

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Please remember St. Mary's Renovation Fund in your will.

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM / 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday / Thursday / Friday / Saturday	9:00 AM
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MASSES AT OLD ST. MARY CHURCH

Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00 AM every week
(Memorial Day Weekend to October) at Old St. Mary Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday	9:30 AM
Saturday	3:00 - 3:45 PM

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR	Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

EMERGENCY NUMBER: (603) 322-1644

This number is to be used to reach Fr. Sebastian outside office hours in cases of emergency.

CATHOLIC OUTREACH HOURS

Tuesday	2:00 PM
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ADORATION CHAPEL—24/7

Please come by the Parish Office to receive the code and instructions.

ST. MARY CEMETERY Old Church Road

Please call the Parish Office for inquiries or other information regarding the parish cemetery.

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Twenty-Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th

4:00 PM

St. Mary Church

December 25th

12:00 AM

St. Mary Church

9:00 AM

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The weekend Masses for December 23rd and 24th (Fourth Sunday of Advent) are according to the regular Parish schedule and are separate holy obligations from the Christmas Masses.

The Parish Office will be closed December 25, 2023 until January 2, 2024.



St. Mary Church will have a brand new creche this year, created just for the church!

Thank you to Kevin Krawiec, Louis Millette, and Dave Paige for their generosity and hard work in creating a beautiful addition to our celebration of the birth of Christ!

December 16, 2023—December 24, 2023

Sat. Dec 16 4:00 PM	Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent Dale Perkins (†) and Michael Perkins (†) By the Perkins Family
Sun. Dec 17 8:00 AM	Third Sunday of Advent Deceased Sisters of Edward Stone (†) By Edward Stone
10:30 AM	Paul Duval (†) By His Wife
Mon. Dec 18 9:00 AM	Late Advent Weekday Sally Michaud (†) By Ray Michaud
Tue. Dec 19	Late Advent Weekday No Mass
Wed. Dec 20	Late Advent Weekday No Mass
Thur. Dec 21 9:00 AM	Late Advent Weekday Lillian Harvey (†), Leonard & Alma Newell (†) and Ida Bresell (†) By Deborah Harvey
Fri. Dec 22 9:00 AM	Late Advent Weekday Gerald Gingras (†) By Family
Sat. Dec 23 9:00 AM	Late Advent Weekday For the People
4:00 PM	Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent Madelyn Willard (†) By Her Daughters
Sun. Dec 24 8:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Advent Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	Robert Belaire (†) By Paul & Lorraine Lefreniere

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Dec 18	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Tues. Dec 19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25/Lk 1:5-25
Wed. Dec 20	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Thurs. Dec 21	Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
Fri. Dec 22	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Sat. Dec 23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Sun. Dec 24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - DECEMBER 10, 2023

Envelopes (50).....	\$2,026.00
Loose.....	\$979.00
Retirement for Religious.....	\$1,240.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$601.09
Capital Campaign.....	\$530.08

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Church Maintenance	December 16/17
<i>Christmas Fuel Collection</i>	<i>December 24/25</i>
Catholic Outreach	December 30/31

Donations to Catholic Outreach should be made payable to "Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish."

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal checks should be made payable to "New Hampshire Catholic Appeal."

Capital Campaign checks should be made payable to "God's House, Our Home."

PRAYER LIST

Call the parish office to add/continue a person on the prayer list

Deb Bedard	Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	David Montano
Mary Brunet	David Grey	Leanne Mortell
Andy Champy	Jake Grey	Mary Ouellette
Kathleen Chaudhry	Renee Honeman	Shirley Pierce
Sandy Colby	Geoffrey Houle	Mary Raymond
Joseph Dalton	Timothy Houle	Andrew St. Pierre
Liz Jones-Dern	David Immic	Janet Sullivan
Bryant Dillion	Nancy Kingsbury	Mary Sullivan
Susan Doody	Pam LaBounty	Christine Snyder
Jimmy Dunn	Diane Landry	Erika Thomas
Thomas Eagan	John Laushance	Pauline Trottier
Charles Eastman	Matthew Limoges	Louise Unger
Chuck Ferland	Fr. John Loughnane	Felicity Wallace
Joan Flaherty	Shirley McNutt	Joe Wallace
Dennis Fontaine	Sylvia Michaud	



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church
will burn this week in memory of
Ian Pierce
as requested by Ron Perron.



Please consider online contributions
to St. Mary Parish. Visit our website
and click on the "Give Online" button.

Welcome New Parishioners...Just moved to this area? We welcome you to St. Mary Parish!

Parish registration forms are available in the back of the church or on the parish website.

Please contact the Parish Office at stmaryscclaremont@comcast.net or (603) 542-9518 if you have questions.

HYMNS—Third Sunday of Advent

Processional Hymn: #84—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Offertory Hymn: #90—Emmanuel

Communion Hymn: #670—Holy Is His Name

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #101—O Come, Divine Messiah



Parish Ornaments For Sale
One for \$20 or Two for \$35
Limited supply available



2024 Calendars For Sale
\$10.00 Each
Limited supply available

Great Christmas Gifts!
200-Year Anniversary Souvenirs!
Bundle Deal: 2 ornaments and 1 calendar
\$40.00 total

Both ornaments and calendars will be sold following each weekend Mass in the back of the church. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Parish.



Campaign Corner

The safety measures will remain in place throughout the winter and restoration of the church. We are currently waiting for our engineer to complete the design stage and then the whole project will go to bid.

Total pledges received as of Nov. 15th is \$973,600. Any funds raised beyond the total cost of the church exterior repair and restoration project will be used for additional capital improvement needs of the church. 100% of all gifts/pledges remain with the parish.

Please do not forget to make your weekly/monthly pledge payments. There are envelopes available in each church entrance for your convenience. Also, you are welcome to make your payments online.



Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish

If you or someone you know needs assistance with food or living expenses, please call Denny Francis of Catholic Outreach at 603-543-0551



Christmas Lessons and Carols
St. Mary Church
December 17th at 4:00 PM

Mount Royal Academy Sacred Choir
Music Director: Katherine Host
Join us for an hour of Christmas Carols
and scripture readings to celebrate the birth of Christ.



Come and See!! The Men of St. Joseph is a lay men's ministry that promotes fellowship, prayer and education to all interested men of the parish. We are beginning a video series entitled "In the Footsteps of God - From Abraham to Augustine". This series explores the pivotal players in church history. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 pm. Meetings are held in the upstairs room in the chapel building. Further information, call Kevin Krawiec @ 603-801-6130

Advent Tree of Life

Monetary donations are still accepted until December 31. Thank you all for your generosity in helping to make Christmas a little brighter for our local families who are struggling. They will enjoy wrapping the gifts that you have so thoughtfully chosen and presenting them to their children on Christmas morning. The Claremont Kiwanis Club is the organization that is coordinating the giving of about 600 clothing gifts and many toys too! St. Mary's is the largest donor since we purchased over 180 clothing gifts this year. We could not do it without the help of so many of you! May the joy you have shared with others come back to bless your own Christmas! Thank you!



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

December 17th—1:00 PM
St. Joseph Church Hall, Claremont
Advent Gathering/Luncheon

To schedule a home visitation of the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please contact Juanita Sweet at 603-477-1348 or juanitajoy2@gmail.com.

