

# The Basilica of Saint Mary

## The Assumption of the B.V.M.

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Office Hours: Mon & Friday 8:30-12  
Tues-Thursday: 8:30-3:30

### Mass Schedule

Sat: 8 AM (Mass of the Day)  
Sat: 5 Pm (Anticipated Mass)  
Sun: 10 AM (Solemn Mass)  
Mon: 7 AM  
Tues- Fri: 12:05 PM

### Confession

Tues- Fri: 11:30- 11:55 AM  
Sat: 4:15-4:55PM  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month: 7:30-  
7:55 AM

### Adoration

Tuesday: 12:30- 5:30 PM

### Benediction

Tuesday: 5:20 PM

### Our Clergy & Staff

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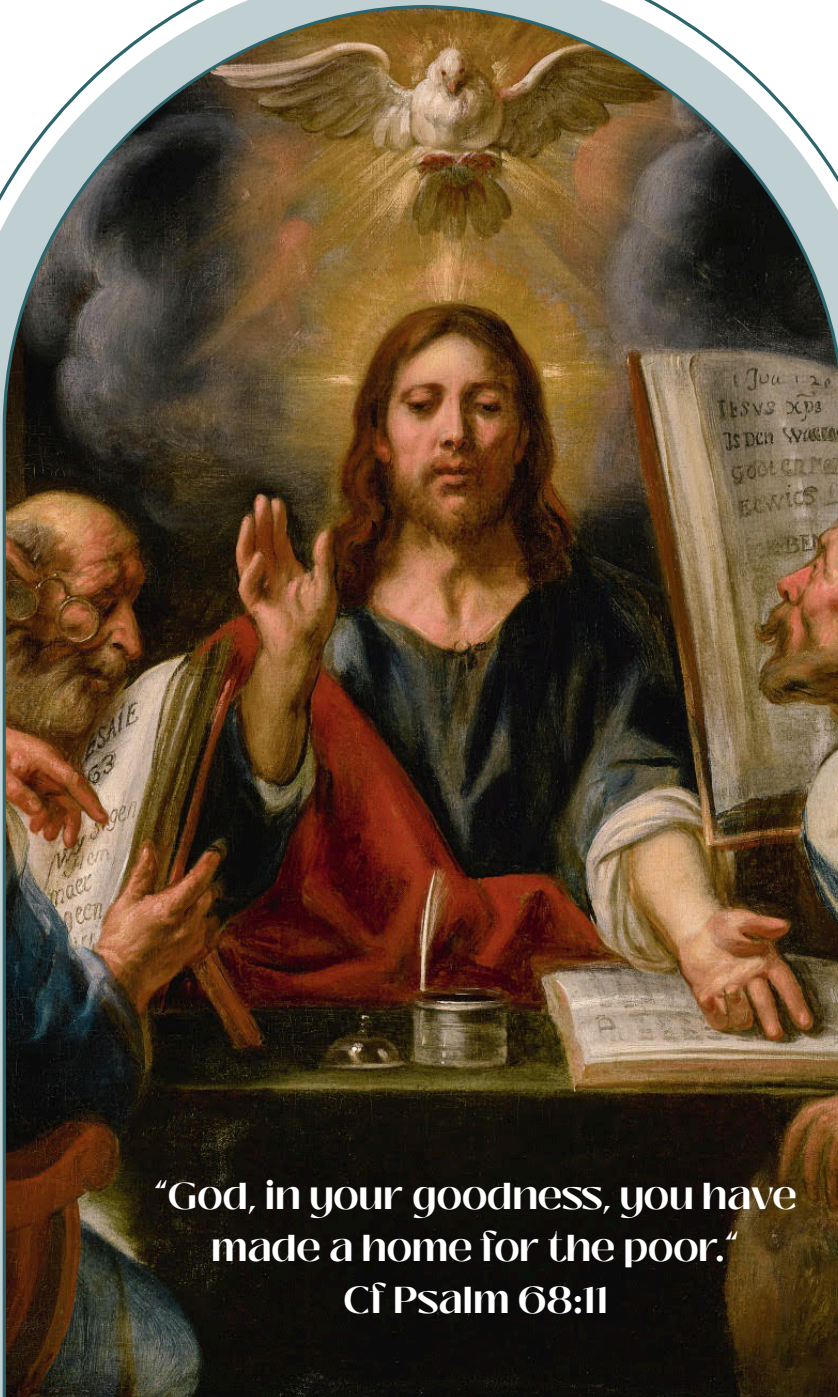
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**"God, in your goodness, you have  
made a home for the poor."**

**Cf Psalm 68:11**

AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Becoming Catholic

Do you or someone you know have questions about the Catholic Faith or are interested in becoming Catholic? Have you been away from the practice of the Catholic Faith for a while and need an update?

