

Mary, Mother of Mankind Church

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who
can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b

September 29, 2024

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Holy Days: see bulletin

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am
(The Rosary is prayed
prior to Daily Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

M-T-W-Th. 9:00 am-1:00pm

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From Fr. Varghese's Desk



Why We Should Attend Mass

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates His Church and all her members with His sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, offered once for all on the cross to His Father. By this sacrifice, He pours out the grace of salvation on this Body, which is the Church." This profound truth emphasizes the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of every Christian. It is in the celebration of the Mass that we are united with Christ's saving sacrifice, where heaven meets earth, and where grace is abundantly poured out upon us.

Parents, I completely understand how challenging it can be to bring children to Mass. It often feels like an uphill battle, with distractions, restlessness, and the demands of family life making it difficult to focus on the sacredness of the liturgy. However, this battle is one worth fighting. There is no greater gift we can give our children than to bring them into the presence of Jesus. At Mass, they encounter the living God, and through the example of our commitment, they learn the importance of placing God first in their lives—above all else, no matter how busy or challenging life may be.

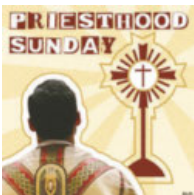
If we wait until our children can behave perfectly in church or until our schedules are less hectic, the truth is, we might never make it to Mass at all. Life is always full of distractions and demands, and Satan is quick to offer us countless reasons to put off attending Mass. He whispers excuses in our ears, making it seem as though there will always be a better time, but that time often never comes. Yet, God is always there, ready to give us the grace we need to respond to His invitation with a "yes." When we ask Him for help, He provides the strength and patience we need to persevere, even when it's difficult.

By making Sunday Mass the cornerstone of your family's week, something you do together without fail, you create a powerful foundation of faith. The blessings and graces that flow from this regular discipline of attending Mass will transform your family in ways you may not expect. It becomes more than a routine—it becomes a source of strength, unity, and grace that will enrich every aspect of your family life. Trust in the power of this commitment, and you will witness its profound impact on the hearts and souls of your family.

*Have a Good Week and God Bless
Father Varghese*

Priesthood Sunday 2024

Priesthood Sunday, which will be celebrated this Sunday, September 29, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 28

- 4:00 p.m. All St Vincent dePaul Members of our parish
- Sunday, September 29-Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8:00 a.m. Eleanor Pistacchio (1st Anniversary)
- 10:30 a.m. Joseph & Concetta Iozzi (Anniversary Remembrance)
- Lucille Garland (1st Anniversary)

Monday, September 30-St. Jerome

- 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth
- Tuesday, October 1-St. Therese of the Child Jesus**
- 8:00 a.m. Teresa J. Lepore (Remembrance)
- Wednesday, October 2-The Holy Guardian Angels**
- 8:00 a.m. Lionel, Helen & Richard Peltier (Remembrance)

Thursday, October 3

- 8:00 a.m. Domenic

Saturday, October 5

- 4:00 p.m. Giovanna D'Angelo (Remembrance)
- Sunday, October 6-Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8:00 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Rosario Burgess (Birthday Remembrance)

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2025 Mass Book is open! You may book your masses during office hours on: Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am-1:00 PM.

Sanctuary Candle, Altar Candles & Altar Bread

Candles will burn from 9/26 thru 10/4

The *Sanctuary Candle* will burn for:

Siena

The *Altar Candles* will burn for:

Chona

The *Altar Bread* is offered for:

Michele

(Cost of the Sanctuary Candle, pair of Altar Candles or Altar Bread is \$15 for a living or deceased remembrance)

Please call the Rectory at 231-3542 to reserve yours

Monday thru Thursday 9-1

Weekend of September 22, 2024 Offertory Reports

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| Weekly Offering | \$4,400.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$1,151.00 |
| Helping Hand Fund | \$ 81.00 |

Thank you for your support!

The second collection next weekend is for the Seminarian Education. You can now visit marymotherofmankind.org to set up regular gifts for second and special collections.

Thank you for your generosity!

