

# The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption



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December 26, 2021  
*The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN	8:00 AM - Catherine Schneider, 41 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
	10:00 AM - People of the Parish
	12:00 PM - Larry Steinel
MON	7:45 AM - Jim Archer
	12:05 PM - Carolyn Archer Armor
TUE	7:45 AM - Leona Albrecht
	12:05 PM - Liv/dec'd of the Paul & Jeanne Offenberger Family
WED	7:45 AM - Francis (Junior) Arnold
	12:05 PM - Vincent & Alice Lang
THU	7:45 AM - Jack Rose
	12:05 PM - Diane White
FRI	7:45 AM - Father Ed Kakascik
	12:05 PM - Liv/dec'd of the Richard Miller Family Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
SAT	9:00 AM - Anita Merry
	5:30 PM - Olive Schroeder
SUN	8:00 AM - David Erb
	10:00 AM - Mildred Arnold
	12:00 PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY MASSES - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**  
**CONFESSIONS - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)**  
**BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office**  
**WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office six months in advance**

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Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740-885-1181)  
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Welcoming Committee - Jim Naylor (740) 350-5510

*Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of  
your Son.*

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday. We will have the usual 9:00 AM Mass Saturday morning and there will be a 5:30 PM Mass this coming Saturday evening.

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This week all bulletin announcements must be in by Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> in order to be included in the next weekend's bulletin. All announcements must be in writing; we do not accept bulletin announcements by phone.

## 2022 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS:

2022 Religious Calendars are now available at the entrances of the Basilica. They are a gift from Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home. We thank them for this generous gift.

**VISITORS WELCOME!** We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

**PARISH OFFICES** are open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday, with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day.

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MON	6:15 PM	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. See announcement.
WED	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
	6:00 PM	-	Basilica Book Club Meeting.

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**The Lord Will Never Be Outdone  
In Generosity!**

Total collection last weekend:           \$18,907.00  
Amount needed each week to meet  
the Basilica budget:                         \$ 14,225.00

***God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!***

### SECOND COLLECTION

On the first weekend of every month, there is a second collection for the maintenance of our Basilica. This collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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### ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available at the Basilica. For more information, please visit this website: <http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page. Click on the GIVE ON LINE button to see more information or to sign up.

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### BASILICA FOUNDATION

A fund has been established by the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of our Basilica. This fund is separate from the monthly maintenance collection. To donate, contact the Community Foundation.

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### DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

**Reminder:** The cutoff for donations for the 2021 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign will be December 31. Any donations received after December 31 will be applied to the 2022 Campaign and marked as early gifts.

Thank you to all of our parishioners who contributed so generously to the 2021 Campaign. Because of all of you, it was a great success in our parish and in our diocese.

### SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as the December Citizen Students of Month: Joseph Schramm, Reese Back, Colton Hiener, Areana Eichorn, Rowan Skinner, Lakota Moore, Jonathan Hendricks, Anna Combs, Lauren Knaus, Dominic VanDyke, Addi Moore, Carson Cunningham, Yeraldi Marquez, Zeke Minard, Kenzi Cunningham, Mollie Lang, Adam Erdelyi and Valentina Marasco.

The Students and staff of St. Mary Catholic School wish you all a very Happy New Year. The school office will be closed thru January 3, 2022.

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### PARENT MEETING FOR First Reconciliation and First Communion

On Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a parent meeting at 7:00 PM for parents with students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (at St. Mary Catholic School and in CCD) to discuss the details for First Reconciliation and First Communion. If you have questions or cannot make the meeting, please contact Cecelia Cottrill at [ceceliacottrill@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:ceceliacottrill@stmaryscatholic.org).

### PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday, January 11, at 7:30 PM there will be a parent meeting at 7:30 PM for parents with students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade to discuss the details of Confirmation. This meeting is also for parents with students older than 5<sup>th</sup> grade who need to receive this sacrament. Please contact Cecelia Cottrill at [ceceliacottrill@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:ceceliacottrill@stmaryscatholic.org). If you have questions or cannot make the meeting.

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### PRE-CANA 2022

A Pre-Canas Session is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Basilica. Couples planning to be married in 2022 should register for this class by calling the parish office at 740-373-3643. Pre-Canas is a requirement for marriage in our Diocese of Steubenville.

