

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

**Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2021**



Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.
- Luke 1:45

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266
2000 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliam.org

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday
9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday
9 AM - 1 PM

If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately, please call the Priest Emergency telephone - 516-312-7361.

MASS TIMES

The presider schedule can be found on the parish website stwilliam.org

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday
8:30 AM & 5 PM
Sunday
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

Baptism

Eleanor M. Joyce
Philip C. Caccammo II

The Sanctuary Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in memory of

Gilbert Charlot

From Loving Family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Walter Sadowski
Collective Intentions
Arline Cody, Marlene Gallagher,
Jean H. Poulin, Giulia Bua
Al Cassillo
People of St. William's

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Collective Intentions
Richard Carbone,
James A. Bradfield, Jr.,
Alphonse Cassillo,
Louise & Patrick Owen Nugent

Monday, August 16, 2021

Racquel Prager (LIV)

Friday, August 20, 2021

Gilberte Charlot

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Maria Wilson-Pooley

Saturday, August 21, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Peter Fileccia

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Marilyn Ring

The Altar Candles used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

Bernard Kluender

From Loving Family.

The Wine & Host used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of

John Peter Scarola

From loving Mom.

Pray for the Deceased

William J. Glynn	Lidia Troche
Therese Morse	Mary M. Griffin
	Garret Paul Ryan

Pray for the Sick

Joseph Agolia	
John Stolfi	Michael Holian
Arlene Marie Finlay	Mary Teresa Agolia

The Assumption of Mary

The next few weeks we encounter several challenging truths to our faith and Catholic beliefs. This week with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and next week the powerful teaching on the Eucharist. The Roman Catholic understanding and Love of Mary and the Eucharist have caused the greatest dialogue and controversy in the history and growth of Christianity. It is so important for us as disciples to grapple with the truths of our faith, especially in a world and culture that is searching and questioning - we need to be prepared to correctly respond and inform. There are different seasons in our life, where we can in some way almost blindly follow what our parents, or family have always believed, and there's a beauty and innocence to that. But as we grow in age and understanding it is important that the faith of our childhood, and the child-like faith we have been blessed with, expands, and grows. In that personal growth we experience wisdom and humility.

The Blessed Mother is such a model of humility. This young girl, this favored and beloved daughter of God; was chosen to be the Mother of God. Let that sink in for a moment. It is Mary's DNA, her eye color, hair color, skin color, these are all the attributes given to the baby born in Bethlehem, for the Christ child - Jesus. She was given a challenging mission to bear, and yet she was able to navigate that journey with such grace and poise. It's interesting, this past week with so much going on in our world (and the Church), I had a sense that there was almost a conflict between humility and arrogance.

Last Tuesday we celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Lawrence, a deacon who served the poorest of the poor of Rome around the year 255 and was a personal assistant to the Pope. There was an extremely arrogant and insecure Roman Emperor known as Valerian, and he brought about a persecution of the faithful. He apprehended and publicly mocked Pope Sixtus and some of his companions, Valerian was so tormented that some of his "subjects" would NOT recognize him as the sole king and leader - he unraveled. After martyring the Pope and to assert his earthly power and might over the empire, he called out the deacon, Saint Lawrence to present to him all the treasures and riches of the Catholic Church. Although many would think that the Saint would gather the artwork and sacred chalices and vessels of the Church to give to the emperor - he brought forth the poor, the widows, the orphans into the public square. When Valerian asked him, "What is this?", Saint Lawrence simply said, "as you asked emperor, I present to you the treasures of the Church!"

Looking back over this week I too see the arrogance in the leadership of our world – whether in Washington, Albany, and the local level as well. When I see the dismissal of our humanity placed into categories of accuser or witness #1, or a line/sentence in an infrastructure bill, or the latest positive COVID case/deaths – it is dehumanizing. We look to the "experts" and "specialists" who seem to be more concerned with the SPIN or message that will create a positive or favorable response from constituents, or influencers. Where is the humility to simply say, "I am sorry, or I was wrong, or I desire to do better?" This past week I spent a lot more time praying with, listening to, and reading about Mary, Lawrence, Clare, Maximilian Kolbe, and Jesus – then I did with governors, senators, emperors, and presidents. It was a stark reminder of who I really put my hope and trust in. Yes, I am grateful to be an American, for the laws and protections we are blessed to have, for the gift of science and medicine – but I was reminded with the writing on the coin I held in my hand – it is "In God we trust." And I hold onto that truth.

