



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

January 15th | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday - Word & Communion Service

5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson, Vigil Mass

11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, January 22, 2023

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector :

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel

as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor.

Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our
community.

Amen

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34



Parish Planners

Next Sunday January 22 follow Mass parish council will meet to discuss upcoming parish happenings and plan for spring events. Please join us.

Becoming Catholic

We will continue on with our formation of those who will be joining the church with our Becoming Catholic Classes on Tuesday January 17 in the evening from 7 to 9 pm.

Religious Education

During the spring semester the parish will be offering a first communion class for students who are baptized and older than 7 years old on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in this class for your child, please contact Lori and fill out registration forms for this special class.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual giving statements will be emailed out in January. If you need to update your email or confirm the email we have on record for you contact Lori. If you prefer a paper copy to be mailed or presented in person please let Lori know of your request.

All About Mary

Want to learn more about Mary and who she is and what the church teaches about her. Take a look at this resource from Dayton University to learn more - <https://udayton.edu/imri/mary/index.php>

Church Cleaners

Are you willing to help clean the church? Please sign up for a month to clean the church. You can sign up as a family or a couple individuals. See the sheet in the back.

Fr. Dan Noll

Fr. Dan Noll, retired priest of the Diocese of Lexington will be living in the Guest house part of the month and doing flood relief ministry in Knott County and working with Christian Appalachian Project in Martin KY. During his time here he will be offering daily Mass when he is present. Fr. Noll won't be back until the week of January 23.

Youth Service Opportunity

The next Diocesan Youth Service Day which will be on January 28th at St. William in London KY. We'll meet at noon at St. William to celebrate mass together, enjoy lunch, and then head out into the community to serve. Talk with Lori if you are interested in joining this service event.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016

Community Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This year's observance and celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day on January 16th. After a breakfast sponsored by Hazard Community and Technical College (HCTC) at 9 am and the march originating at the college, we will gather at the Consolidated Baptist Church at 12 pm for the community program. The guest speaker this year is Darryl "Dee" Parker, Coordinator of Cultural Diversity at HCTC. Also, come out to meet this year's recipients of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Spirit Award.



Divorced. Catholic. Now What?

Journey of Hope
for Divorced/Separated Catholics

A peer ministry of the Family Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington

**Wednesday evenings (7 - 9 pm)
February 1 through April 5, 2023**
The Catholic Center (1310 W. Main St. in Lexington) Cost: \$50 (scholarships available)

Register on-line by 1/27/23 at cdlex.org/JOH.
For info, email lexjourneyofhope@cdlex.org or call/text Ellie is (859) 806-3959.

SCAN ME

No one should suffer through divorce alone.

Are you feeling lost, sad, or angry; or wondering how to move forward with your life because of divorce or separation? Join others in your Catholic community finding God's love, forgiveness, and healing.

Journey of Hope, a 10-week divorce recovery course led by Catholics who have walked through divorce themselves, offers hope, healing, and guidance on important and sometimes misunderstood issues that result from divorce. The emphasis on prayer, scripture, and the teachings of the Catholic Church leads to healing and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Teen Disciples

Teen Disciples will meet next Sunday January 22 from 5 to 6:30 pm. All students in grades 7 -12 are welcome to join us.

Upcoming Events

- 1/16 - Community Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
- 1/17 - Becoming Catholic 7-9 pm
- 1/18 - Rosary, Word & Communion Service

Who's Calling?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

God called Isaiah: "You are my servant.... I will make you a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:3, 6). God called John the Baptist: "The one who sent me to baptize with water..." (John 1:33). God called St. Paul: "Called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus...." (1 Corinthians 1:1). And Paul says God calls us: We are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2). Given that call, the question is, "What are we called to do with our lives?"

Frederick Buechner, an author, suggests we are called to wherever our deep hunger and the world's great need meet. As he explains, the world's great need may be to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, but if we become depressed helping the poor, that is not where God wants us to be. On the other hand, we may love designing sandcastles, but the world has no great need for sandcastles, so that surely is not what God calls us to do. Rather, God calls us to the place where what we love doing and what the world desperately needs intersect.

Adults are often inclined to ask children what they want to be or do when they grow up. Perhaps asking them what they think God wants them to do might be a question laced with greater wisdom. To turn the question may call forth a more thoughtful answer. ●

Reflect

What is God calling you to do now, and how has God's call changed over the years?



The LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb....I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength!

ISAIAH 49:5

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Readings for the Week

Monday

JANUARY 16

Weekday

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

Heb 7:25-8:6

Mk 3:7-12

Friday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

Heb 8:6-13

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

JANUARY 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;

Mt 4:12-23 or

Mt 4:12-17



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lord is deliberate in repeating the word all. He knows that we are always using the words "my" and "our": my things, our people, our community... But he constantly uses the word all. All, because no one is excluded from his heart, from his salvation.

HOMILY, WORLD MISSIONS DAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019



Dear Padre,

I am African American. When I go to church, I feel disconnected from the rest of my life. How does the Church fit with my culture?

Church documents lift up different cultures as treasures to be preserved and incorporated into the life of the Church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "[The gospel] must be proclaimed, celebrated, and lived in all cultures in such a way that they themselves are not abolished by it, but redeemed and fulfilled: It is with and through their own human culture, assumed and transfigured by Christ, that the multitude of God's children has access to the Father, in order to glorify him in the one Spirit" (CCC 1204).

Many think "catholic" means homogenous, that the Mass should be exactly the same everywhere. On the contrary, it is "catholic" because it takes in everything. It is, or at least it should be, a cross-cultural experience, for we all are the children of God. All cultures should find their expression in the Catholic Mass.

The difficulty is putting this into practice, especially in communities with members from more than one culture. Receptivity on the part of the pastor is important, too. As he learns about another culture, he'll be more open to using the best of it in worship. Perhaps you, along with other concerned parishioners, might discuss this with your pastor. There are resources and institutes available to assist you in making your worship truly reflect who you are individually and communally. ●



Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Our Weekly Offering

for 1/8/2023

Loose: \$25

Envelopes : \$975

Monthly: \$510

Solembity of Mary: \$10

Christmas : \$10

Online: \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$1605



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Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Monica Spare, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, Maria Hall, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Julie And Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham and Abby Turk.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intentions for January

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Birthdays

1/15 : Bob Adams

**Prayer Family
Marie Maggard**