

Reverend Vincent De Rosa  
Parish Priest



Schedule of masses

Monday

11:30 novena and 12:05pm Mass

5:15pm – Mass.

No public Mass and Novena on federal holidays.

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

Sunday

9:00 am – **Tridentine Mass**

10:30 am (English)

11:30 am – (Cantonese)

1:00 pm – English

7:30 pm – (English)

Staff

Parish Secretary: Soraya Strobach

Custodian: Jimmy Vines

Director of Music: Bray McDonnell

Priests in Residence:

Fr Vincent Rigdon

## St. Mary Mother of God Church

727 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW – Washington DC 20001

202 289-7771

**Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018**  
**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**National Shrine's Annual Tower Tour.**

This September, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will once again offer the extraordinary opportunity to view our nation's capital from the spectacular vantage point of its bell tower. Tour opportunities are available on:

**Friday, September 7 from 10am-4pm.**

Visitors will ascend the tower elevator to the observation level, where they can take in outstanding views in all four directions. The ability to climb stairs and ride in a small elevator is

required to take this tour. Tours are on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no tickets or reservations required. The Basilica is located at [400 Michigan Ave NE](#), offers ample free parking, and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For more information please visit [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com) or call 202-526-8300.

**Volunteering at the National Shrine**

**Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church?** The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel,

Director of Visitor Services, at 202-526-8300, x111 or [dsteel@bnsic.org](mailto:dsteel@bnsic.org). Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

**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 send us an email at [stmarys20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com) and we will assist you.

**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:** Preparations require arrangements be made at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Please call the Rectory or send an email [stmarys20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**Baptisms:** Call the Rectory (202) 289-7771 or send an email to [stmarys20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

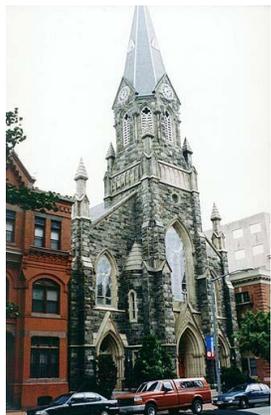
**Sacraments of Penance:**

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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## Schedule of Masses

### Sunday, September 2nd

9:00am-Thanksgiving Mass for conception of a child for the Dhaganom Family.  
10:30am- Juan Manuel Pineda Seith (L)  
1:00pm- Fr. Alfred Harris (L)  
7:30pm- Diane and Samuel Moton (L)

### Monday, September 3rd

12:00pm- John Metz (L)  
5:15pm – Ed Sheridan (L)

### Tuesday, September 4th

12:00pm – Gertrude Goodwin (D)

### Wednesday, September 5th

12:00pm- Camille Miritello (D)

### Thursday, September 6th

12:00pm- Mrs. Beverly Morrison (L)

### Friday, September 7th

8:00am- Fr. James McCurry O.F.M.(L)  
12:00pm- Birthday of Lucille Ho-Pham (L)

### Saturday, September 8th

9:00am- Dick Costello (L)  
5:00pm- George Joseph Dami (D)

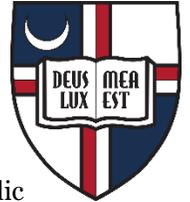


**Remember to honor your loved ones, alive and deceased, or just for any special occasion.** They will be grateful to you for all eternity. Fill out the provided envelopes in the church and put it in the collection basket. A beautiful card of Saint Mary's for whom the Mass is requested is included upon request.

**Remember that** the Rectory will be closed on Labor Day and there will be no Masses for the public on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. The priests of Saint Mary will offer their private Masses for the people for whom those Masses were requested on that day.

### **Collection for The Catholic University of America**

During the **weekend of September 8-9**, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up a second collection for The Catholic University of America. This national university of the Catholic Church was established by Pope Leo XIII and the United States bishops in 1887, and it currently provides an education based in Catholic intellectual tradition to over 6,000 students, including clergy, religious, seminarians, and young lay men and women. For more than 100 years, this national collection has been a pillar of support for the University and, by helping fund financial aid and more, is critical to a successful academic year for both students and faculty. You can learn more at [collection.cua.edu](http://collection.cua.edu). Thank you for your generosity.



