



Christ the King

St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Tuesday Mass 7:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am
Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday 3:00 3:30 pm
Tuesday 3:30-4:30 pm
Tuesday after 7:00 pm Mass
Wednesday After Evening Prayer-7:40
Thursday 6:30 7:30 am
Friday 9 - 10am & 5 - 7pm

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every

Wednesday 6:00 - 8:00 pm with evening prayer and Friday 9:00 - 10:00 am.

Baptism: Call the parish office to set up an appointment with the priest. Parish membership is required.

Marriage: Arrangements/Instruction must be made with the Pastor at least 6 months in Advance. Parish membership of the Bride and/or Groom or their parents is required.

RCIA: The Right of Christian Initiation for Adults. Please contact Deacon Tim Webb at 231-409-0786(cell) or 231-263-4553(home).

Visitation of the Sick: Please call the Rectory or Parish office if you or a member of your family would like a visit.

Funeral: Please contact the parish office to arrange for funeral services.



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Mission Statement

"We the Roman Catholic Community of St. Mary Church believe in a loving and caring God. By our Baptism we are called to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we use our gifts and talents to build the kingdom of God, a kingdom of love, peace, and justice in our families, in our school, in our parish, and in our world."

From Fr. Joe

[There won't be "A Journey Through the Mass" segment in this bulletin article, but it does touch on where we left off in last week's bulletin, which was the Penitential Act and some implications for Advent and Christmas. This is a longer article, but I hope you will read the whole thing. I think you will see why when you get to the end.]

In the Gospel on this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (the last Sunday of the current liturgical year), Jesus is being interrogated by Pilate in the trial which will condemn him and lead to his crucifixion. (*Gosh, why does the Church have such a downer Gospel for this Solemnity? Wouldn't it be better to have one of Jesus' parables about the kingdom of heaven? You know, one of those "the kingdom of heaven is like" Those are much more positive. Ah, yes, ... but wait.*) Jesus is asked whether he is the King of the Jews. Jesus doesn't deny it, but he answered,

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." . . . So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (John 18:36-37)

And the Gospel for this Sunday ends there. But the *very next verse*, which we didn't hear, begins **"Truth!" said Pilate, "What does that mean?"** (John 18:38)

The truth is what led to Jesus' death by crucifixion. The truth is what got Jesus into trouble with the Jewish authorities. They took offense at what he said about them (*even though it was the truth*). And they said he was a blasphemer and deserved death, **"We have our law, and according to that law he must die because he made himself God's Son."** (John 19:7) But Jesus couldn't deny the truth, after all, He is the Son of God!

And Jesus established the Church to continue to speak and spread the truth of the Gospel even when it is not convenient, even when it hurts. Earlier in John's Gospel, Jesus said, **"If you live according to my teaching, you are truly my disciples; then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."** (John 8:31-32) Jesus didn't say the truth will be easy; he didn't say the truth won't get you in trouble – after all look what happened to him – but the truth will set you free.

Speaking about the truth, every year during the holidays there are often more people present at Mass,

particularly the Christmas Masses, when people are home visiting family – and I sure hope that is the case this year. And while it is wonderful that the Christmas Masses are full of people (especially Christmas Eve), we all know that many of those who will be in attendance will not have been to Mass in a while. In fact, they are often jokingly referred to as "Chreasters", those who go to Mass only on Christmas and Easter. However, it is not a joking matter.

The minimum requirements for being a Catholic are called the precepts of the Church. The obligatory character of these precepts **"is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor"** (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC] ¶ 2041, *underlining emphasis added*). Just four weeks ago, on the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus said about love of God and neighbor: **"There is no other commandment greater than these."** (Mark 12:31) That's pretty strong evidence that these are important and that violating them is gravely wrong (i.e. mortal).

The very first precept of the Church is: **"You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor."** (CCC ¶ 2042) *Come on, does that really mean every Sunday?* Yes, that means each and every Sunday; and remember, that's the very necessary minimum! *Why does God require that?* Because God wants us to have life and have it abundantly (see John 10:10); and Jesus said, **"Let me solemnly assure you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."** (John 6:53)) And where do we get Jesus' Body and Blood to eat and drink? At Mass! Not at some sporting event, or shopping, or in the woods hunting, or on the lake fishing, etc. Those can all be fun and worthwhile activities, but they won't get you to heaven. Not following the precepts of the Church is a serious sin, and if someone has unconfessed serious sin, they shouldn't be receiving Holy Communion when they come to Mass.

