

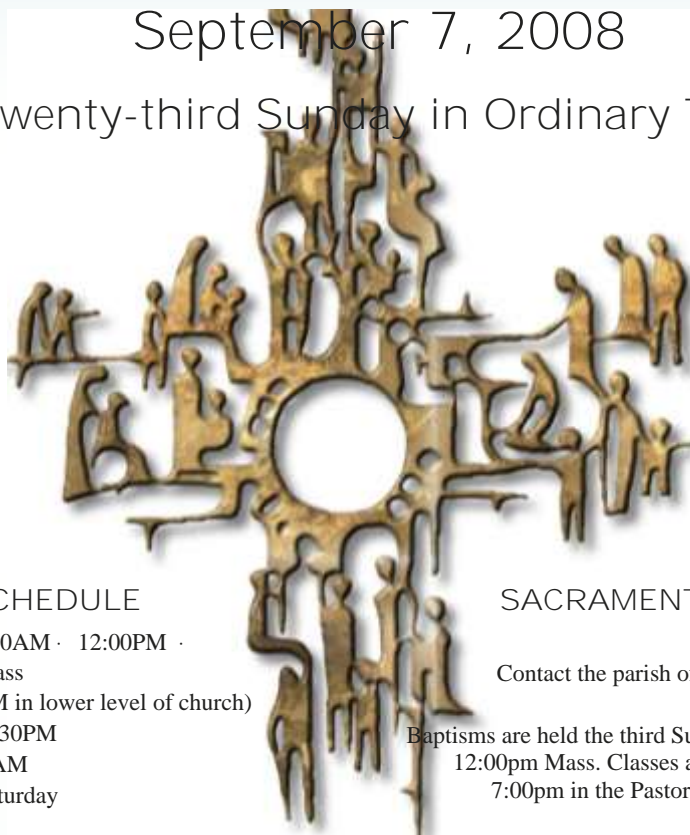
Saint Mary Catholic Parish

LITTLETON, CO

September 7, 2008

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jubilee Year of Saint Paul



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30AM · 9:00AM · 10:30AM · 12:00PM ·
5:00PM—Youth Mass
(Nursery open 9:00AM and 10:30AM in lower level of church)
Saturday: 8:15AM · Anticipatory: 4:30PM
Monday - Friday: 6:30AM · 8:15AM
Daily Rosary: 7:45AM Monday-Saturday
School Mass: Friday—8:15AM
Holy Days and Holidays
As announced in bulletin
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Daily from 5:00AM to 11:00PM

CLERGY

PASTOR
Reverend Alvaro Montero, D.C.J.M.
PAROCHIAL VICARS
Reverend Javier Nieva, D.C.J.M. · Reverend Javier O'Connor, D.C.J.M.
DEACONS: Anthony Dudzic M.D. · Tim Kilbarger
Greg Frank · Joel Paulson

PARISH OFFICE

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Littleton, CO 80120
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PARISH WEB SITE: www.stmarylittleton.org

Staff E-mail Addresses: Visit our website and click "Staff/Contact Us."

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office if someone becomes ill or hospitalized.

Baptism

Baptisms are held the third Sunday of the month at 1:30pm, following the 12:00pm Mass. Classes are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Pastoral Center. Contact 720-283-4737 to register.

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 8:50AM-9:15AM and 3:15PM to 4:15PM
Mon.-Fri 7:05AM-8:15AM and 8:50AM - 9:15AM
Sundays: Half an hour before Mass and during Masses if necessary

Emergencies

For sacramental emergencies, please call 303-798-8506.

PASTORAL STAFF

Administration/Finance

Linda Sherman · Secretary to the Pastor
Margie S. Marks · Janet Watson · 303-798-8506
Connie Lee · 720-283-4723
Dora Collins · 720-283-4737

Business Manager

Gary Hooper · 720-283-4739

Director of Music

Marriage Preparation

Camille Massing · 720-283-4732

Youth and Young Adult Minister

Pastoral Care/Stephen Ministry

Debbie Tavella · 720-283-4726

Social Activity Director

Tom Chapman · 720-283-4733

Religious Education

Sharon Ryan · 720-283-4724

Lisa Marie Thompson · 720-283-4728

Christian Initiation of Adults and Children

Deacon Tim Kilbarger · 720-530-6602 (RCIA)

Suzette Compton · 303-221-5925 (RCIC)

Weekend Stewardship

As a *Stewardship Parish*, we gladly give back to the Lord in thanksgiving for what He has given us. We tithe a portion of our weekly offertory.