### **Run or Ride for Vocations! Register NOW!**

Registration is open for these two fun opportunities to help support our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood. The "Run for Vocations"/Marine Corp 10K will be held on **Sunday, October 28**. The "Ride for Vocations"/Southern Maryland Century bicycle ride will be held on Monday, September 3. Visit [www.DCpriest.org/promote](http://www.DCpriest.org/promote) for more information and to register for either of these events. It is not necessary to be part of a parish team to run or ride. Plan to register soon, as the races fill quickly. All funds raised

will support vocation promotion and seminarian formation in the Archdiocese of Washington. Please email [RFV@adw.org](mailto:RFV@adw.org) with any questions.

### **GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK WMET 1160am**



We invite you to join us for wonderful evening of fine dining and fellowship on **October 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6:30pm** at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington DC. You will be inspired by the dynamic presentation of Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM. Fr Ken will be speaking on *the Good, The True and the Beautiful Transforming the Culture Through Catholic Radio*. We are so excited and thankful that our award honoree this year is, His Eminence, Donald Cardinal Wuerl.

Join us for an inspiring evening and hear the fascinating conversion story of Father Ken. He lived the life of the prodigal son for most of his young adult life. Raised in a nominally Catholic family, who only lived the externals of the faith, Father Ken left the Catholic Church for many years. It's an evening you don't want to miss. For information or to purchase a table or tickets: [www.grnonline.com](http://www.grnonline.com) or call 202 288 0150.

### **Make a Difference for Christians in Syria**

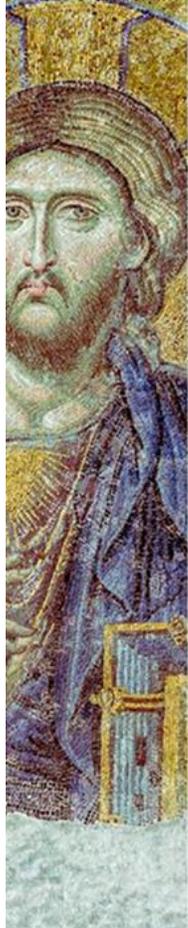
The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity, the place of St. Paul's conversion.

Learn more at [myfranciscan.org/Syria](http://myfranciscan.org/Syria) or call 202-526-6800, x895.

### **Give the Gift of Service**

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer)

# AROUND THE CITY



## Jesus of Nazareth and the Church's Tradition

The Enduring Legacy of Benedict XVI

with

Dr. Chad Pecknold  
Dr. Kevin Doak  
Fr. Joseph Koterski, SJ  
Fr. Dominic Legge, OP  
Dr. Christopher Ruddy  
Dr. Rebekah Eklund  
Fr. Stephen Fields, SJ

The Thomistic Institute at Georgetown University  
September 15, 2018  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Riggs Library, Healy Hall  
Georgetown University



At the Catholic Information Center  
1501 K Street NW Suite 175  
Washington DC 20005

## Why Israel Matters: A Theological Perspective.

The re-emergence of Israel as a nation-state caught the world by surprise. That Israel matters geo-politically cannot be doubted, but does it matter theologically?

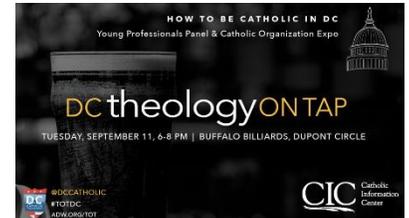
Is there a place for Israel, as there is for Jews, in Christian eschatology? Reception to follow event.



## How to be Catholic in DC

Join us on September 11<sup>th</sup> to grab a drink and hear straight talk and honest answers to your questions about faith, love, work and other real life experiences. All are

welcome, Catholic or not! Bring your friends and meet other young professionals for Happy Hour specials from 6-7pm with a talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm. #totDC +Co-hosted the Catholic Information Center +Must have valid 21 + ID to enter



## Join us as the official World Youth Day Cross makes a historic visit to Washington DC! World Apostolate of Fatima: Mass and Healing Service

On Saturday, September 15, the Archdiocese of Washington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will have a Mass and healing service celebrating the division members' Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. This event will be held at St. Catherine Labouré Church in [Wheaton, MD \(11801 Claridge Rd.\)](#), with Fr. Thomas Morrow as the celebrant.

