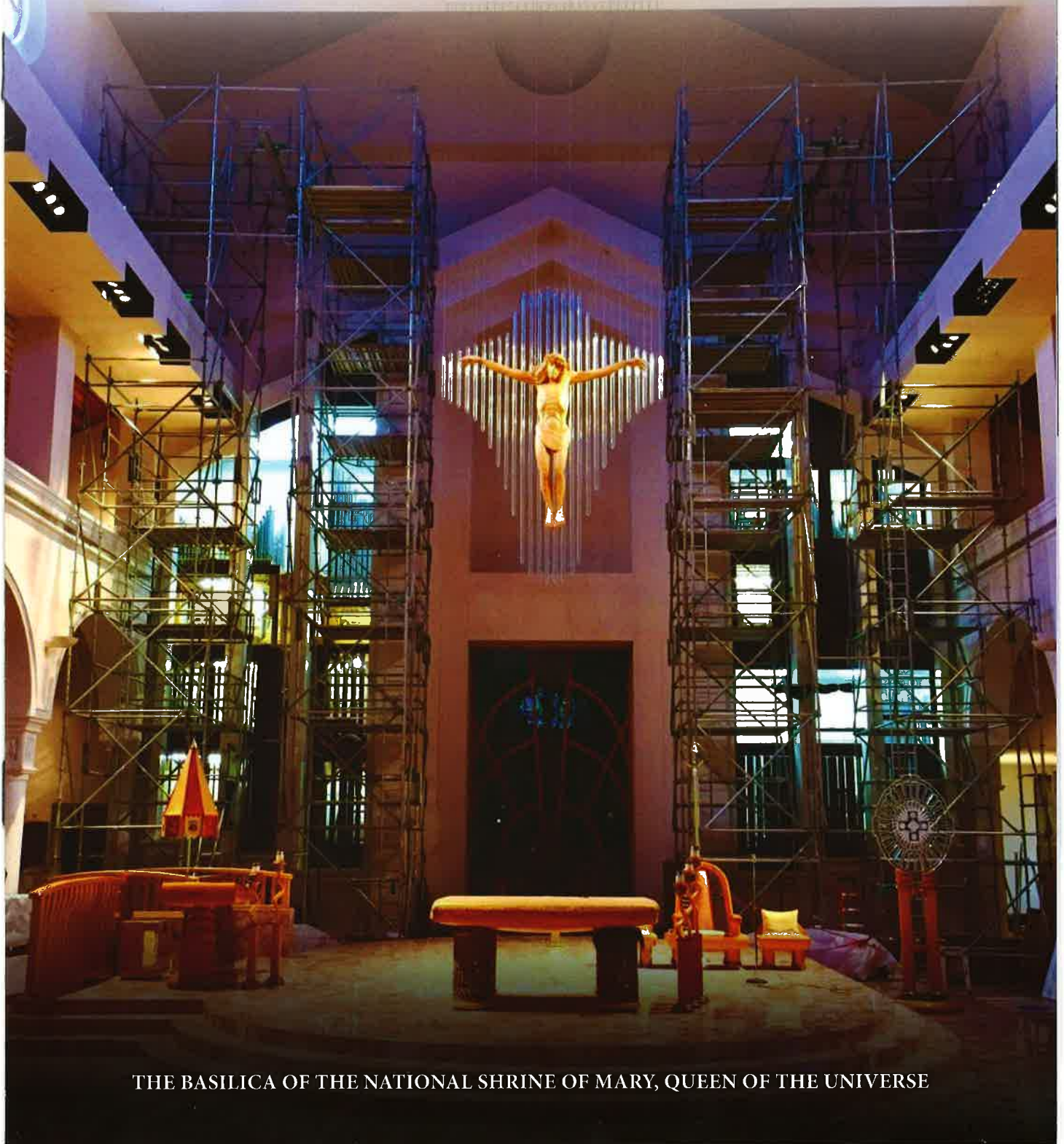


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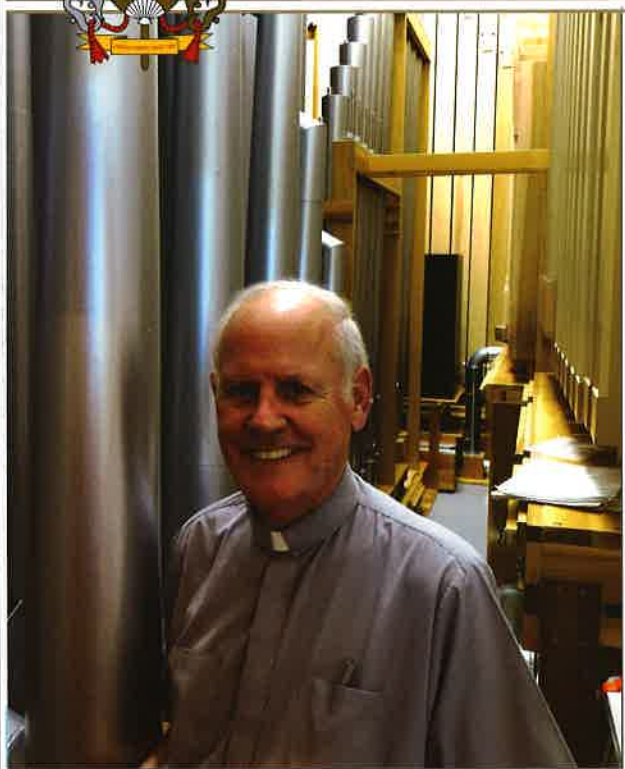
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THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE



A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR



DEAR FRIEND,

Greetings and blessings to you from the holy Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe.

This edition of the Magnificat, as always, is a moment of contact with you, letting you know that you continue to be connected with us and part of our mission at the Shrine.

Recently, the Universal Church celebrated the first major church dedicated to Mary, which is located in Rome. Its very name highlights its significance, firstly in terms of sheer size – it is called St. Mary Major, or some people refer to it as the “big” St. Mary’s in Rome. It is the oldest church in the West in Mary’s honor, and its size gives it a special importance. It reminds me that we are one of the youngest Basilicas in the world but, we too, delight in honoring Mary as Queen of the Universe. And, like her Basilica in Rome, we have become a special place of pilgrimage.

Every church is a symbol of the New Jerusalem, of Heaven, where God will dwell with His people. Our beautiful Shrine highlights the fact that Mary’s love beckons all Christians – not just Catholics – providing a home for all believers.

Like Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, we too are a house of prayer, a home for God’s people. We are a sacred place...sanctified by the Lord’s Eucharistic presence, but also by welcoming features - the baptismal font, renovated confessionals, by all the prayers that are whispered in this place and which rise up to God in song and in music.

The images in this edition of the Magnificat are wonderful images of progress and growth, here at Mary’s Basilica. As you can see, we’re in the final stages of installing the pipe organ, built for us by the Schoenstein Company in San Francisco. Our excitement about our new pipe organ reflects our faith that the spirit of God speaks to us, personally, not only through the Word, but also in music and in song – in glorious liturgies.