The Becoming Catholic program may be for you. Becoming Catholic is for :

- Adults who have not been baptized
- Adults who have been baptized in other church traditions
- Catholics needing to complete the Sacraments of Initiation
- Catholic adults who have not been confirmed
- Catholic adults who need to update themselves on Church teaching

Classes will begin September 25, but in order to plan appropriately we need to have an idea of how many are interested in attending. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please contact Ruth Powers at the church office at 601-445-5616, or [parishprograms@stmarybasilica.org](mailto:parishprograms@stmarybasilica.org).

## Anchored in Hope

In these days of uncertainty, grief, and constant change, many of us feel like we're adrift – longing for something steady to hold onto. We wonder: Where is God in this?

How can I anchor myself when everything feels so unsteady? Join us on September 12, 2025, to step into a gentle, spacious afternoon of prayer and reflection, Anchored in Hope, a live virtual retreat from 1:00–4:00 PM, led by Liz Aceves and Melinda Laird. Call Melinda at 601-597-7178 for a link to sign up.



## Activities and Schedule

**Monday, September 1**

Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 2**

9:30-10:30 am Tai Chi, FLC

12:30PM Building & Maint. Meeting

12:35-5:30PM Adoration

**Wednesday, September 3**

8:00AM School Mass

11:30AM Confessions/ Rosary

12:05PM Mass- Morris Sanders

6:00PM First Communion Class, FLC

**Thursday, September 4**

11:30AM Confession

12:05PM Mass- Glen Kidder

**Friday, September 5**

8:30AM Assumption Bible Study

11:30AM Confession

12:05PM Mass- Senith Tipton

**Saturday, September 6**

**Staples Food Drive**

8:00AM Mass- Marie D'Antoni Gross

4:15-4:55 pm Confession

5:00 pm Anticipated Mass, Basilica- Kevin McDonough

**Sunday, September 7**

**Staples Food Drive**

7:30 am/ 8 am Confession/ Rosary/ Mass, Assumption/ Coffee & Donuts,

Tuite Hall - People of the Parish

8:15 am St. Mary Adult Bible Study, FLC

10:00 am Solemn Mass, Basilica - People of the Parish

2:00PM Healing Hands, FLC

## Parish Giving

St. Mary Basilica	\$9,782
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Assumption of B.V.M	\$1,529
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## Faith Formation

Registration for St. Mary's Adult Fall Faith Formation Program begins this week. In honor of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea, our program will focus on the Creed for 9 weeks beginning the week of September 21. Options for classes will be Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m. (Karen Verucchi, facilitator), Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. (Ruth Powers, facilitator), and Thursday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. (Ginger Cowart, facilitator). A sign-up link will be posted on Flocknote, or you can call the church office. Information regarding the purchase of materials will be given at time of registration, so please register as soon as possible.

## Religious Education K-5

Any parent with children Kindergarten age or above who do not attend Cathedral School need to contact Ruth Powers at the church office as soon as possible to enroll the children in parish religious education for this year. Children in grades K-5 will attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd led by Lisa Ward. Older students will have programs individualized to their age.

## Birthdays

### August 30

Tommy Graves  
Joan David  
Nichakon Chenyavanit

### August 31

Alice O'Brien

### September 1

Jeffrey Wadlington  
Karen Verucchi  
Madeline Verucchi

### September 2

Amanda Wingfield  
Lillie Bertelsen  
Bobbie Dollar

### September 3

Frank Holland  
Shannon Mire  
Joseph Garrity  
Win Mardis

### September 4

Rebecca Middleton  
John Daniel

### September 5

Roseminette Gaude  
Lashon Brown  
John Elliott Ward  
Lee Maier

## Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers on the altar of St. Mary Basilica this weekend, August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, are in loving memory of Stephen Hicks, donated by his brothers Carl, Ken & Ed.

<b>Assumption Mass</b> Sunday, Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> at 8AM	<b>Lectors:</b> Anna Devening <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Vickie Stowers <b>Ushers:</b> Bobby Smith <b>Altar Server(s):</b> Benedict Udemgba <b>Sacristan:</b> Lorraine Arnold
<b>Anticipated Mass</b> Saturday, Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> at 5PM	<b>Lectors:</b> Judy Bartley & Bernita Dunbar <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Charles Garrity & Connie Parker <b>Greeters:</b> Jann Wingfield & Janet Aubic <b>Ushers:</b> Kot Morris, Julius Knotts, Joe Wild & Susan Nielsen <b>Sacristan:</b> Charles Garrity
<b>Solemn Mass</b> Sunday, Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> at 10AM	<b>Lectors:</b> Mary Jane Gaudet & Denise Thibodeaux <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Darren Cowart & Ginger Cowart <b>Greeters:</b> Michelle Kaiser & Melissa Vaughan <b>Ushers:</b> Ricky Warren, Daniel Thibodeaux, Gabe Cassagne & Joey Gunning <b>Sacristan:</b> Joey Gunning





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