Total Offering last week: \$unavailable
 Total Offering previous year: \$unavailable

“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow.”
 Proverbs 3:9-10

Readings for the Week of September 7

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
 Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/
 Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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Pope Benedict XVI Prayer Intentions
 September 2008

General:
 That those who are forced to leave home and country because of war or oppressive regimes may be supported by Christians in the defense and protection of their rights.

Mission:
 That faithful to the sacrament of matrimony every Christian family may cultivate the values of love and communion in order to be a small evangelizing community, sensitive and open to the material and spiritual needs of others.

Please pray for the ill of our parish that they may have abundant comfort in God’s healing:

Linda Anunti, Annabelle and John Bilek, James Carr, Theresa Exeley, Lorraine Kaufman, Gene Kramer, Patty Kranda, Dave Madison, Annette Matras, Dorothy McCorriston, Bob McDonald, Elnore Nau, Janet Paintin, Denise Rasser, Robert Ratcliff, Kendrick Sipple, Joe Sixta, Jane Wiley.

Please pray that our deceased loved ones who have died may rejoice in the gift of eternal life, especially:

Jack LeMoine



		Mass Intentions for the Week	
Sat.	Sept. 6	8:15am	Anthony Ciccone Lvg
		4:30pm	Hazel Heidrick † Timothy D'Costa Lvg Bud Hommel †
Sun.	Sept. 7	7:30am	Bill Hannum † Jimmy Flanagan † Damian Martinez †
		9:00am	Charlene McGill † Elnore Nau Lvg
		10:30am	Bill Golden † Buck Nanny †
		12:00pm	Saint Mary Parishioners
Mon.	Sept. 8	5:00pm	Bud Hommel †
		6:30am	Living Friends of Bart Wiesley
		8:15am	Angie Schumacher † Ted Housley †
		6:30am	Ramona Wiesley Lvg
Tues.	Sept. 9	8:15am	Ellen Crowell †
		6:30am	Blanche Letourneau †
Weds.	Sept. 10	8:15am	Marlene Heyna †
		6:30am	James O'Hagan Jr. and Sr. †
Thurs.	Sept. 11	8:15am	Harold Jacoby †
		6:30am	Priests of Saint Mary Lvg
Fri.	Sept. 12	8:15am	Gail and Jerry Durr 50th Anniversary
		8:15am	Collette and Joan Broderick †
Sat.	Sept. 13	4:30pm	James Willey † Michael J. Lynch † Hazel Heidrick †
		7:30am	Saint Mary Parishioners
Sun.	Sept. 14	9:00am	Donald and Helen Shirley †
		10:30am	Rose Mary Scott † Leona Reinsel † Elnore Nau Lvg
		12:00pm	Special Intention Lvg
			Altar and Rosary Lvg/Dec
		5:00pm	U.S. Armed Forces Lvg/Dec

Left town for the weekend and missed a bulletin? Look for bulletin archives and other useful information, including funeral times, on our parish web site: www.stmarylittleton.org.

Funeral Reminder

If a death occurs in your family, please call Debbie Tavella in the Pastoral Center at 720-283-4726 **before** making funeral plans to allow for adequate time to coordinate with the priest, church, music personnel, and reception volunteers. Thank you.

From the desk of the pastor

“Let us invoke the intercession of Mary, mother of the Church, for the priests, and men and women religious; let us pray, moreover, so that the seeds of the vocation that God sows in the hearts of the faithful will mature and bear fruits of holiness in the Church and the world.”

Pope Benedict XVI-World Day of Prayer for Vocations-May 2006



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to tell you about a wonderful opportunity we have as a parish to join together in prayers for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated lives. I experienced many prayers helping me as I went through my years of formation as a religious. Moreover, I can still see their impact in my ministry at Saint Mary Parish and I have also experienced times when my lack of prayer has hurt you. Supportive prayer is so important. We are beginning the *Vocations Chalice Program* in our parish to help us pray in this way. With God’s grace, this powerful vocation prayer will continue for many centuries!