### **ADULT BASKETBALL**

All parishioners (18 years or older) are invited to play basketball at St. Mary School from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Wednesday nights. Outdoor shoes should not be worn in the gym, and each player should bring a light and dark jersey. A small cost (\$3.00 per player) will be collected for the school to cover the expense of keeping the gym open. If anyone has any questions, please contact Jim Humphrey at 740-629-4867 (cell) or via E-mail at [super7@suddenlink.net](mailto:super7@suddenlink.net).

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### **ST. MARY ALUMNI REUNION**

Our next St. Mary School Alumni Reunion is July 9, 2022. Mark your calendars now.

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### **BASILICA BOOK CLUB NEWS**

The next book for the BBC is: The Last Green Valley by Mark Sullivan.

The next meeting is December 29, at 6:00 PM in the Basilica Social Hall. All are welcome (men and women)! Snacks, drinks and great discussions ... Bring a friend and join in.

**The Last Green Valley** – “Mark Sullivan has done it again! The Last Green Valley is a compelling and inspiring story of heroism and courage at the end of World War II” – Kristin Hannah, #1 New York Times best-selling author.

From the author of the #1 bestseller *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* comes a new historical novel inspired by one family’s incredible story of daring, survival and triumph.

Caught between two warring forces and overcoming horrific trials to pursue their hope of immigrating to the West, the Martels’ story is brutal, complex, and ultimately triumphant tale that illuminates the extraordinary power of love, faith, and one family’s incredible will to survive and see their dreams realized.

Any questions, or if you would like to be put on The BBC email list serve (to receive information and announcements), contact Debbie Lazorik, [lazorikd@marietta.edu](mailto:lazorikd@marietta.edu) or 740-434-3769.

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### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**

There will not be Eucharistic Adoration this coming Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. The parish offices will be closed on Friday, New Years’ Eve.

### **PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTION**

The newest members elected to council are: Jennifer Christy, Steve McCarthy, Dwight Lang and Garrett Lang. Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Basilica Social Hall. Parish Advisory Council would like to thank all of this year’s nominees.

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### **SYNODAL PARISH LISTENING SESSION**

Our first Parish Listening Session associated with The Synod on Synodality will be held in the Church Social Hall at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. The Synod was initiated by Pope Francis for the universal church.

The theme is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”. The purpose of the Listening Sessions is to establish dialogue with our parishioners in a prayerful and creative manner in an effort to understand how the Lord is speaking to us. We will discuss the concerns of our parishioners and how the church can help bring its members closer.

For more information, please visit [www.diosteub.org/synod](http://www.diosteub.org/synod) or contact our Synod facilitator, Jim Humphrey at 740-629-4867 (cell) or via E-mail at [Super7@suddenlink.net](mailto:Super7@suddenlink.net).

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### **100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY – TED BAUER**

Ted Bauer, a life-long member of our parish will turn 100 years old on December 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to wish him well, birthday cards and notes would be appreciated. Please send any good wishes to: Ted Bauer, 530 Front Street, Marietta, OH.

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### **PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE SERVICE**

We pray for all of the young men and women who are serving our country in the military. We especially remember those from our own parish and friends and relatives of our parishioners. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

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### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to have flowers on the altar for a particular weekend to honor or remember someone, please call the parish office to reserve the date. You should contact the florist of your choice to arrange for deliver.



# THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 26, 2021

## NOTES ON THE GOSPEL

Every year, Joseph and Mary traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. When Jesus was twelve years old, they took him with them to celebrate the feast. At the end of the celebration, the family started home. , Joseph and Mary started home, but Jesus stayed in Jerusalem, and His parents didn't realize it. Joseph and Mary thought Jesus was traveling along with the travel party, so they began to look for him among their family and friends. When they didn't find him, Joseph and Mary returned to Jerusalem to look for him there.

Three days later, Joseph and Mary found Jesus in the Temple sitting with some religious teachers. He listened to what they taught and asked them questions. Everyone who heard Jesus was surprised at his bright answers.

When his parents saw him, they were astonished. "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I searched for you everywhere." Jesus answered: "Didn't you know I needed to be in my Father's house, doing what my Father wants me to do?"

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus returned home to Nazareth. As Luke presented a maturing Jesus, he began to paint the tension between the old (Jewish traditions) and the new (the way of the Nazarene). While Jesus stood firmly within the traditions of Judaism, His words revealed something far greater. God had indeed begun to act in the world.

Luke stressed continuity with Jewish tradition within a family. The family tradition of pilgrimage reinforced the Jewish spiritual focus. Joseph and Mary walked, like their Exodus ancestors, to a place that symbolized Judaism's history and aspirations. The pilgrimage had spiritual overtones.

