



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway

Lovington, VA 22949

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

10 am Mass Intentions for Bill Beauvais

Requested by Carolyn Drumheller

Pastor Fr. Rogelio Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Mission Statement

St. Mary's is a Roman Catholic community based on faith. We are committed to celebrating the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We believe we are called to serve the Lord and our community.

Vision

St. Mary's Parish is committed to the discipleship of Jesus Christ in each of its members. We will encourage discipleship by providing educational programs for spiritual growth to include all age groups. We will promote and maintain our growing Christ centered ministries strengthening the family where ever possible. We will endeavor to understand and be accepting of every culture represented in our community with the goal of sharing the message and love of Christ with everyone we encounter.

Masses

Sunday: 10:00-am English, 1-pm Spanish

Wednesday & Friday 12:00 Noon English

Confessions Sunday: 9:30 & 12:30

*Eucharistic Adoration every First Friday at 12:30 - 1:30 P.M. (English),
2nd , 3rd and 4th Friday at 7 - 8 P.M. (Spanish).*

Masses at St. Francis of Assisi

Amherst

Wednesday 1:05 pm

Eucharistic Adoration 1st Wednesday after Mass and Benediction

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1:30-2:30

Saturday night 5:00 pm

Sunday morning 8:00 am

Sacraments

Baptisms – Contact the office 6 months in advance.

*Weddings – Contact the office to schedule an appointment with Father at least
6 months in advance.*

Confession/Penance – 9:30 and 12:30 on Sunday and any time by appointment.

1) PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

I extend a warm welcome to our parishioners and our visitors. St. Mary's Catholic Church is where we pray, work, and journey as one unified family. Together we create an environment that is Christ-centered and full of spirit. May you always feel welcome and find your place in our parish.

Fr. Roger L. Abadano, Pastor

2) Anyone needing to contact Father Roger should do so via Eleanor at the office. The office is open Mon-Fri 8-12. 434-263-8509 or email: secretary@stmarylovingston.org. Father's phone number for Emergency Use Only (sick call or hospital visitation) is 757-709-5717.

3) **Public Masses at St Mary's continue this Sunday December 6, 2020. The following continue to apply during this COVID period and we ask that all follow this guidance.**

Sunday Mass times will be 10:00 am (English) and 1:00pm (Spanish). Our Knights have volunteered to participate as Safety Ushers in these masses to keep all of us safe. Please follow their guidance!

4) Parishioners must bring their own face coverings - that must be worn properly over the nose and mouth and mask must not have an exhale port which allows exhale with less restrictions.

Parishioners must arrive at Mass at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start.

5. Father Julio Reyes is recuperating from COVID in the rectory at Our Lady of Lourdes in Henrico. He spent over 2 weeks in the hospital. Please pray for his recovery.

6. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Masses: St. Mary 10:00 A.M.

St. Francis : 12:00 noon

St. Mary 7:00 P.M.

6. Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

(Per diocesan guidelines: no mass allowed for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe after 4 P.M. on December 12th)

December 11th (Friday) at 7 P.M.

December 12th (Saturday) at 12 P.M.

7. Advent Reconciliation services:

December 18th (Friday) at 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

8) THE BISHOP'S DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AND THE MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED(Facebook St. Marys's Group (<https://m.facebook.com/groups/616666051719052>) FOR THE FAITHFUL WHO DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH ATTENDING IN PERSON. THE DISPENSATION WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS OUR

CHURCHES ARE NOT FULLY OPEN. Parishioners in a vulnerable category are encouraged to stay at home (over 65 and/or immune-compromised) vice coming to mass.

9) **2020-21 CCD Has started. Please pray for the students and the teachers.**

10) **Daily Mass and Mass intentions.** Daily Mass will be held on Wednesday and Friday at 12 Noon. To have a mass said for special intentions call the office at 434-263-8509 or send an email to secretary@stmarylovingston.org. Daily Mass on Wednesday will be livestreamed on our Facebook Group. **We could use volunteers to help with this important service and livestream the Friday daily mass.** All that's needed is a modern smart phone and the ability to log on to the Facebook Group at church! Training will be provided. Contact Wayne Parent to join the livestream team where a small effort can have big results. Last Wednesday 27 people watched our daily mass via livestream!!!!!!!

11) **Supporting the parish.**

While we have limited means to take up a traditional collection the parish still has expenses and bills as shown above in our collections report. So this would be a great time to sign up for eGiving (<https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA947>) if you are capable of giving. Lastly you can always mail a check to the parish or drop your envelope in the basket at the back of the church if you are attending mass.