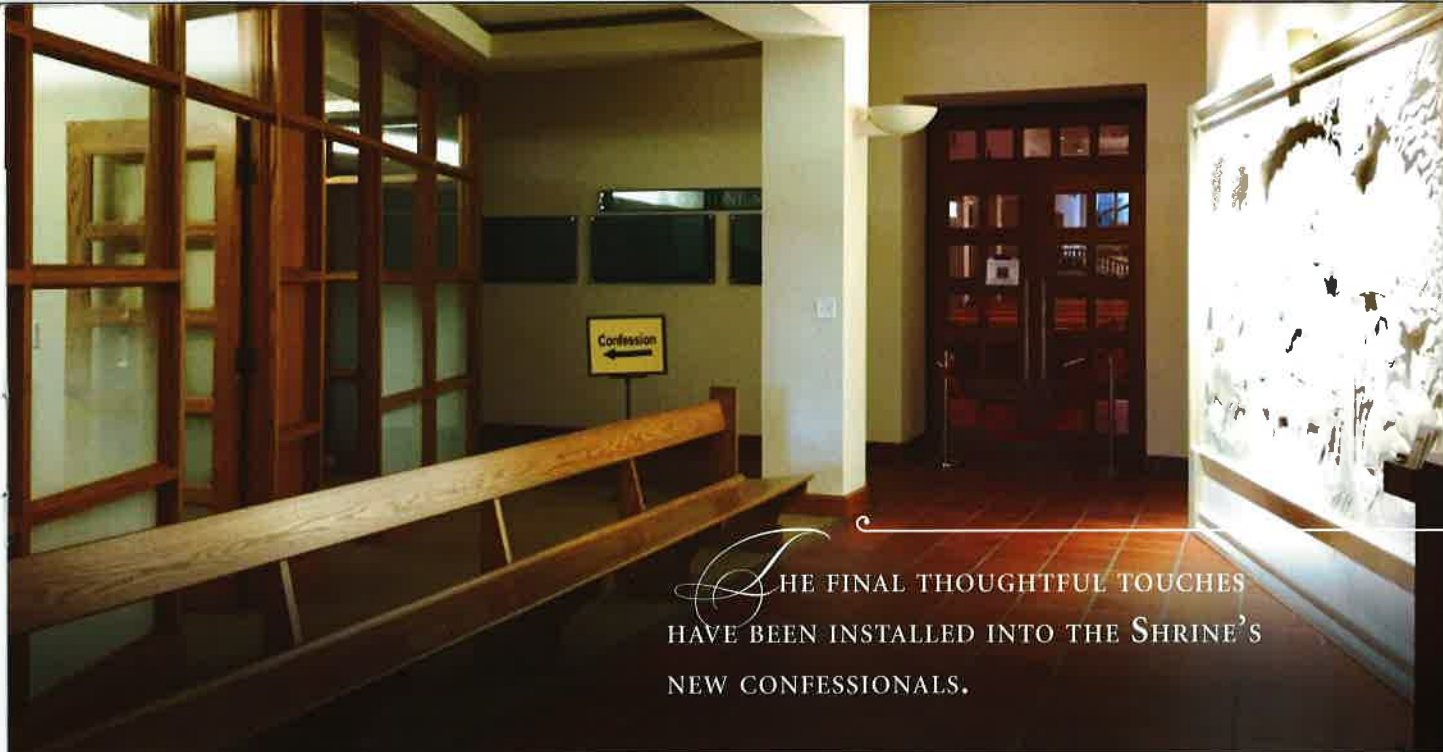
I also want to draw your attention to our newly renovated confessional area. You’ll see beautifully designed space, providing the options to confess in privacy or, alternatively, face to face with the priest. The beauty of that area is heightened by the installation of a magnificent marble relief with the image of the patron saint of all priests, St. John Vianney.

Our blessed mother, Mary, is beloved throughout the world, and the faithful enjoy her Basilica in Rome, but also here in Orlando. I look forward so much to sharing the Eucharist with you, and to your enjoying our prayer, enhanced by a new instrument.

Thank you all for making great things happen for the Church, for God’s people, for the growth in faith which results from a pilgrimage. I so look forward to your next visit, whenever that might be. Please know, in the meantime, you are in our prayers every blessed day.

In the love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

The Very Reverend Paul J. Henry | Basilica Rector



THE FINAL THOUGHTFUL TOUCHES
HAVE BEEN INSTALLED INTO THE SHRINE'S
NEW CONFESSIONALS.



Portions of the privacy screens from the Shrine's original confessionals were preserved and used to craft the new screens.

