical Council of Nicea in 325. According to some, he did not even have the opportunity to intervene. What is certain is that his faith so moved his contemporaries, that they publicly honored him as “confessor”, i.e. one who, though not suffering martyrdom, lived a life completely given to Christ. Pope St. Sylvester also contributed to the development of the liturgy. It was most probably during his reign that the first Roman Martyrology was composed, and his name is associated with the creation of the ancient Roman school of sacred song.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints>

### **COLLECTION FOR: Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

<i>Sunday Offering</i>	\$3301.24	<i>Sunday Loose</i>	\$1293.75
<i>Parking</i>	\$400.00	<i>Building Fund</i>	\$250.00
<i>Missalettes</i>	\$60.10	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Friday Devotion</i>	\$150.00
<b>Total Collection</b>			<b>\$5,455.09</b>

### **Mass Intentions**

Sun	Dec 31	11:00 AM	Int of Nicholos Yogarajam	Antonypillao Vinotharoyah
Mon	Jan 1	11:00 AM	Repose of Souls Paul & Beatrice Family	P&B Leclair
Tues	Jan 2	8:00 AM	Repose of Jean Pierre Magnin	A. Magnin
Wed	Jan 3	8:00 AM	Reserved for Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Devotees
Thurs	Jan 4	8:00 AM	Repose of J. Brosi Nutting	Bruce Henning
Fri	Jan 5	7:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of Queen of Peace	
Sat	Jan 6	8:00 AM	Paul Beatrice Hope Leclair	P&B Leclair
Sun	Jan 7	11:00 AM	Zelalem Hagos	Sara Tsadik