With great humility, (I hope the humility of Mary and the Saints) – I want to encourage and remind you to return home to in-person worship at St. William the Abbot. Be wise and comfortable – you will see as you return to SWA that there are still sections of the church that are roped off and allow for social distancing. There are still parishioners and clergy who choose to wear masks during the liturgy, and there are still those who are not well, or whose health is compromised, or even the anxiety of this significant bump in COVID/Delta cases who will choose to wait a little longer before returning. This is morally acceptable. I desire for your continued presence and support of the parish so we can sustain the ministries and services to the community – but these are extraordinary times and call for extraordinary wisdom and cooperation. I do not have all the answers of what is to come for us as a world, country, or parish – we will continue to celebrate Mass online everyday – and provide dedicated staff and volunteers to reach out to those who are not able to (at this time) join us in person. Do not hesitate to contact us with a specific need for you personally or a loved one – who may just not be ready to return. We will be here for you, and we are willing to come to you – to bring the Sacraments, the Eucharist, or other possible care and service. But if we do not know, we cannot respond. Please, contact us.

Lastly, I invite you to come home as a family to Mass, prayer, lighting a candle, confession, the stations of the cross, the rosary. To Rediscover the Sacred that has been a central part of Seaford for almost 95 years. Today we honor Our Lady and her Assumption, and next week her Crowning in Heaven. To celebrate the Queenship of Mary – we have added an additional Sunday Mas, at 5:00 PM which will be followed by an outdoor procession through the property and local neighborhood. Come and pray with us, let us build and strengthen the true Kingdom, as a family united in Our Lord and Lady!

Peace,



Rectory News

Wedding Banns I

Andrew Kostyshyn-Gruber
Oceanside, NY
&

Gregory Mitchell
Rockville Centre, NY
&

Allison Ryan
SWA

Maggie Jacobsen
Mineola, NY



Wedding Banns III

Shaun T. DeGrazio
SWA

Steven Kotchek
Seaford, NY

&

&

Katherine M. Iovino
SWA

Megan Costanza
SWA

Kevin Brady
Annunciation BVM

&

Jacqueline Drury
SWA



St. William the Abbot desires to partner with parents and young adults to reach the next generation for God's Glory. We have many Core volunteer opportunities, please email priests@stwilliam.org if you wish to share your gifts with the youth of our community.

Memorials Available

We are pleased to announce that the Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Candles that are used at Mass throughout the week are now available as memorials.

Anyone wishing to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one or on the occasion of an anniversary, birthday, etc., can make this request at the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266. The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is \$15 and the offering for the Altar Candles is \$30. The name of the person will be announced in the bulletin for each week the candles are donated.

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website stwilliam.org.

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM

Missals



At this time we are able to offer the sale of individual missals for \$10 per missal. Please bring a check for \$10 payable to St. William the Abbot or \$10 exact cash to the rectory. There will be no change for cash purchases. We have a limited number at this time, so it is a first come first served basis.

Sacristy



For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.

Have a question for the priests?



Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to priests@stwilliam.org.

Anointing of the Sick

Anyone going to the hospital or who has a serious illness can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which will be celebrated communally immediately following the 12:00 N Mass on Sunday, September 26th.

Light a Prayer Candle



Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.

Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host, Candles and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266 or email information@stwilliam.org

Safety & Mask Protocols



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone before the start of Mass. We ask that all parishioners that are **NOT VACCINATED** wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

ANNUAL

GOLF OUTING

HONORING MSGR. ROBERT L. HAYDEN



Eisenhower Golf Course

1899 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow NY

October 18, 2021



Interested in joining us, please visit the parish website stwilliam.org for more information.



stwilliam.org

Private Prayer

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM. If there is something taking place in the church such as a funeral, wedding, class, parent meetings, RCIA, etc., parishioners should understand that they should not remain in church during these activities.

Fellowship Tent

Due to COVID regulations and food allergies, we ask that no food or drink be donated for social gatherings on campus. If you are interested in donating towards the cost of the Fellowship Tent refreshments. Please email information@stwilliam.org

Help Keep the Church Clean

We ask that those visiting the Church do not leave flowers, religious cards, holiday cards, bibles, or religious artifacts in the church, near the Religious Statues, or on the Sanctuary. It is acceptable to discard these items or bury them.

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021
5PM IN THE CHURCH**

MASS

Join us as we launch the new 5pm Youth and Family Sunday Mass.

*This Mass will be held once a month, the future dates will be posted in the bulletin.

VOLUNTEERS

Please join us in volunteering in the Queenship of Mary Procession around the parish property. We are in need of volunteers for five Stations and in carrying the statue of the Blessed Mother Mary. If you are interested in volunteering, please email priests@stwilliam.org.

PROCESSION TO FOLLOW MASS

Immediately following the Mass, we will process around the parish property, reciting the Rosary along the way. Following the Rosary there will be Benediction in the Church.



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



SUMMER GLORY 50/50 RAFFLE

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$25 EACH OR 5 TICKETS FOR \$100.
WE WILL DRAW THE WINNING TICKET ON AUGUST 29, 2021.