To keep physically healthy most people eat at least a couple of meals each day. To keep spiritually healthy the Church only commands we must be spiritually fed once a week on Sundays, and on six holy days of obligation. Ask yourself this, how many of you eat only once a week, let alone only a few times a year? *But if I can't receive Holy Communion why bother going to Mass?* The precept isn't to receive Communion on each and every Sunday, but to attend Mass. Ideally, while it would be wonderful to receive Holy Communion at each Mass, the Mass itself is spiritually

nourishing. [FYI – the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass is an acknowledgement of our sins and guilt, and that we are a community ever in need of conversion, of being reconciled with God and others, but it isn't the Sacrament of Reconciliation – aka: Confession.]

But what about being welcoming to those who have been away from the Church? Won't saying they can't receive Holy Communion, push them even farther away?

First of all, we welcome anyone to join us for Mass, but Holy Communion is the ultimate sign of unity – unity of beliefs, unity of practice, unity of Sacred Tradition. If someone chooses by their actions to go outside of that unity, and wants to receive Holy Communion anyway, then the Eucharist becomes a false symbol. Informing them that they should not be receiving Holy Communion, is not done in prideful spite, but in loving concern for them, and the Church simply honors the choice they have made. Now, there is a way to correct the situation – the Sacrament of Confession and making a firm amendment to change – but that needs to happen before receiving Holy Communion. *Why?* For the good of their own soul.

[W]hoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily sins against the body and blood of the Lord. A man should examine himself first; only then should he eat of the bread and drink of the cup. He who eats and drinks without recognizing the body eats and drinks a judgment on himself. (1 Corinthians 11:27-29)

So, if you love and care for your family members and friends who have not been faithfully practicing their Catholic faith, help and encourage them to use the season of Advent to really prepare for Christmas, to amend the way they have been living, and go to confession. Then when they join you for Christmas Mass, there will be no reason to be offended, and you and they can receive Holy Communion worthily and truly give glory to God.

As you and your loved ones get ready for Christmas, are you aware that here at St. Mary of Hannah Parish confessions are offered five days each week, Tuesday through Saturday, with over 7 hours of confession time available every week?

The confession schedule is:

Tuesdays: 3:30pm – 4:30pm and after the 7pm Mass until 8pm

Wednesdays: 6:15pm – 7:45pm (during the 6-8pm Adoration)

Thursdays: 6:30am – 7:30am

Fridays: after the 8:30am Mass until 9:50am and from 5pm – 7pm

Saturdays: 3:00pm – 3:30pm

(And if people are still waiting to have their confession heard when the scheduled time is over, I am willing to stay longer unless there is some pressing need to attend to, but that is rare.) So, will there be a Communal Reconciliation Service at St. Mary of Hannah during the upcoming Advent Season?

No. There is already adequate time available to get to confession. And if you have family who live elsewhere and won't be arriving until Christmas Eve day, suggest that during Advent they go to confession where they live. There is plenty of time – this year there are almost 4 full weeks of Advent. Also, the last chance for confessions before Christmas here at St. Mary of Hannah will be an additional one-time opportunity on Thursday, December 23rd, from 5-7pm.

Having a conversation with family or friends who may not be regularly practicing their Catholic faith (*maybe they are a "Chreaster"*) can be awkward, delicate, and at the very least uncomfortable. If you are wondering how to bring this topic up with them, consider giving them a copy of this bulletin article (*extras can be made if requested*) or a link to our parish website where they can download the bulletin and the article, and ask them to read it. If they get angry or take offense, it can be against me, you're just making them aware. And if they – or maybe even you – disagree or have questions, you can always offer to have them contact me.

Instead of ignoring the elephant in the room and uneasily going along with inappropriate and potentially dangerous religious observance (see 1 Cor 11:27-29), this could make for a blessed opportunity for a truly joyful and holy Christmas.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, and a blessed week of giving thanks to God.



~ St. Mary of Hannah ~ Feast of Christ the King ~ November 21, 2021 ~

~PARISH NEWS~

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule:

Thursday, November 25th 9:00 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Walk a Thon: Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Walk A Thon. With the Profits, they contributed \$255.00 to Altar Society, Home and School, Choir, and Youth Group. Thank you everyone for your efforts in making this a success.

