

Reverend Alfred J. Harris
Pastor



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Mondays

11:30 novena followed by 12:05pm Mass

5:15pm – Mass and novena

11:30 am novena & 12:05pm Mass & novena

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

Sundays:

9:00 am – Tridentine Mass

2nd Sundays - 5:00pm- High Mass (not during Summer)

10:30 am (English)

11:30 am – (Cantonese)

1:00 pm – English

7:30 pm – (English)

Staff:

Director of Music: William Parsons

Parish Secretary: Soraya Strobach

Bookkeeper: Maria Reiss

Custodian: Jimmy Vines

Priests in Residence:

Fr. Garrett O'Brien

St. Mary Mother of God Church

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First Sunday of Advent

Introit: AD te levávi ánimam meam: Deus meus, in te confído, non erubéscam: neque irrídeant me inimíci mei: étenim univérsi, qui te expéctant, non confundéntur.



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 simply send us an email at stmarys20001@gmail.com or print it from our website.

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: Necessary preparations require that arrangements be made at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Please call the Rectory or send and email stmarys20001@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Baptisms: Call the Rectory (202) 289-7771 or send an email to stmarys20001@gmail.com 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.



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Mass intentions for the week

Sunday, December 3rd

9:00am - Santiago Soutuyo (D)
10:30am - Shirley Giammona Iacoboni (D)
1:00pm - Health of Anna Maria London (L)
7:30pm - Edward Maione (D)

Monday, December 4th

12:00pm - Elias Koch (D)
5:15pm - Ms. Colleen Davey (D)

Tuesday, December 5th

12:00pm - Graciano Tuazon (D)

Wednesday, December 6th

12:00pm - Margaret G. Costello (D)

Thursday, December 7th

12:00pm - Lyons T. Carr (D)

Friday, December 8th

8:00am - Christina E. Hadford (L)
12:00pm - Seta Macrie (D)
7:30pm - Thanksgiving Mass:
Strobach Family (L)



Saturday, December 9th

5:00pm - Louis J. Link (D)

Walk with Mary.

The Archdiocese of Washington's annual Walk with Mary procession and Mass to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, will take place **on Saturday, December 9.** **The procession will leave promptly at 12:00 noon from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart (6th St. & Park Rd., NW)** and will conclude at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. **The Mass will be held at the National Shrine at 2:30pm**, with Cardinal Donald Wuerl as the main celebrant and Bishop Mario Dorsonville as the homilist.

Collection for Retired Religious. The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held this year on weekend of **December 9-10** in the Archdiocese of Washington. This parish-based appeal coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory collection for the month of November.

November 6th: \$4,212.91; Retired Priests: \$2,564.00;
All Saints Day: \$1,269.00 All Souls Day: \$1,235.00
November 13th; November 17: \$4,048; November 19th \$3,182.00
November 26th: \$2,692.00

December 8th is The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Cathedral Penance Service with Confessions

All are welcome to experience the love of Christ through the Sacrament of Penance at the Advent Communal Penance Service, "Come Home for Christmas," **on Tuesday, December 19 at 12:10pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW,** near the Farragut North or Dupont Circle Metro Red Line stops).



Nativities of the World. A collection of more than 150 mostly-handcrafted crèches from around the globe, will be on exhibit at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land from **December 2, 2017-January 7, 2018 (daily 9am-5 pm)**. Many are folk art, created of local materials, such as nuts, tin foil, straw, and felt. See the universality of the Catholic faith through the way different cultures express the birth of Christ. [1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017](http://1400QuincyStNE.WashingtonDC20017). Free parking; Brookland-CUA Metro/H6 bus toward Ft. Lincoln. Information: myfranciscan.org and [202-526-6800](tel:2025266800).



Museum of The Bible. The museum is just two blocks from the National Mall. It provides guests with an immersive and personalized experience as they explore the history, narrative, and impact of the Bible. *400 4th St SW, Washington, DC* <https://www.museumofthebible.org/>

A call to Young Adults

from the DC area! All young professionals (21-late 30s) are invited to our monthly DCCatholic Theology on Tap at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle to explore the role of faith in our daily lives.. We will be hosting Christmas Caroling in Dupont Circle on **December 12th**, featuring performing artist Marie Miller and the Hillbilly Thomists! Come early to grab a drink and practice, then join us in Dupont Circle as we go caroling together. **Be sure to wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater!**
6:00pm-6:30pm: Happy (half) hour
6:30pm-7:15pm: Indoor caroling practice
7:15pm-8:00pm: Caroling in Dupont Circle
We can't wait to see you there! #totdc



Trinity Dome Dedication

All are invited to attend the historic dedication of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception during the **12noon Mass on Friday, December 8**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The dedication will mark the completion of the work of the National Shrine begun in 1920 and will launch preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the laying of its foundation stone in 2020. For more information please visit www.nationalshrine.org or call [202-526-8300](tel:2025268300).