Luke foreshadowed Jesus' teaching ministry in the Temple with the use of the seated school position (sitting) and the means of learning (discussion in a listening-questioning format). The amazement of everyone there indicated Jesus proved to be the equal of the Temple teachers.

Joseph and Mary returned to the place where, according to tradition, the Messiah would be revealed in his glory.

The tension between the parents and the child began to fulfill the prophecy Simeon made to Mary and foreshadowed Jesus' death and resurrection. The search caused Mary pain and anxiety (one of the swords that pierced her heart). The climax of the story occurred three days after the celebration of Passover (a foreshadowing of the Resurrection). Jesus was the Messiah, and He would reveal God the Father acting in a new way, with a new people.



# ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Basilica's Chapel of the English Martyrs on Wednesday and Friday of this week. We invite all parishioners to visit the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus stays with us in the Blessed Sacrament to refresh us in mind, in heart and in spirit. Take advantage of Eucharistic Adoration. Come and visit the Lord in Adoration this Wednesday. He waits for us!

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## Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

Jan. - 5 - Bishop's appreciation Dinner for priests

Apr. - 24 - Confirmation

May - 1 - First Communion

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## Perpetual Help Devotions This Monday Evening

Perpetual Help Devotions will be offered this Monday evening at 6:15 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this beautiful devotion celebrated in our Basilica. We ask Our Lady to guide and protect our Basilica and each one of us. Jesus Christ Himself invites us to a personal visit with Him in our basilica.

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## REVERENTIAL QUIET IN THE BASILICA

It is an ancient tradition in the Church to have a reverential quiet tone in a Catholic Church – especially in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. More and more, the tradition of reverential quiet is not being observed in our Basilica. We need to respect the Blessed Sacrament and people who are trying to pray before or after Mass. Please observe a quiet tone when you are present in the Basilica. .

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## PILGRIMAGES TO OUR BASILICA

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption welcomes all visitors encouraging them to come, pray, and enjoy our beautiful church. If you are a member of a group who would like to tour our Basilica or make a spiritual pilgrimage, please let us know how we can be of assistance.



## Deceased Priests of the Diocese

On Friday, we remember the 52nd anniversary of the death of Fr. Richard Welch, and the 8th anniversary of the death of Monsignor Edward Kakascik, immediate former pastor of our parish. May these two priests of our diocese, rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.







THE BASILICA OF  
**SAINT MARY**  
OF THE ASSUMPTION

506 4TH STREET • MARIETTA OH 45750 • 740-373-3643



December 26, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Family is the name given to the family unit of Jesus: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the Canonical Scriptures. They speak of the early years of the Holy Family, including the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt, and the finding of Jesus in the temple.

Various non-canonical works, including the Infancy Gospel of Thomas, try to fill in the blanks. However, even though these works may contain some truth from oral tradition, they have been deemed unworthy of canonical status, we can still learn a lot from the stories we do have.

Devotion to the Holy Family is a recent development. The cult of the Holy Family grew in popularity in the 17th century. On October 26, 1921 the Congregation of Rites (under Pope Benedict XV) inserted the Feast of the Holy Family into the Latin Rite general calendar. Until then it had been celebrated regionally.

Popes before and including Benedict XV (especially Leo XIII) promoted the feast as a way to counter the breakdown of the family unit. The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families as well. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a “family church,” and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Christ and his Church must be the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, and so forth, all done together as a family unit.

The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may use this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do? Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.

Sincerely in Christ

Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell

(Rector)

## SANCTUARY OF LIFE

The family is the “Sanctuary of Life” and the basic cell of society. The Holy Family, of course, is unique. One member is God, another is sinless, and the third is a saint. But the great lesson of today is that although God could have come into the world in any way he pleased, he chose to become a member of a family, obedient to his earthly parents, and yet totally devoted to the Heavenly Father’s will, as we all must be.

He also shared the vulnerability that comes with being a member of a human family. “Herod is going to search for the child in order to destroy him.” St. Joseph plays the unspeakable role of protecting God. His readiness to do so, in the person of his child, speaks to every father about the role of protector, and to our whole society about the need we have for good fathers. The culture of life depends just as much on fathers making the right choices as on mothers doing so.

