



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY



*Seek the well-being of the city to which I have sent you. Pray for it to the Lord.
For in seeking its well-being, you shall find your own. Jeremiah 29:7*

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JANUARY 8, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00PM

SUNDAY

7:30AM, 9:30*, 11:30 & 5:00PM

*ASL Interpreted & Livestream

WEEKDAY MASS

7:00AM & NOON*

*Livestream

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A PRIVILEGED MOMENT

The World Day of Peace is an annual celebration by the Catholic Church dedicated to universal peace, held on January 1. Established by Pope Paul VI in 1967, this special day is an occasion on which Popes share timely declarations, shining light on important facets of our collective lives.

Pope Francis continues this tradition by offering his message for the 56th World Day of Peace: No One Can be Saved Alone: Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace.

In this short yet provocative message, Pope Francis cuts to the heart of the underlying realities of our day. He states: "Covid-19 plunged us into a dark night." He articulates the challenges faced at every level including healthcare and political systems, economic and social order, individuals and families, as we maneuver through Covid, social unrest, and escalating global war.

True to a life grounded in the steadfast love of God and committed to remaining alert and connected to the suffering of the world, Pope Francis startles us by calling today "a **privileged moment**." He states, "we never emerge the same from times of crisis: we emerge either better or worse." He encourages us: Today is the right time "to question, learn, grown and allow ourselves to be transformed as individuals and as communities."

Pope Francis suggests "the greatest lesson we learned from Covid-19 was the realization that we all need one another. That our greatest and yet most fragile treasure is our shared humanity as brothers and sisters, children of God. And that none of us can be saved alone."

Given this, he asks, "What then is being asked of us?" Faced with continual and evolving disaster, pain, injustice, what are we called to do?

Embrace reality and be changed by it: Pope Francis suggests we must be vulnerable and allow "our hearts be changed by our experience of the crisis, to let God, at this time in history, transform our customary criteria for viewing the world around us."



Janice Andersen
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STRATEGIC AREAS OF FOCUS

The Basilica of Saint Mary is committed to the future growth of our parish. The *Our Parish Our Future* plan outlines the three strategic areas of focus for the next five years. This plan builds upon the parish's strong vision, mission, and values.

The Arts

Move, inspire, and transform individuals and communities through excellence in the arts and creative practices.

Inclusivity

Build a culture where people feel valued, welcome, integrated, and included.

Homelessness

Respond to the needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. These three areas of focus were strategically selected through a comprehensive, contemplative process with our parish leadership, staff, and consultants.

The three areas will unify and inspire collaboration across our parish and resonate throughout our commitment to the community.

Learn more about the strategic direction of our parish at mary.org/ourfuture.

GREEK ISLES CRUISE WITH FR. JOSEPH GILLESPIE

SEPTEMBER 12-24, 2023

Follow in the footsteps of Saint Paul through Athens, Corinth, Thessaloniki and Ephesus. Enjoy 4 nights in Athens and 7 nights on a Celebrity Cruise through the Greek isles. Visit ancient temples and idyllic seaside villages with six ports of call including Mykonos, Kusadasi, Rhodes, Santorini and Hydra. Enjoy the best of both worlds—private group tours and free time in both Athens and on the cruise. Register at

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Embrace the common good: He states, "we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community... We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather the time has come for all of us to endeavor to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common."

Embrace the interconnectedness of all: "We cannot ignore one fundamental fact, namely that the many moral, social, political and economic crisis we are experiencing are all interconnected, and what we see as isolated problems are actually causes and effects of one another. Consequently, we are called to confront the challenges of our world in a spirit of responsibility and compassion." Health care, poverty, climate change, immigration: "Only by responding generously to these situations, with an altruism inspired by God's infinite and merciful love, will we be able to build a new world and contribute to the extension of his kingdom, which is the kingdom of love, justice and peace."

Together, let us commit our lives to act in this privileged moment for peace.

MISSION COLLECTION

JANUARY 14-15

CATHOLIC MISSIONERS IN THE HEART OF AMERICA

Father Francois Pellissier of the Glenmary Home Missioners will speak at our Masses on January 14-15 sharing about Glenmary's missionary efforts, which focus on serving the spiritual and material needs of people right here in the United States!

Hundreds of counties in the United States do not have a Catholic church or resident priest. This means no celebration of the Eucharist, no sacraments, or a parish community in which to find fellowship and support. Glenmary Home Missioners is working hard to fill that void—to bring the love of Jesus and His Church to the small towns and rural areas of our nation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn more about Glenmary's missionary outreach in Appalachia and the rural South. We invite you to share your prayers and financial support for this important ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

Learn more at glenmary.org.

PARISH LISTENING SESSIONS

Join an upcoming listening session with Fr. Daniel Griffith. Share your voice and help shape the future of our parish. Please register for one session at mary.org.

- Sunday, January 29, 2023, 1:00pm, following 11:30am Mass
- Tuesday, January 31, 5:30-7:00pm – Zoom Session
- Saturday, February 11, 9:00-10:30am
- Sunday, February 12, 11:00am, following 9:30am Mass