Please join us in supporting the St. William the Abbot Summer Glory 50/50 Raffle. During the summer months, we typically experience a decline in Mass attendance, and this last year has not allowed the parish and school to benefit from any fundraising opportunities. The 50/50 Summer Glory Raffle is a fun way to raise additional funds for the parish.

A 50/50 raffle means that 50% of the proceeds from the ticket sales will be awarded to one lucky winner. The other 50% will go to support the needs of St. William the Abbot parish.

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 tickets for \$100. We will draw the winning ticket on August 27, 2021.

If you would like to be a part of this fun event and support our parish, please fill out the tickets enclosed in the mailing sent to your home if you are registered parishioner or stop by the Rectory.

Mass Updates

Beginning in the month of August, the 7:30 am Sunday Mass will be celebrated as a Low Mass with no music.

General Dispensation Update

When the Pandemic began, Bishop Barres allowed for a dispensation for the faithful from physically attending Mass. So many of you "attended" Mass virtually through Facebook Live Masses until we were able to establish the YouTube channel providing Mass each day. We also made available Communion on Sundays following the 12 noon live-streamed Mass outside in the parking lot near the Abbey entrance. Please know that as of August 15th, 2021, that dispensation from physically attending Sunday Mass will no longer be granted, and we will no longer provide Communion after the 12 noon Sunday Mass. Obviously, if you are not well and are unable to attend, for your safety and health, and for the rest of the community, please stay home and watch. We can also identify a priest, deacon, or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to bring Communion to your home.

Please contact the Director of Parish Social Ministry Allison Marro to be placed on the Home Bound list via email socialministry@stwilliam.org or (516) 679-8532.



Fellowship Tent of Meeting

In Exodus 33:7-11, the intimate prayer of Moses with God is described. A designated place for prayer, a “tent of meeting,” was set up outside of the Israelite camp. As Moses would enter this tent, a “column of cloud” would descend upon it, signaling the presence of the Lord, to whom Moses would then speak “face to face, as one man speaks to another.” With their intercessor standing before God, the Israelites would then begin to pray “at the entrance of their own tents.”

We will begin to extend the opportunity to come together after selected Masses each weekend just as the Israelites did with a Fellowship Meeting Tent. The Fellowship Meeting Tent will take place at two selected Masses each weekend. The selected Masses will be announced in future bulletins and our social media. Each week the tent will feature refreshments.

Fellowship Tent of Meeting Schedule

Sunday, August 22 - 9am

Sunday, August 22 - 12pm

Faith Formation

Today is a special day – It is the Feast of the Assumption. It is when we remember how at the end of Mary’s life, she was taken whole body and soul into Heaven to be with Jesus. Mary is very special because she was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, who is God’s only son. Mary was asked by an Angel, which was sent from God, and she was scared, but she said “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her. When the Angel went to Mary, she was surprised as to why she was chosen since she came from a poor family and that she was an ordinary girl. She was not a princess and God knew all of that, but he did not want anyone like a Princess, someone who was rich or lived in a palace to be the mother of Jesus, he wanted Mary. Today in our world we see that some people become richer, while others are trying to get food on their table and to put clothes on their backs. God has a special love for people who are poor, who do not have enough to eat, and those who might be ignored. We are called to help and love those who are poor, hungry and who are ignored. We need to help our world and to be more like Mary, Our Blessed Mother. Mary was scared, but she knew she could help and make it better for us by becoming the mother of Jesus, who gave his life for us to live. If Mary chose no and did not help God, who knows where we would be today. Let us all help one another. Peace



The Faith Formation Office has moved. The address is 2020 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 (Convent Home). Our phone remains the same 516-783-2528 and so does our email address, which is faithformation@stwilliam.org

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?**

BECOME CATHOLIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG

Parish Social Ministry

Food Donations

The food donations bins will no longer be located in the Church. Please bring all donations directly to Parish Social Ministry Office, the church no longer has donation bins. The Social Ministry office is located South of the Church.

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Sunday

By Appointment Only

Food Pantry

Beef Stew

Raisins

Dish Soap

Cat Food

Sign-Up for the St. Williams Bereavement Group

We are now taking names for our bereavement group sessions to begin in late September. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would be interested in attending a small group session for support, please call the Social Ministry office. Sessions may fill up quickly, please call today!

Summertime Food Donations

Please do not leave donations of fresh or perishable foods in the food bin outside of the Social Ministry office. The exposure to seasonal heat and bugs makes these foods quickly unusable. These items should be dropped off during business hours (Monday through Friday, 9:30am to 4pm) or by scheduled appointment.

Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to priests@stwilliam.org to contact Fr. Joe, Fr. James or Fr. Collins directly.

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

Please send your email to faithformation@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 783-2528.