Thank you and God bless,
Fr. Alvaro

Vocations Chalice Program

The *Vocations Chalice Program* is active in many parishes throughout the United States. It encourages parish members to pray for religious vocations. A chalice is presented to a volunteer family or church member at Mass for display in their home while offering prayers for vocations throughout the week. The family brings back the chalice the next weekend when they attend Mass, and the chalice is presented to another family. The Chalice Program brings the parish together for prayer. It involves the whole parish community in prayer for vocations, and it serves as a weekly reminder for all to pray for vocations.

At Saint Mary Parish, we will have three vocation chalices—one for the Saturday 4:30pm Mass, one for the Sunday 5:00pm Mass, and one to rotate through the Sunday morning Masses. The program will begin next weekend, September 13-14. Members of our parish vocations committee will be available in the lobby to help schedule volunteer chalice families. A signup notebook will be kept at the hospitality desk as well. For details, contact Mary Jo Rakowski at 303-768-0035 or mjrakowski@msn.com.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, your Church is in need. Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you. Call forth from this community priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay leaders. Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment. May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world. Amen.

Q&A corner

Q: Does our altar contain the relics of a saint?

A: There are no saints’ relics in the altar. Instead, if you were to take all the cloths off the altar you would see an embedded circular olive wood box with an engraving of Mary and Jesus on it and with the inscription “Bethlehem 2000” on it. Fr. David Blue Jacket, our pastor at the time, brought this box back from the Holy Land during his pilgrimage in November 1999 on the eve of the Millennium. The figure of Mary reminds us of our parish patroness, and the year reminds us of when we began the construction project for the new church. More importantly, just as the Millennium celebration recalled the past and looked to the future (“Christ was, is and always will be”), so our construction project did the same as we also prepared to celebrate our parish centennial anniversary. Inside the box are oil, water and soil from the Holy Land to symbolize the unity of our holy place in Littleton with that holy place where Jesus lived, died and rose. From there, our faith is celebrated in community.

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF saint PAUL

A Prayer to the Apostle Paul

Glorious St Paul,
Most zealous Apostle,
Martyr for the love of Christ,
Give us a deep faith,
A steadfast hope,
A burning love for our Lord;
So that we can proclaim with you,
“It is no longer I who live, but Christ
who lives in me.”
Help us to become apostles
Serving the Church with a pure heart,
Witnesses to her truth and beauty
Amidst the darkness of our days.
With you we praise God, our Father:
“To Him be the glory, in the Church and in
Christ, now and forever.”
Amen.

Did you know?

The *Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary* came together as an association in 1987 and were officially recognized as a religious order in 2002. The Disciples currently number 28—nineteen priests, two students of philosophy and theology, and seven novices. The Order has houses in Madrid and Cuenca, Spain; Rome, Italy; Falls Church, VA; and Littleton, CO. Praise God who calls forth new religious orders in every era of his Church!

Upcoming Events

Sun.	Sept. 7	After 5pm Mass	Youth Group Guest Speaker: <i>Chris Stefanik</i>
Mon.	Sept. 8	7:00pm	Divorce and Beyond Pastoral Center
Tues.	Sept. 9	1:15pm	Bible Study Pastoral Center
Tues.	Sept. 9	7:00pm	Baptism Class Pastoral Center
Weds.	Sept. 10	7:00pm	RCIA—God and His Son Marian Hall
Thurs.	Sept. 11	7:00pm	Catholic Biblical School Marian Hall
Fri.	Sept. 12	5:45am	That Man Is You! Marian Hall
Fri.	Sept. 12	6:30pm	Young Married Couples scottranville@interfold.com
Sat.	Sept. 13	9:00am	Altar and Rosary Meeting Marian Hall
Mon.- Thurs.	Sept. 22- 25	7:00pm- 9:00pm	Parish Mission Ave Maria Hall
Mon.	Sept. 29	9:00am	Lifeline Stroke Testing Marian Hall

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HOURS

Monday—Friday 8:00am—10:00am

Saturday 3:00pm—6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am—1:30pm

Book of the month

September

Review *The Discernment of Spirits* and *The Examen Prayer*
by Fr. Gallagher in preparation for the Parish Mission.

Monday, October 13

7:00pm—Ave Maria Hall

Render Unto Caesar: *Serving the Nation by Living Our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life* (Doubleday, August 2008)
by Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M.