Snowflake BAZAAR

November 2nd and 3rd, 2024

It won't be long before we will be attending our Annual Snowflake Bazaar. We need items from YOU to fill our tables!! Once again, all the profits will benefit the handicapped bathroom. At this time, we are seeking prizes for the raffles, gift baskets, street market, jewelry, and Warm & Wooley tables. Donations of gift cards (\$15, 20, 25 or \$50) to restaurants, stores, and other places of business would be most welcome. For more information, please contact our Chairperson Paula Paquette at 401-556-8164 or email pjspa@gmail.com

- ◆ **Peoples' Choice Table**—Movie tickets, housewares, electronics, sports items/game tickets, general giftware. **ALL ITEMS FOR THIS TABLE MUST BE NEW!**
 - ◆ **Street Market Table**—gently USED items in working condition (example would be small kitchen appliances) please no computer components or clothing.
 - ◆ **GIFT BASKET RAFFLE TABLE**—Need gift baskets and or items for our gift baskets; such as Pet Theme baskets, Thanksgiving baskets, Entertainment baskets, Sporting baskets, Wine and Liquor baskets and Christmas baskets.
 - ◆ **Jewelry Table**—Jewelry Items new or vintage for our Amazing jewelry table
 - ◆ **Christmas Table**—Collectibles, decorations or ornaments.
- Volunteers Needed**—Sign up sheet at entrance to our Church.

Items can be dropped off at the Rectory Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 1 pm or at weekend masses. There will be boxes at the entrance of the Church.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

2024 Human Life Guild Day

Together we renew our commitment to life
Sat., October 5 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence:
Registration required, please RSVP by Fri., Sept. 27.
Beginning with Holy Mass in the Cathedral.

2024 Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress

Sat., October 5 through Fri., October 11
Various parishes throughout the Diocese of Providence.
Schedule forthcoming.

Life Chain Sunday

Sun., October 6 from 2-3 p.m.
Gatherings held Diocese-wide:
A peaceful gathering of prayer and public witness for life and for the end of abortion. Contact the Office of Life and Family Ministry for schedule and for locations.

Youth Group - Movie and S'mores Night
Date: Saturday, October 12th
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Calling all students in grades 6 through 18! Join us in the parish hall for a fun evening of reconnecting with old friends and welcoming new ones. Enjoy pizza, s'mores, and a great movie! Don't miss this chance to unwind and make new memories.

RSVP: Text Mrs. Brooks at 401-499-5786 if you plan to attend.

Religious Education 2024—2025

Classes started on September 15th in the Church Hall at 9:00AM. Next Classes are September 29, October 6th in the Parish Hall. We welcome new students to join the classes if they have not done so yet. Registration Forms are available on the Parish website, at the Church entrance, and at the Parish office.



Have you missed receiving one of the Sacraments? Do you have a family member or friend who would like to become Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process through which adults (18 years or older) are fully initiated into the Catholic Faith Community. If you are 1) a baptized Catholic who would like to learn more about RCIA and would like to receive First Communion or be Confirmed, or 2) a Christian baptized into another denomination, or 3) a non-baptized person, then call the rectory (231-3542) for more information. **There will be an informal meeting after the 10:30 am mass on September 29th**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, Sept. 30—7:00 PM Men of St. Joseph
Thur. Oct. 3 - 6:30PM Zumba Class (Hall)
Thur. Oct. 3 - 5:45PM—Choir Rehearsal (New Voices Always Welcome)
Saturday, Oct 5-1:00PM— Blessing of your Pets
SPECIAL EVENTS
Snowflake Bazaar: Saturday, November 2nd & Sunday 3rd, 2024.
20 Week Club Dinner Dance: January 25th, 2025

20 Week Club Winner(s)

Week #1—\$25.00 Congratulations Jerri Matracia
Week #2—\$25.00 Congratulations MaryAnne Ferreira



*This week we welcome our new parishioners: **Jestin and Tintu George and William Cain** to our **Mary Mother of Mankind Parish***



SUNDAY SMILE

A horrible mistake: “Father, I have a besetting sin, and I want your help. I come to Church on Sunday and can't help thinking I'm the prettiest girl in the congregation. I know I ought not think that, but I can't help it. I want you to help me with it.” The pastor replied, “Mary, don't worry about it. In your case it's not a sin. It's just a horrible mistake.”



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: Have I ever complained because God was generous to others who in my opinion did not deserve it?
Children: Do I get upset when one of my friends gets something that I think I deserve?



To submit a prayer request for our 'Prayer Chain' please contact Alexandra P. (300-2062) or Pauline N. (231-8012)

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