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12) **Communications.** We are now publishing electronically a Bulletin which is distributed via Flock notes and posted on our website. If you are not receiving it, you need to register on Flocknotes. You can sign up by **texting GUADLUPE to 84576** and following the instructions. If you need to do it in **Spanish then text GUADALUPE to 202-765-3441.**

If you do not text, you can still register with an email by going to <https://StMaryCatholicChurch12.flocknote.com/everyone>. Only a name and email is required to register but if you have a text number that is highly recommended to ensure you don't miss any important material. **Recently a number of people have been added to FLOCKNOTES using data from the parish's office records and CCD registration. Much of the data is incomplete so if you want to correct your data follow the above process to sign up on flocknotes. That will correct your data so you can manage your FLOCKNOTES account yourself. The data you put on flocknotes is secure.**

Facebook Group. The parish has a Facebook Group <https://m.facebook.com/groups/616666051719052/> which you can join by having a Facebook account and then asking to join the group. There are a number of St. Mary Groups on Facebook so make sure you have ours. Our Logo is prominently displayed and there is no other Lovingston St. Mary's. As a member of the group you can post info and ask questions by commenting on posts. When you are asked a question upon requesting to join the group, answer I AM A PARISHIONER. And you will be allowed into the group. Sunday Masses and the Wednesday daily mass are livestreamed on this group page. Plans are to add the Friday daily mass as soon as possible. Masses are posted on the group page after the livestreaming and can be accessed at any time later for viewing. **Please pass this info to any parishioner you know who is not receiving information from the parish.**

13. **Prayers:** Father Julio Reyes, Gene Onestigal and Pete Mann.

14. **Readings** for next week. December 13, 2020, The Third Sunday in Advent

I. Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

II. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel. John 1:6-8, 19-28

Lector – TBD

BULLETIN and PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS

Items to be announced at mass or placed in the Bulletin or Flocknotes must be sent to the office NLT the Wednesday before the event or sooner. Items should be in a Word document that can be cut and pasted. A form to request the announcement is in the office and will be provided via Flocknotes and on our website.

secretary@stmarylovingston.org 434-263-8509

Ministry News

CCD – the 2nd series of leaflets has been distributed. Our parents are doing a great job with this at-home program!

Pastoral Council

Note, all those holding keys to the main entrance of the church should contact the office as soon as possible and ensure you are on the list.

Advent Wreath and Candles

Brass Advent Wreaths (6" diameter) and Candle Sets (3 purple, 1 pink) are available from the Ladies Guild.

They are located in the display case in the Narthex. The set of Advent wreath and candles is \$10.

See Mary Anne Stevens or any Guild member for more info and to purchase.

Migrant Worker Ministry

The ministry has ceased visits to the migrant camps until it is safe to do so. Medical personnel still visiting the camps with proper protection have recently distributed 80 Faith Bags to 5 camps for us.

Ladies Guild

Next meeting on December 5th at 9am.

Prison Ministry

The prison ministry is on hiatus until the state will allow visitors into the prison.

Knights of Columbus, John Paul 2nd Council 16535

Our Knights are collecting donations for this-years **Coats for Kids** campaign. Please give your check or cash to Larry Lynch. While school may not be in session physically kids will still need coats for winter so consider donating to this annual cause when the solicitation come out.

Adoration – the Knights will participate in an hour of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** held on every First Friday from 12:30-1:30. Mass will be held at 12:00. During this Pandemic the Knights are now allowing members to join completely on line. Anyone who would like to join via this streamlined and easy process can contact Wayne Parent (wcparent7@aol.com) or Len Thompson (lenthompson@gmail.com) to receive info on how to do this. Also the Knights will be holding an in person First Degree Ceremony in January. Anyone who would like to join or has ever thought about joining now is the time. See a Knight for info.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE ELEVATION OF THE FOUNDER OF THEIR ORDER, FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVENEY TO SAINTHOOD. THE EVENT TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 30, 2020.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Starting this month at mass on the first Sunday of the month Father will confer a Blessing on all persons having a birthday and anniversary in that month.

Birthdays

1 Maria Gomez, 2 Nailda Mulder, 5 Anayesica Lopez, 6 Victoria Trinidad, 7 Otilia Arroyo, Mateo Trinidad, 10 Larry Anderson, 12 Gwen Casale, 14 Dale Del Priorie, 16 Nicolas Mendoza Lopez, 17 Henry Lopez, 19 Mary England, 20 Ginny Hamner, Lourdes Alcantara, 22 Blanca Mendoza Lopez, 24 Jose Serrano, Joselyn Serrano, 26 Stephanie Gravera, 29 Aleta Childs, 31 Tim Tinsley, Larry Lynch, Ziciali Casimiro Santqrrosa

Anniversaries

17 Jerry & Sharon Gress, 18 Greg & Becky Davis, 21 Miguel Casimiro & Lourdes Alcantara, 25 Nicolas Mendoza & Rocio Aguado, 26 Gary & Jeanne Scott, John & Gene Demsky, Bob & Barbara Yates, John & Mary Ellen Maybee, 29 George & Mickey McKinney.

**Please submit your name and birthday to the office to be included on this list.
secretary@stmarylovingston.org.**