Francis Maier, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, special assistant to the Archbishop, and Saint Mary parishioner will speak on the Archbishop's new book. Copies of the book are for sale in our parish Anna Martin Gift Shop.

St. Mary Parish School

Now Hiring

Director: St. Mary School Before and After School Care
Saint Mary School is accepting applications for the Director of our Before and After School Program. Applicants must be Director qualified and prepared to manage personnel and financial matters. Interested applicants may submit a resume to:
Mary Cohen, Saint Mary School, 6833 S. Prince Street, Littleton, CO 80120 or mcohen@stmarylitleton.org.

Religious education

Catechist of the Week: Misa Williams

Misa teaches second grade students for our program on Sunday mornings. She was first called to share her faith with children ten years ago. Since that time, she has prepared hundreds of children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. She enjoys working with children, and finds that teaching catechism has strengthened her own faith. Misa has enjoyed her catechetical experiences so much that she became a classroom teacher five years ago. We are blessed by Misa and the gifts she shares with us.

We have a few volunteer spots left:

Sunday morning: adult hall monitor

Aides and Backup Teachers are welcome at all levels.

Rcia—up and running

Want to be a Catholic or know someone who does? Then come to the RCIA meeting on Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00pm in Marian Hall. It's not too late to start. This week we are talking about God and His Son. Catholics who want to learn more about their faith are also invited.

Divorce and beyond

Monday evenings - September 8-November 10

7:00pm-8:30pm - Pastoral Center Dining Room

Contact Cheryl Cummins at 303-721-7259.

Tuesday Adult bible class

Begins Tuesday, September 9

1:15pm - Pastoral Center Dining Room

Contact Joan Lennon at 303-794-6748.

Young Married Couples

Friday, September 12 - 6:30pm

Contact Scott Ranville at scottranville@interfold.com.

Altar and Rosary Society

Saturday, September 13

9:00-10:00am - Marian Hall

Join us for the first meeting of the fall of this women's service organization. Fr. Javier will join us to bless the new year and to share about his vocation to the priesthood.

What Does God Want for Our Lives?

Ignatian Guidance for Every Day Living



We all wonder at times what God wants for our lives and how we can grow in our faith. This Parish Mission is for all who desire greater awareness of God's action in their daily spiritual lives.

Our Parish Mission leader, Father Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V.—noted Ignatian speaker, author and television personality—helps us understand St. Ignatius of Loyola's *Rules for Discernment* and how their insights are invaluable for our spiritual growth today. He illustrates **the guiding precision, clarity, and insight of St. Ignatius' Rules** with examples from the experiences of real-life people like us.

Join us and let the insights from this Mission begin to guide your everyday living.

Parish Mission
Monday – Thursday, September 22-25
7:00 – 9:00pm in Ave Maria Hall

Safe environment training

Saturday, September 20
9:00am - Ave Maria Hall

All volunteers who have any contact with youth are required by the Archdiocese to take a safe environment training class **PRIOR** to the start of their volunteer work. To register, call Linda at the Parish Office at 303-798-8506.

STROKE TESTING AT St. Mary parish

Monday, September 29
9:00am—4:00pm Marian Hall

St. Mary Parish, along with HealthOne Medical, is hosting a cardiovascular screening and we encourage all to attend. The cost of each test is \$50. There are discounts for some test packages. Please call 1-800-643-6075 to register and for more information.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

It is not too late to return the Baby Bottles full or empty—preferably full. The final collection of bottles will be September 13—14. Thanks to all who have turned them in.

Nativity of Mary

September 8
Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us!

Food bank needs

The food bank is in continuous need of the following items: Cereal, Tuna and Chicken (canned), Hamburger and Tuna Helper, Pasta and Rice Mixes, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables and Canned Beans, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Cake Mix, Spaghetti and Sauce, Soap, Toilet Tissue and Toothpaste. In addition, we can also use miscellaneous non-perishable staples.

Thank you for your participation and generous support to the Saint Mary Parish Food Bank.

Tom Chapman, Food Bank Manager

Faithful Citizenship

Sept. 27-28: Voter Registration Sunday

Sept. 30: Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

A call to political responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the U.S. presented by Jennifer Kraska, JD, Executive Director of the Colorado Catholic Conference, 7:00-9:00pm in Ave Maria Hall.

