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**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**

St. Mary – 4:30pm

**Sunday**

St. Mary – 9:00am (Rosary 8:30am)  
St. Joan of Arc - 5:00pm (Rosary 4:30pm)

**Weekdays (at St. Mary only)**

Tuesday – 6:00pm  
Wednesday – Friday – 7:00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – 7:00am

Tuesday – 5:00pm – Adoration  
Tuesday – 7:00pm – Apologetics  
(on hiatus)

**CCD**

St. Mary - Sunday at 10:00am

**RCIA**

St. Mary – Wednesday at 6:00pm  
Call 812-512-0997 to register

**Confessions**

Saturday – 3:30pm – St. Mary  
Sunday – 8:30am – St. Mary  
Sunday – 4:30pm – St. Joan  
Tuesday – 5:15pm  
Or by appointment

*St. Joan of Arc*  
327 W. McKinley St.  
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PO Box 506  
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*St. Mary Church*  
105 E. Jackson Street  
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*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of Advent*      **Nov. 29, 2020**

**Are You Watching ... ?**

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. ...  
And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" (Mk 13:33, 37)



*Show us, Lord, your love;  
and grant us your salvation*

*Psalm 85:8*

**Mass** live-streamed on Facebook  
at 7:00am W-Th-F and 9:00am Sunday  
<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysullivan>

**Church Support – November 22**

**St. Joan of Arc:** Regular \$288

**St. Mary:** Regular \$2,472 / Comm. Kitchen \$85

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

(Nov. 29 -Dec. 6)

### Saturday, Nov. 28 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

STM – Victoria Irvine ✨

### Sunday, Nov. 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

STM (9:00am) – David Hennel ✨

STJ (5:00pm) – Members of St. Joan and St. Mary

### 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent

### Monday, Nov. 30 – St. Andrew, Apostle

### Tuesday, Dec. 01 – Advent Weekday

STM – Alta Elizabeth Tepool ✨

### Wednesday, Dec. 02 – Advent Weekday

STM – Angela Annette Parsons White

### Thursday, Dec. 03 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

STM – Dan Godfrey

### Friday, Dec. 04 – Advent Weekday

STM – Mother Angelica ✨

### Saturday, Dec. 05 – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – Advent Weekday

STM - Fr. Eugene Schmitt

### Saturday, Dec. 06 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

STM – Baby Jordan ✨

### Sunday, Dec. 06 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

STM (9:00am) – Lenny Barish ✨

STJ (5:00pm) – Tom Stefanski ✨

## PRAYER LIST

**St. Joan of Arc:** Karen Connelly, Dixie Cullison, Kenny & MaryAnn Duncan, Liam Fuzesi, JoAnn Hamilton, Joe Hudson, Jen Lee, Rose Lee, Vincent Lee, Abbey Martin, Brent Sexton, Elizabeth Solomon, Jack Trump, Elizabeth Zitt

**St. Mary:** Doug Bates, Brenda Bedwell, William Bouchie, Bob Cooper, Verne Davis, Bob Falconbury, Connie Hayes, Christopher Styga, North Knox co-worker of Suzan Morgan, Family of David Brent Craighead, Family of Cade Frye

Send requests to [shudson@evdio.org](mailto:shudson@evdio.org) or call the Parish Office at 812-268-4088.

### ITEMS OF NOTE:

- **Masks are required at ALL masses.** Show that you care about your fellow parishioner and wear a mask. We will get through this together with patience, compassion and understanding. Masks are available on the entry tables. Also, please take time at the end of each service to wipe down the pew before you leave. (*Cleanliness is next to Godliness!*) Thank you!
- **St Joan Quilt Raffle – Dec. 13** - Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5. See a member of St. Joan or the Parish Secretary for tickets.
- **Immaculate Conception of Mary Holy Day Mass**  
Dec. 7 – St. Joan - 6:00pm  
Dec. 8 – St. Mary - 7:00am & 6:00pm

## DAILY MASS READINGS

### Nov. 29 (Sunday)

Reading I – Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Reading II – 1 Corinthians 1:309

Gospel - Mark 13:33-37

### Nov. 30 (Monday)

Reading I – Romans 10:9-18

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Gospel –Matthew 4:18-22

### Dec. 01 (Tuesday)

Reading I – Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Gospel – Luke 10:21-24

### Dec. 02 (Wednesday)

Reading I – Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Gospel – Matthew 15:29-37

### Dec. 03 (Thursday)

Reading I – Isaiah 26:1-6

Psalm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Gospel – Matthew 7:21, 24-27

### Dec. 04 (Friday)

Reading I – Isaiah 29:17-24

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

Gospel – Matthew 9:27-31

### Dec. 05 (Saturday)

Reading I – Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Gospel – Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Dec. 06 (Sunday)

Reading I – Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Reading II – 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel – Mark 1:1-8

# A REFLECTION

FROM FR. JOHN

## Good Conscience

What is our conscience and where does it come from? A quick look at the Merriam-Webster dictionary, conscience is defined as *“the sense or consciousness of the moral goodness or blameworthiness of one's own conduct, intentions, or character together with a feeling of obligation to do right or be good.”* There is much to unpack here but it is a worthy study.

Most Christians know the story of the woman caught in the act of adultery meeting Jesus. The scribes and Pharisees were trying to trick Jesus.

*When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.*

The people came one by one to the realization, through conscience, that they held sin just like the woman caught in the act of adultery. They chose the path of moral goodness and felt an obligation to do the right thing. It is interesting how blameworthiness plays into the story. Had someone tried to stone the woman, a mortal sinner, their conduct (to stone) and intentions (to judge) would be blameworthy in the site of God. Conscience plays a big part in our daily modern life.

Paul sees how conscience works in the world: “When Gentiles, who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, these, though not having the law, are a law to themselves. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, to which their own conscience also bears witness; and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or perhaps excuse them.” (Romans 2:14-15) Paul observes the law of God is written in the hearts of men and women and the mind bears witness through the conscience to move us towards good.

Church-going folks and people who pray strengthen the resolve and character of the conscience. “...let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:22) Faith can purify an individual, sanctification of the body and soul.

Just as you might strengthen your conscience spiritually, so might you build up your conscience physically. Paul writes Timothy about what he expects from Deacons. “Deacons, likewise, must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; they must hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.” (1 Timothy 3:8-9) We see here, the respect and dignity with which we hold our body strengthen the resolve and character of the conscience.

As we move towards Christmas, let us consider ways our conscience might help our fellow sojourner and family. In the name of Christ our Lord.

## **ADVENT Literature**

There are Little Blue Books and Word Among Us booklets available at no cost for your reading pleasure. They may be found on the tables at the north and south entries to the church. Enjoy!

## **Free Literature**

There are copies of "Do Something Beautiful for God: The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa" available in the north and south entries of the church. Help yourself and enjoy!

## **2021 Calendars for St. Mary**

The 2021 calendars for St. Mary are now available and may be found on the tables in the north and south entries of the church. Many thanks to Holmes Memorial Chapel for providing these calendars.

## **Immaculate Conception of Mary is Dec. 8 (Holy Day of Obligation):**

Dec. 7 (Vigil) – St. Joan – 6:00pm

Dec. 8 – St. Mary – 7:00am & 6:00pm

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