An oak bench has been added to the seating area for reflection and preparation for the Sacrament. The St. John Vianney marble triptych in the seating area is now complete with a design of the sacrificial lamb on the keystone, and beautiful quote from St. John Vianney: "*Show me the way to my church and I will show you the way to Heaven*".

This sacred art is special to the Basilica as a symbol of the Shrine's ministry of offering daily confession. Mary's Shrine receives thousands of visitors per year for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*St. John Vianney Marble
Triptych (2019) by Jill Burkee
and Giancarlo Biagi, low-relief
carving of hazelnut-color Italian
marble, 8 ½ x 12 ½ ft.*



Forgiveness, Mercy, Grace



PIPE ORGAN *update*

Construction on the The Shrine's Magnificent Pipe Organ has been constructed ongoing throughout the Summer, and we have learned many fascinating things about this extraordinary instrument during the process.





Photo by Henry Baron



THE MAGNIFICENT PIPE ORGAN IN NUMBERS

The complete organ is
7 ORGANS
all tied into one.

The largest pipe is
37' tall, **17"** diameter
and weighs **365 LBS.**

The smallest pipe is
10" TALL,
1/4" DIAMETER
and weighs **.6 OZ.**

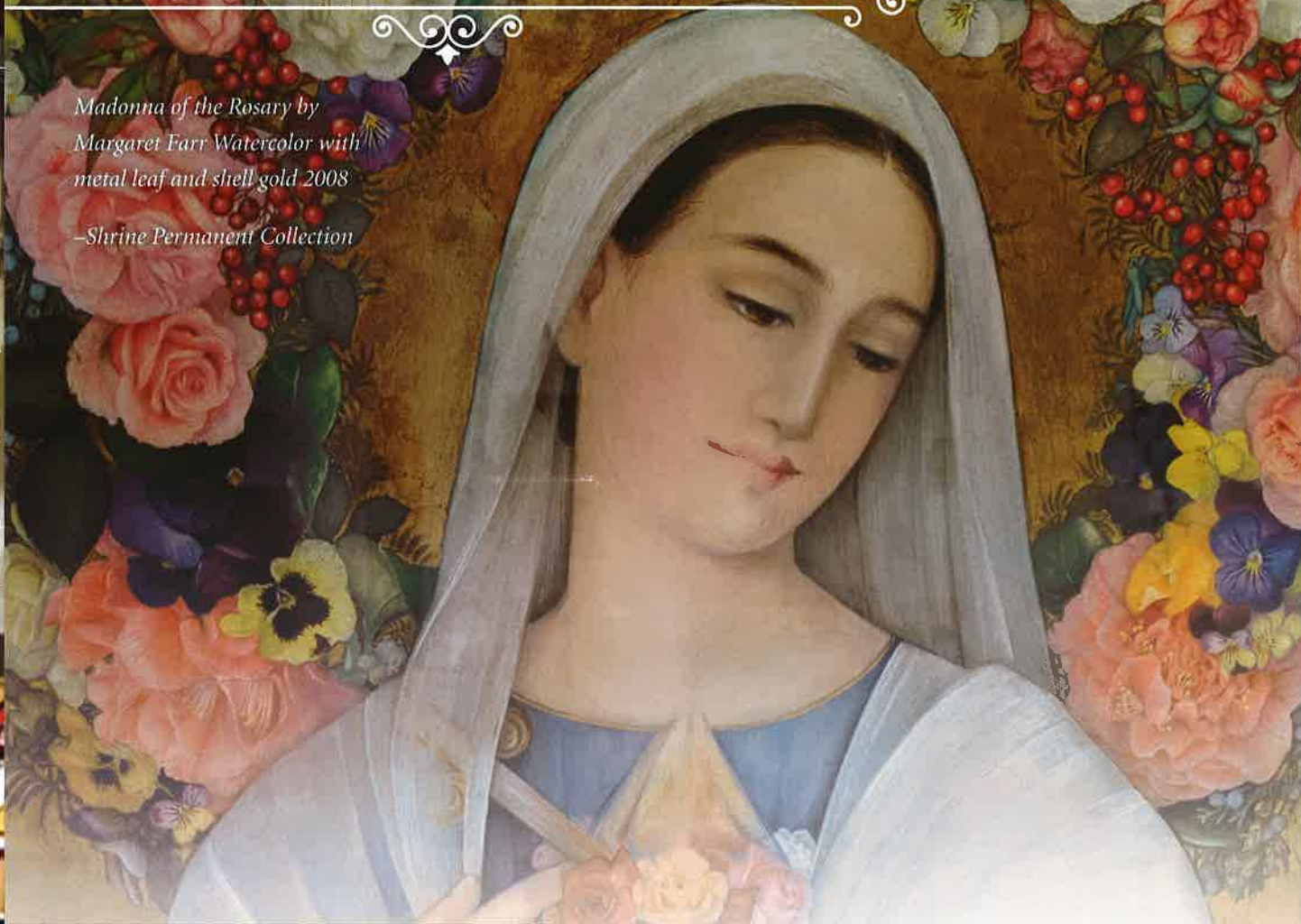
The entire pipe
organ will contain
5,283 PIPES.