Strong families are an integral aspect of the Culture of Life. The communion of persons that comes from giving oneself away to the other in selfless love is what creates the proper context for saying a generous “yes” to life. A helpful lesson to point out from the very word “family” is that it stands for “Forget About Me; I Love You.”

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### Pope Francis’ Message Concludes the Year of St. Joseph

Brothers and Sisters: On this conclusion of the Year of St. Joseph (Dec. 8), we now reflect on Saint Matthew’s description of Joseph as both “a just man” and as “the husband of Mary”. As a devout son of Israel, Joseph willingly submitted to the requirements of the Law and its precepts concerning marriage. Having learned that Mary was already with child, out of love and regard for her Joseph sought to spare her the humiliation of a public separation. Then, in a dream, Joseph learned from an angel that it was right that he should marry Mary, since she had conceived her son by the power of the Holy Spirit.

By God’s providence, Joseph came to a deeper understanding of divine justice and its authentic demands. Joseph and Mary’s openness to God’s saving plan brings their love to a maturity expressed in the virtues of chastity, fidelity, respect and humility. Far from restricting our freedom, these virtues in fact give our love direction and endurance. In this sense, Joseph and Mary can serve as an example not only to young people engaged to be married, but to all of us, who also in the midst of life’s inevitable challenges, are called to discover the true joy and freedom that come from trusting in God’s just and providential concern for our lives.



“Serious evil, death-bearing sin, is not always committed by other people; or only by those who are regularly moral monsters. We, too, can fall and fall badly. All of us, young and old, need to be assured that our deepest personal needs can be met by the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition.

- George Cardinal Pell

**MAY EACH ONE OF YOU HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**



## Vatican releases text for installing catechists

Catholics installed in the new ministry of catechists are not simply religious education teachers but are engaged in proclaiming the faith under the guidance of priests, a letter on the new Rite of Institution of Catechists says.

Archbishop Arthur Roche, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, released a letter seven months after Pope Francis instituted the “ministry of catechist” as a formal office and vocation in the Church. Bishops’ conferences will be responsible for translating the rite into their local languages and seeking Vatican approval for local adaptations, given the variety of roles catechists play in different parts of the world. In 2022, Archbishop Roche said, his office would release the revised text for the Rite for the Institution of Lectors and Acolytes, a ministry Pope Francis opened to women in January.

“The term ‘catechist’ indicates different realities in relation to the ecclesial context in which it is used,” Archbishop Roche wrote. “Catechists in mission territories differ from those working in churches of long-standing tradition. Moreover, individual ecclesial experiences also produce very different characteristics and patterns of action, so much so that it is difficult to give it a unitary and synthetic description. It is necessary, therefore, to form the community so that it does not see the catechist as a substitute for the priest or deacon, but as a member of the lay faithful who lives their baptism in fruitful collaboration and shared responsibility with the ordained ministers, so that their pastoral care may reach everyone.”

The Pope’s institution of a formal ministry of catechist, he said, also should not end the practice of all a parish’s or school’s religion teachers being commissioned and given a mandate at the beginning of each school year.

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## THE HIDDEN LIFE OF JESUS

The hallmark of Jesus’ life before his baptism was silence. He lived an ordinary life, doing what ordinary people did at the time. He was a Jew, obedient to his faith, his family, and his profession. In that way, Jesus lived as we live. The silence of his early years stressed his solidarity with our human condition. But that silence also sowed the seeds of his ministry, his obedience to the Father.

The finding of Jesus in the Temple is the only break to that silence. As we saw above, that narrative looked to that ordinary life, but also looked forward to an extraordinary ministry.

This is a time to set aside daily routine and take a glimpse of what can be. Jesus gave his mother and foster father such a glimpse. The vision may have jolted the couple, but it pointed to what would be. We, too, need a time to seek God’s will, to take a peek at the future. What we see may jolt us, too. But, that vision will lead to joy and to hope.

May God bless us all this coming year!

# TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS RESTRICTIONS:

## *Here is What You Need to Know*



New moves by Pope Francis mean changes for Catholics dedicated to the Traditional Latin Mass — and for the priests and bishops responsible for these communities.

Even though these Catholics represent a relative small minority of believers, the changes have ramifications for the entire Church. Here's what you need to know about the rules the pope set forth in a document called *Traditionis custodes*.

### What is *Traditionis custodes*?

*Traditionis custodes* is a July 16 instruction called a motu proprio. In this document, Pope Francis made major changes to the place of Traditional Latin Mass in the life of the Church. His predecessor Benedict XVI had issued a 2007 apostolic letter, *Summorum Pontificum*, which acknowledged the right of all priests to say Mass using the Roman Missal of 1962.