Oct. 13: Render Unto Caesar

Francis Maier, Chancellor and Special Assistant to the Archbishop, will discuss Archbishop Chaput's recent book which presents the truths about living our Catholic beliefs in political life, 7:00-9:00pm in Ave Maria Hall.

Informed Consent Form

In 2000, the Colorado legislature passed a Statute whereby anyone over 60 or any “at-risk” adult may request and voluntarily sign an “Informed Consent Form” to be placed in their customer file. This voluntary action by the customer grants permission to their financial institution to release information about any future suspicious account activity to appropriate agencies for the limited purpose of investigating known or suspected financial exploitation – hopefully before all the money is gone.

If you are over 60 or taking care of an “At Risk” Adult, request an Informed Consent Form (ICF) from your financial institution. If your bank/credit union is unfamiliar with these forms, an example of a form that may be accepted by your bank/credit union is available on our website – www.denverda.org click on Consumer Alerts or call 720-913-9036. Fill out the information, sign it and instruct your financial institution to place it in your customer file for future use, should the need arise.

For more information about Informed Consent Forms and Financial Institutions go to: www.denverda.org and click on consumer alerts or call 720-913-9036.

Saint Mary Parish is a participant in the Denver District Attorney’s Office CASE Partnership—*Clergy Against Senior Exploitation*

Introduction to the catechism

Monday evenings starting September 8
7:00pm John Paul II Center

This eight session class will cover all four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Cost: \$60.00 (includes Catechism) or \$40.00 (with your own Catechism). Contact Tess Stone at 303-715-3260 or tess.stone@archden.org.

CONQUEST DENVER BOYS’ CLUB

Parent information nights

Tuesday, September 9 or
Thursday, September 11

ConQuest Denver, a Catholic leadership club for boys ages 5 – 15, is in its 7th year of helping Catholic families, from many parishes in the south metro area, to guide their boys through the process of becoming mature young men, developing apostolic hearts, helping the boys to discern what their vocation in life will be, and helping the Church in forming its lay and religious leaders of tomorrow. Parents can attend an information night on either **Tuesday, Sept. 9th at St. Thomas More**, in Centennial, in the church gym located north of the church main entrance or **Thursday, Sept. 11th at the Montessori Peaks Academy**, at 9004 W. Capri Ave, just south of the church and shopping center south east of the intersection of Bowles and Kipling, in the gym. Meetings both nights are from 6:30 – 7:30 pm and children are welcome. For more information contact Mark Dean at 303-972-1006.

second annual blue mass

Saturday, September 13

4:30pm—Christ the King Catholic Church

This Mass honors law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel who serve our communities. It also honors those who have given themselves in the line of duty. Please join us in celebrating this liturgy with Archbishop Chaput. *Please attend in uniform.*

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Denver

Wisdom center at most precious blood

Living with illness: Is the lord with us or not?

Sunday, September 14

2:00pm—Most Precious Blood Parish Center

Kathy McGovern, Denver scripture teacher and liturgist, will share from her long and varied experience on God’s grace at work through physical diminishments. Registration: \$15 before Sept. 5; \$20 after. A reception follows the presentation. To register or for more details, contact Sister Macrina Scott at 303-756-3083 x129 or macrina@mpdenver.org.

Traditional Latin Mass

Sunday, September 14—3:00pm

Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Latin Mass Community invites you to join them for a Traditional Latin Mass. Booklets will be provided for all to follow and pray the Mass. A reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Late nite Catechism

Wednesday, September 17

8:00pm Denver Civic Theatre

The September 17 show of this hit comedy benefits Mount St. Vincent Home’s work with abused, neglected and mentally ill children. Receive \$5.00 off your ticket if you mention the word “Late” when buying your tickets through Ticketwest, King Soopers or the Denver Civic Theatre Box Office—303-309-3773.

Marriage encounter weekend

A special time for you and your spouse

September 19-21

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a perfect gift for your relationship. Call Tom or Terry Polakowski at 303-805-1295 or visit www.wmedenver.org.

Monastery Retreats

“Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.” Mt. 11:28

Take time to strengthen your relationship with the Lord Jesus. Group and individual retreats for men are offered at Holy Trinity Abbey, Huntsville, UT. For a reservation or more information, contact Br. Michael at 801-745-3784 or xenophon@nb.aibn.com.