We used **500 POOL NOODLES**
during the delivery (to protect the pews).

Ministry at MARY'S SHRINE

*Madonna of the Rosary by
Margaret Farr Watercolor with
metal leaf and shell gold 2008*

-Shrine Permanent Collection



SACRED MUSIC

The members of the Basilica Choir come from all over the country to make beautiful music, and fulfil the mission of Sacred Music at Mary's Shrine.

For more information about supporting The Basilica music program , please contact music@mqus.org

SACRAMENTS

The Basilica is open *365 days* a year fulfilling the mission of serving travelers in search of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

Mary's Shrine offers daily Masses, Confessions *7 days* a week, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pilgrims and visitors may encounter Christ through the Word, the Eucharist, and His Blessed Mother.

VISITING

Space is available for group retreats and Masses in the Shrine's Universal Day Chapel.

Vow renewals, marriage / family blessings are offered after regularly scheduled Mass.

**Please call us prior to your visit to arrange blessings.*

Guided and self-guided tours are available daily.

***Tours are offered to all visitors free of charge, however, donations are welcome to support the ministry of Mary's Shrine.*

GIFT SHOP, MUSEUM, & PILGRIMAGE CENTER

The Shrine Gift Shop is a premiere Catholic shop with 10,000 sq. ft. of inspirational sacred art, books, and unique gifts to uplift minds and spirits.

The Basilica Museum is the jewel of the Shrine with a beautiful selection of Catholic fine art.

The Pilgrimage Center at Mary's Shrine educates visitors with an historical interactive museum.

These ministries are a lovely way for visitors to learn, connect and pray through Christian art and culture.

Save the Date THE SHRINE'S MAGNIFICENT PIPE ORGAN DEDICATION & MASS

Saturday, November 23rd
at the 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Coming soon—upcoming dates for the
2019-2020 Concert Series



For information about guided tours, pilgrimages, class trips, and group retreats, please
✪ contact Lisa Nordstrom 407.239.6600 Ext. 314

PORTALS OF *Faith*

Individuals, families, and communities will have an opportunity to collaborate in this original Sacred Art piece, and create a personalized tribute that will be permanently on display at the Shrine. The Portals of Faith in the Shrine's Narthex are an evolving work of art with a tapestry of names, pictorial symbols of the Catholic faith, and 52 Marian images.



TAPESTRY OF NAMES

Accomplished artist Jill Burkee, hand sculpts each letter of your family name and hand casts the inscription in bronze.



SYMBOLS OF FAITH

Narrative imagery created from your inspiration, to be interwoven into the tapestry of names.

These original panels range in size from 6 x 6 to 10 x 8.



Drawing before final casting

PERSONAL TRIBUTES

Commemorative Pew Seat

Donors dedicating a pew seat will have their name or that of a loved one inscribed on an individual brass plate mounted on a Shrine pew.