Potluck Theology: This past Saturday, Nov 13th, was our 2nd meeting of "Potluck Theology". From the questions that had been submitted, the following 10 questions were covered that evening:

Explain what a plenary indulgence is. What temporal punishment does it remove? Why is this rarely or never talked about at church?

When the priest elevates the Blessed Sacrament during consecration and again at "Behold the Lamb ...", why do some people look down instead of at Jesus present?

2 Thessalonians 2: 4-7 – who/what is holding back the wicked one from appearing before his appointed time?

Why not mention a responsibility to get the Covid vaccine since Pope Francis has endorsed it as an act of love to our fellow man?

In regard to the Gospel for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the end of it says Nobody will know the time of the end, not even the Son. Can you elaborate.

While professing our faith we say: "For us men and our salvation" Aren't we forgetting someone? The word "Men" describes the male of the human species. For us "people" and our salvation? (Thank you from one of the parish men ☺)

Why does the bible talk so much about circumcision?

When did Joseph die? Early in Jesus' life or later?

How old do you need to be to become a deacon?

What do you say to a teenager who tells you they're not sure there is a God?

They were good questions. So, what were the answers? Ask someone who attended. (You may have to ask a fellow parishioner if they attended, because we aren't going to list the names of those who did.)

Interested in knowing the answer to these and other questions? Come to "Potluck Theology", and maybe even submit your question(s). FYI – the next "Potluck Theology" is scheduled for Saturday, December 11th, after the 4pm Mass. Questions must be submitted by the end of Monday, Dec. 6th.

~SCHOOL NEWS~



Thank you to the Boots for Kids Program for their donations to our students. The boots, hats, gloves, and socks help keep our children warm during these cold winters. The program has helped our community since 2001. Their director works closely with local schools to determine what students qualify to receive the free boots.

Are you preparing to give to an organization that helps locally, especially our Kingsley and Buckley children? This season consider giving a financial donation to the **Boots for Kids Program**. These boots do last a long time, as I see younger children wearing the hand-me-downs from their siblings. **After twenty years and over 15,000 boots, let us help Golden Shoes and The Art and Mary Schmuckal Foundation in their efforts to support our children.**

Boots for Kids is a wonderful program and gives us the opportunity to put our Catholic social teachings into action. Please consider donating by writing in the memo section of your check that you belong to St. Mary-Hannah Church. Or you may put it in a separate envelope and drop it in the Sunday collection and we will see that it gets to the Boots for Kids Organization.

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November 13 - 14

General: \$ 2,552.00

School: \$ 335.00

Fuel & Utilities: \$ 105.00

Votives: \$ 40.00

Loose: \$ 275.50

Visitors: \$ 35.00

Online Giving : \$ 1,604.00

Total: \$ 4,946.50

Thank you for your Contributions!!

November 27 - 28

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5:00	Gary W.	Doris R.	Bradly & Lily
9:00	Barb B.	Jean D.	Collin & Troy
11:00	Alice N.	Gail R.	Belanger's

Mass Intentions and Schedule

Monday, Nov. 22nd

WEEKDAY

NO MASS

Tuesday, Nov. 23rd

10:00 am Mass

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

7:00 pm Mass

After Mass - 8:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY

† **Bill Strickland**

By: *Patricia Strickland*

Rosary & Confession

† **Marilyn Rice**

By: *Doris Rodes*

Confession

Wed., Nov. 24th

8:30 am Mass

6:00 pm - 8:00pm

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† **Cecilia Weber**

By: *Bill & Ramona Crain*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Confession available

Thursday, Nov. 25th

6:30 am - 7:30 am

9:00 am Mass

WEEKDAY - THANKSGIVING

Confession

† **Ralph Ockert**

By: *Dick & Diane Gray*

Friday, Nov. 26th

WEEKDAY

NO MASS, NO CONFESSIONS

Saturday, Nov. 27th

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

3:30

4:00 pm Mass

WEEKDAY

Confession

Rosary before Mass

People of the Parish

Sunday, Nov. 28th

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

† **Bill Lewis (Anniv. Of Death)**

By: *Margaret Lewis*

† **Fr. Michael Conner**

By: *Michelle & Scott Buckley*

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