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please send your email to socialministry@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 679-8532.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL St. William the Abbot School



Office: 516.785-6784
2001 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliamtheabbot.net

It's Back to School Season!

Are you are interested in helping our social ministry families with school supplies for their children? We will be collecting Target and Walmart gift cards to help our families with back-to-school purchases. Gift cards will give families the flexibility to meet the demands of a new school year and let children enjoy the excitement of picking out their own items. Donations can be dropped off at Social Ministry.

Last Month to File for HEAP!

This year, the deadline for heating assistance applications was extended through August 31, 2021. HEAP helps eligible households meet the cost of heating their homes. The benefit can pay for fuel, your utility source, heating equipment replacement and repairs. The benefit is paid either directly to the heating vendor or utility company. You can apply for HEAP every year when the program is open. To review your eligibility and apply for this program, please visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap>.

Prayer Shawl Ministry begins Tuesday, October 5th

The first meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place on Tuesday, October 5th. Meetings will take place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10am to 12pm in the Abbey. This ministry crochets and knits beautiful items for those in need such as lap robes and shawls for the sick, and hats and scarves for the homeless. Interested in joining this worthwhile ministry? Call the Social Ministry office at 679-8532 for more information.

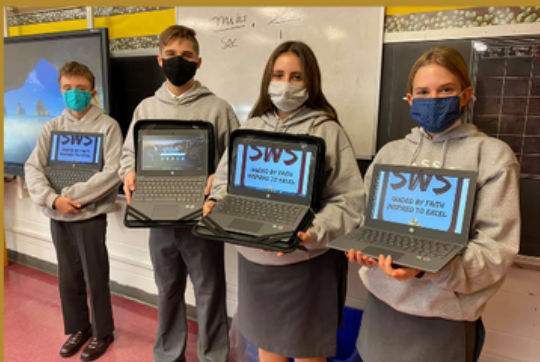


WHY ST. WILLIAM'S?

THREE REASONS...GOD, FAMILY, and COUNTRY! St. William the Abbot School is an environment where children discover the simple and lasting truth that God is our Creator and has shared His goodness with us through the love of our families and the freedom we cherish as Americans. SWS students bring the light of Christ to a secular world often in darkness. Join us and Rediscover the Sacred! We Are...St. William's!



A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM PAIRING RIGOROUS ACADEMICS WITH INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC, ART, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND STREAM (SCIENCE, TECH, RELIGION, ENGINEERING, THE ARTS, AND MATHEMATICS) FACILITATES SPIRITUAL, ACADEMIC, PHYSICAL, AND SOCIAL GROWTH.



Please contact us to schedule a tour (516) 785-6784

Background Screening Update

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals.
volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org;
pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

Consider Automated Giving

Automated giving provides a steady stream of support. It is a great way to manage your Sunday Offerings without the worry of missing a payment and the worry of forgetting your weekly envelope.

We are able to offer the ability of having Sunday Offerings deposited directly from your checking or savings account into the St. William's account. This would apply only to weekly collections, not to any second collections, such as Holy Days, Catholic Relief Services, etc.

The form to begin this process can be printed, filled out and mailed to the Rectory. Please be sure to attached a voided check.

Authorization Agreement for Automated Giving

I, _____, hereby authorize the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783 to initiate debit entries to my Checking () Savings () account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same such amount.

Amount \$ _____ Monthly on the fifteenth of the month.

Depository: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Banking Transit ABA # _____
(always nine digits)

Bank Account Number _____

(Attach to this form a voided check if checking account debit or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if savings account).

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the R. C. Church of St. William the Abbot has received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination date.

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

If second signature is required:

(Authorized signature for above account)

(Print Name)

Date: _____

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate that God lifted Mary's body and soul into Heaven.



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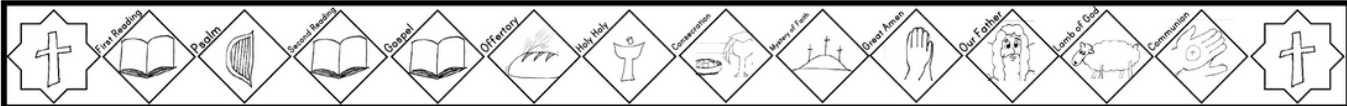
The queen
 stands at your
 right hand
 arrayed in gold.

WOAYOURPPRIGHTOHA

BRIGHTPAHANDOWKARRAYEDO



How many times do you hear Mary's name today?



HAIL MARY

full of *grace*, the **LORD** is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst *women* and blessed is the

FRUIT OF THY WOMB JESUS

HOLY MARY, *Mother of God*,

pray for us *sinner*s, now and at the
 hour of our death.

AMEN

Gospel



Today's Gospel tells the story of Mary waiting for Jesus to be born. Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth spoke some of the words that are a part of the Hail Mary prayer.