Commemorative Rosary Garden Brick

Donors are honored with their names etched into bricks that form decades of beads in the Rosary Garden walkway in the shape of a rosary.



Sketch of an available Marian panel

Original artwork by sculptors Jill Burkee and Giancarlo Biagi

PORTRAITS OF MARY

Original works of art celebrating the many faces of Mary as she appears to the faithful in distant villages and great cities. The Images of Mary project is an ambitious tribute in furthering our shared reverence for the Mother of God, giving a voice to all of the pilgrims who visit Mary's Shrine.

The "Portraits of Mary" series will be composed of 54 bronze plaques, each measuring 17" x 23". The artists begin the creative process with a detailed

sketch of your Marian vision, and then cast the plaque upon your approval of the final image.

Donors may also elect to have a second casting of the plaque signed by the artist to display in their own home.

The Bronze Portals of Faith is a unique giving opportunity to support Sacred Art at Mary's Shrine, and create a legacy for each patron's family that will be enjoyed for generations to come.

For additional information on how you can become a part of the Shrine's legacy through the Portals of Faith sacred art or other personal tributes, contact our Memorials Coordinator Gessie at 407.239.6600 or memorials@mqus.org

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Just as it did in the earliest days of its ministry, the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe relies on the gifts of its visitors, friends, and pilgrims.

Each year, thousands of people visit the Basilica, and receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation

and the Holy Eucharist. Mary's Shrine is open everyday for daily Mass and daily Confession, and with your support, pilgrims will continue to have the opportunity to receive grace through the tender mercy of our mother Mary and the gifts of her divine son, Jesus Christ.

We appreciate your gift of any size to support Mary's Shrine. To receive monthly Novenas or inquire about giving opportunities, contact Michele at 407.239.6600 or maryqueenoftheuniverse.org



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

November 2019

NOVEMBER 1ST

All Saints Day

NOVEMBER 23RD

**The Shrine's Magnificent
Pipe Organ Dedication
& Mass**

6:00 pm Vigil Mass

NOVEMBER 28TH

Thanksgiving Day Masses

8:00 am | 9:30 am

12:05 pm



December 2019

DECEMBER 1ST

Creche opens before 6:00 pm
Vigil Mass for First Sunday
of Advent

DECEMBER 9TH

**Feast of the Immaculate
Conception:**
Holy Day

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 6TH

**Annual Gift Shop
Open House**

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Christmas with the
Basilica Choir &
Orchestra | 7:30 pm**

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

6:00 pm & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

7:30 am | 9:30 am

11:30 am | 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

New Year's Eve Mass

6:00 pm Vigil Mass

January 2020

NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:00 am & 12:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

February 2020

FEBRUARY 26TH

Ash Wednesday

Ashes available throughout the day
at the Basilica.

**Stations of the Cross throughout Lent &
Offerings to fulfill your Lenten Journey.
Check back for dates.**



April 2020

APRIL 5TH - APRIL 11TH

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday - Holy Saturday

APRIL 11TH

Easter Candlelight Vigil Mass

8:00 pm

APRIL 12TH

Easter Sunday Masses:

7:30 am | 9:30 am | 11:30 am

1:30 pm | 6:00 pm

APRIL 19TH

Divine Mercy Sunday



May 2020

MAY 10TH

Mother's Day with 10,000 roses

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

Feast of the Ascension



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BASILICA HOURS

Monday - Friday.....7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday - Sunday7:30 am - 7:30 pm

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Monday - Friday.....8:00 am | 12:05 pm
Saturday8:00 am | *6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday.....7:30 am | *9:30 am | *11:30 am | 6:00 pm

**Basilica Choir sings*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Saturday.....10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday.....1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

GIFT SHOP

Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm | Sat - Sun 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

MUSEUM & PILGRIMAGE CENTER

Mon - Fri 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sat 10:30 am - 6:00 pm | Sunday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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