### What is the Traditional Latin Mass?

The Mass said using the 1962 Roman Missal is known variously as the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite, the Tridentine Mass, and the Traditional Latin Mass. It was the form of the Mass used for centuries. This form of the Mass has ancient roots, being substantially the same as that found in the eighth century, but it was especially codified following the Council of Trent in the 16th century.

After the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, St. Paul VI released a form of the Mass that could be used in vernacular languages. In the Traditional Latin Mass, the priest faces the altar. Some prayers are different, some prayers are expanded, and some prayers and responses are limited to the priest or those serving at the altar. Traditional Latin Mass communities follow a different liturgical calendar, as well.

### Why did Pope Francis say *Traditionis custodes* was necessary?

Pope Francis said he acted “in defense of the unity of the Body of Christ,” on the grounds that there was “distorted use” of the ability for priests to say Mass according to the 1962 missal. The opportunities provided by St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI were “exploited to widen the gaps, reinforce the divergences, and encourage disagreements that injure the Church, block her path, and expose her to the peril of division.”

The Pope said he was saddened that the celebration of the extraordinary form was now characterized by a rejection of the Second Vatican Council and its liturgical reforms. To doubt the Council, he said, is “to doubt the Holy Spirit himself who guides the Church.” He criticized what he said was a growing attitude of “rejection of the Church and her institutions in the name of what is called the ‘true Church.’”

Pope Francis said that the liturgical books issued by St. Paul VI and St. John Paul II are “the unique expression” of the Roman rite. While priests used to have broad rights to decide to celebrate the Traditional Latin Mass, the Pope has now established a bishop’s “exclusive competence” to authorize the use of the 1962 Roman Missal in his diocese.

Bishops must determine that existing Traditional Latin Mass groups in their diocese do not deny the validity of the Second Vatican Council and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Also, bishops must designate non-parish churches where these groups may gather to celebrate Mass and establish the days on which they may celebrate. These Masses are to use scriptural readings “in the vernacular language” in translations approved by the relevant episcopal conferences. Bishops also need to name a diocesan delegate to oversee pastoral care for Traditional Latin Mass groups, and should verify that these communities are effective for spiritual growth. Newly ordained priests who want to offer the extraordinary form of the Mass now need to make a formal request to their bishop. The bishop must then consult with the Vatican before granting permission. Priests who already offered the Mass in the extraordinary form needed to request authorization from their bishop.

In the United states, there are perhaps as few as 150,000 U.S. Catholics who regularly attend the Traditional Latin Mass, at about 700 venues. They make up less than 1% of some 21 million regularly Mass-going Catholics.

On social media, traditional Catholics can be quite vocal — and even eccentric and abusive. Some devotees of the traditional Latin Mass adhere to the Society of St. Pius X or have unusual beliefs about the papacy and the Second Vatican Council. In France, there are perhaps 60,000 traditionalist Catholics. They make up perhaps 4% to 7% of practicing Catholics in the country, and a sizable number are with breakaway groups. These communities show slow but steady growth each year and their members tend to be much younger than average churchgoers.

The prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, Archbishop Arthur Roche, told a Swiss television station that Pope Francis issued Traditionis custodes because the effort to reconcile the breakaway traditionalist Society of St. Pius X “has not entirely been successful” and because it is necessary to “go back” to what the Second Vatican Council required of the Church.

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## **2022 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

Again this year, we wish to thank, and ask God’s blessings,  
on the Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home for sponsoring our new year calendars.

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## **Mozambique: Islamic extremists behead pastor and force wife to carry his severed remains**

ISIS-linked extremists beheaded a pastor, handed his severed head to his wife and forced her to carry the head to the police station in the southern African country of Mozambique, according to reports. The jihadist militants decapitated the pastor, a resident of Nova Zambezia area in the northern province of Cabo Delgado, last Wednesday.

The pastor’s wife told police that “suspected Islamic State-linked insurgents intercepted the pastor in a field, decapitated him and then handed over his head to her and ordered her to inform the authorities.”

Earlier this month, an armed group in Cabo Delgado province, also known as Al-Shabab, had forced kidnapped women and girls to “marry” their fighters. Other women and girls held captive had been sold to foreign fighters for between \$600 and \$1,800, according to the report. Some abducted foreign women and girls had been released after their families paid a ransom.