Confession at 9:30am and Mass at 10am will be followed by the Rosary and individual prayer for healing. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Monica at 301-949-5710.

## Save the date. Mother of Africa Pilgrimage.

The Archdiocesan Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach invites you to join them in a special Mother of African Pilgrimage on **Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-4:00pm** in the Upper Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception . For further information contact Sandra Coles Bell at 301 853 4469 or email at [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org)

*"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior"*



## Let's Talk About Faith and Life

**Through Sunday, September 23**, a series of talks on various topics concerning the dignity of human life will be held each Sunday evening (except Labor Day weekend) from **6:30-8:30pm** at **St. Dominic Church** in [Washington, DC \(630 E Street, SW\)](#). Co-sponsored by the parish and the archdiocesan Department of Life Issues, topics include abortion, just war, foster care and adoption, persons with disabilities, the sexual revolution, euthanasia, poverty, sex trafficking, capital punishment, racism, and immigration. The talks will take place in the Parish Meeting Room, and please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner.

For more information, please email [prolife@adw.org](mailto:prolife@adw.org).

- **September 9<sup>th</sup>**: Catholicism and Capital Punishment
- **September 16<sup>th</sup>**: The Challenge of Racism Today
- **September 23<sup>th</sup>**: "Who is My Brother?" immigration as a Life Issue

## Father De Rosa's Weekly Column

Dear Friends,

In the Latin readings for this Sunday we hear, "For what a man sows in the flesh, from the flesh also will reap corruption." (cf Gal. 5:25-6:10). In the English readings we hear, "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls." (cf Jas. 1:17-27). Finally, in the English Gospel we hear, "Hear me, all of you, and understand.

Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile" (Mk 7). Only the Word of Jesus... the Living Word preserved in Scripture and Tradition brings about unbounded life. Anything that comes from me will always be corrupted, ultimately limited by my own human sinfulness. Often today we lay blame for our personal issues at the world around us, or at what other people may have done to us: "There's just so much suggestive imagery out there, I couldn't help it." Or "Well, if you knew what my mom did to me as a teenager...". Certainly our external circumstances - whether they be the images that surround us or the details of our past - have an immense effect on us. But ultimately, if we want to be happy, we need to follow Jesus' Word today, because all that is from outside can eventually pass through us... it's what we choose to originate, or what we allow to fester for that matter, that determines whether we will be happy or not. As Shakespeare put it, "The fault is not in our stars..." (Julius Caesar)

A couple of years ago I was in a very politically-charged parish. Each week I'd inevitably get beaten up by a few parishioners for either being too strong or too soft on an issue. Didn't matter what the issue was you were always going to hear about it from someone. I was down and my Pastor noticed. He asked me what was going on and I told him. His response, "That's fine, but what are YOU going to do about it?" In my prayer, I started focusing less on the outer circumstances and more on the inner... and not so much on my own feelings (though those were taken into account) but on what Christ was doing for me and with me each day... His Word planted in me. Life became sunnier day-by-day, week-by-week and soon ministry opportunities were blossoming left and right and I was visibly joyous.

We're surrounded by a lot of outer circumstances in Church life right now. What are YOU going to do about it? Over the last week I've gotten some wonderful offers of help and volunteerism from folks. We need more!! A group of young professional men are getting together to form a men's group to grow in their Catholic identity. Amazing!! A woman approached me about entering the Church and asked if her instruction could take place in the context of a small group with her and her friends. ABSOLuTELY. Jesus has planted a Word in each of these folks' hearts... and he's planting one in yours. Water it, let it grow and let's see what happens. If each of us engages this process we can grow a joyful helpful and worshipful community here at St. Mary's for our good, our neighbors' and for the Glory of God!

Your priest,  
Fr. De Rosa

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