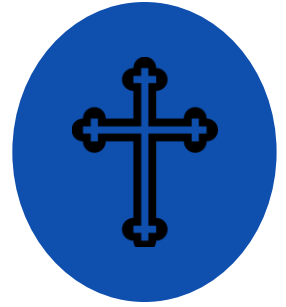


The Magnificat



WE ARE THE CHURCH

We worship in a beautiful historic church building which has a rich history, but the reality is that without the congregation, it would just be an old historic building. The congregation is the church and is what brought us to St. Mary's. The grace shown to us by the congregation made us feel wanted and loved and part of something greater.

So, what is grace? We hear the word almost every Sunday. The Greek word "Charis" is what is often translated as grace in the New Testament. It brings a feeling of kindness, showing favor, in the context of being given freely.

We talk of God's grace. The biblical definition of grace is the unmerited favor of God. It is a gift from God that we do not deserve and cannot earn. Grace is an expression of God's love and mercy towards us, even when we are undeserving. Every single person on this planet is loved by God and has the offer of grace extended to them. All they have to do is accept it.

Sadly, this message is lost on the world because many churches are more selective with grace than Jesus was. Only those "deserving" should receive grace. Therefore, we as a congregation should strive to show grace generously and unconditionally to our fellow congregants. God's grace is for EVERYONE.

Andy Woycitzky—St. Mary's Vestry

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

St. Mary's Parish Breakfast –Hosted by the Men's group will be held May 5th, in the hall, between services—All are invited to come for pancakes!



Thank all of you parish members for praying for Aubrey Johnson (not yet 2 yrs old), and her three surgeries in the past month. The biopsy results showed that it is not cancer --but a kind of treatable infection.

It meant a lot to all her family to know that so many people were upholding this little girl in your prayers.

As we say in our Church Services --

"God is Good, All the time." And, I say the same for each of you who have prayed for this Little One.

I thank God for the ministry we each have at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. To God be the Glory, Dotty Johnson

The Episcopal Church Women & St. Mary's Men's group meetings will be Sunday, May 12th, between services.

MAY, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:45am: CP 10:30am:Bible Study 11:30am MP	2 9am: Food Pantry 4:30pm ZOOM Bible Study	Office Closed 3	4
5 9am Worship Parish Breakfast 11am Worship	6	7 10am Prayer Shawl—Hall 10:30am Choir	8 9:45am: CP 10:30am:Bible Study 11:30am MP	9 9am: Food Pantry 4:30pm ZOOM Bible Study	Office Closed 10	11
Mother's Day 12 9am Worship ECW/Men's mtg 11am Worship 12:15 Vestry	13	14 10am Prayer Shawl—Hall 10:30am Choir	15 9:45am: CP 10:30am:Bible Study 11:30am MP	16 9am: Food Pantry 4:30pm ZOOM Bible Study	Office Closed 17	18
19 9am Worship Coffee hour 11am Worship	20	21 10am Prayer Shawl—Hall 10:30am Choir	22 9:45am: CP 10:30am:Bible Study 11:30am MP	23 9am: Food Pantry 4:30pm ZOOM Bible Study	Office Closed 24	25
Pentecost 26 9am Worship Coffee hour 11am Worship	Memorial Day 27 Office Closed	38 10am Prayer Shawl—Hall 10:30am Choir	29 9:45am: CP 10:30am:Bible Study 11:30am MP	30 9am: Food Pantry 4:30pm ZOOM Bible Study	Office Closed 31	

MP=Morning Prayer CP=Centering Prayer
 Thursday, 4:30pm, ZOOM Bible Study—contact D. John to receive the online info--(850)529-0207 or jtk3030.jk@gmail.com

THE SHOPPE AT ST. MARY'S would like to thank all the volunteers who make this ministry of St. Mary's church possible. Their dedication of time, labor & love is what helps the stores success. We also extend a thank you to all of you who donate your previously loved items for others to enjoy. Your generosity helps the Shoppe give back to St. Mary's, Life Options, Project Guatemala, and local families. Almost daily The Shoppe ministers to people who walk through the door. Year to date we estimate over \$1084. of In-kind donations; clothing, shoes, appliances, household items, etc...have been given to individuals in need. The Shoppe is a sponsor of the 2024 Military Appreciation Picnic being held at Whiting Field by the Santa Rosa Chamber, and donated \$100 towards gift cards that will be given to our local military families.

The Shoppe Committee is working diligently on updating the policy & procedures for the store/finances, keeping up with maintenance & repairs of the building (a new ac/heating unit has been installed and repairs on the porch will begin soon) & discovering new avenues of advertising/marketing. Thank you to Vicki Whitfield for consistently giving the Shoppe a presence on Facebook. If you're on Facebook, you can help by sharing, liking, and commenting on posts from The Shoppe.

The committee exists of Jean Gillis, Fred Armand, Shirl Rollo—secretary, Evonne Woycitzky—treasurer, & Mimi Hamilton—Chair. We thank you for your support & look forward to seeing you at the store.
Shoppe hours: Mon-Sat, 9am to 1pm.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 JIM JOHNSON
- 5/3 NANCY WILLIAMS
- 5/8 CATHERINE PARKER
- 5/8 AMANDA SEHLE
- 5/14 BETH REEVES
- 5/18 LINDA HAMILTON
- 5/27 MARK BREWER
- GRACE ENGLISH

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/03 CAROLINE & JOE NELSON
- 5/11 ANDY & KATHY WILLIAMSON
- 5/19 JIM & CAROL STEWART
- 5/23 ANDY & EVONNE WOYCITZKY
- 5/25 AL & NORGEE THOMPSON
- 5/31 BETH & KEVIN EHERIDGE

Prayer Requests

Family

- Al Salinas
- Aubrey Johnson
- Cathy Parker
- Dave Chaney
- Dean Triebel
- Jack Dunn
- Jim Longshore
- Jesse Reeves
- Jenifer Reeves
- Jim Stoner
- Jessica Morawski
- Jim Dunn
- Joyce Rodgers
- Linda Baillie
- Nita Thompson
- Susan King
- Sam Harris
- Wayne & Linda Hamilton

Our Friends

- Bill & Pat Davidson
- Eddie Harlfert
- Jerry Geiger
- Gary Holmes
- Kristie
- Sharon Brooks
- Trisha Newborn

Military

- Anthony Cunningham
- Austin Armand
- Destiny Armand
- Edward Estrada
- Tyler Richmond
- Karl Piessens
- Joshua Krause
- Mary Dunn
- Nick Rinaire
- Phillip Holmes



Food Pantry item of the month, Peanut Butter! Please bring your peanut butter donations to church on Sundays, or drop off during the week, Mon-Thurs 8:30am to 1pm in the office.

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"To build up one another in Christ."

