

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR FATHER ROGER AND A SPEEDY RESOLUTION TO THE ISSUE WITH OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM REGARDING HIS EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT (EAD). IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL HIM AS YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO. PLEASE PRAY FOR FATHER ROGER AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING TO RESOLVE THIS. GOD BLESS!

Solemnity of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** is on December 8, 2021. Mass will be held at 6:30PM.

The Feast of **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** is on December 12, 2021. Mass will be held on Saturday December 11th at 7:00pm. Procession to follow.



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway
Lovington, VA 22949
December 5, 2021, 2021

The Second Sunday of Advent

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.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

To all Parishioners,

I hope and pray that all of you are engaged in Advent, a very special time for us in the church.

Thank you and God bless!

Fr. Roger Abadano

Mass Intention 10am

L Elmer Gangloff requested by Eleanor Crichlow

Celebrant

Fr. Joseph Biber 10:00 am Mass

Fr. Joseph Biber 12:30 pm Mass.

Sunday: 10:00-am (English), 12:30pm (Spanish)
Wednesday & Friday 9-am TEMPORARILY CANCELLED
Daily Mass offered by Father Joseph Mary on Tuesdays @ noon is cancelled until further notice.

Confessions Sunday: 9:30 & 11:30-am
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(Temporarily cancelled)
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(Temporarily cancelled)

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Calendar of Events

December

- 4 Ladies Guild Monthly Meeting 9am. Rosary and Setting up Christmas Tree
- 8 Immaculate Conception Mass at 6:30pm.
- 11 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 7:00pm.
- 14 Knights of Columbus Meeting (Council 16535) 7:30pm St Marys
- 19 Christmas Breakfast (between the masses)
- 19 Ladies Guild Christmas Greens Sale

CCD INFORMATION

Classes for Sunday December 19 will be cancelled due to the Christmas Breakfast.

Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator

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BANNER OF JESUS AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PAINTING

Thank you to the Jaketic family for donating the Banner of Jesus displayed in the Sanctuary and for the painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Narthex. Special thanks to Gary and Nick for installing both of them!

NATIVITY SCENE

Thanks to the Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus for Purchasing and setting up the Beautiful new Nativity Scene outside the church!

2) Anyone needing to contact Father Joseph Mary (Temporary Administrator) for normal business should do so via Eleanor at the office during working hours (Mon/Tues/Wed) (Office- 434-263-8509) For Emergency Use after hours the phone number at the rectory for Father Roger is 434-361-6007. Father Joseph Mary is usually at the church on Tuesdays.

3) THE BISHOP'S DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS HAS BEEN LIFTED

Guidelines for all Liturgical Celebrations as of July 11, 2021

1. Masks Fully Vaccinated people do not need to wear masks in any setting.
Unvaccinated people ages 5 and older must wear a mask in church.
2. Social Distancing no longer required.
3. All restrictions on number of persons allowed in a building returns to Fire Department Standards.
4. Bishop Barry C. Knestout has lifted the dispensation from Mass as of Sunday June 27th..
Welcome Home! As Catholics, sacramental participation like Holy Eucharist is so essential to us, it must always be a live personal encounter with God and one another.
5. Distribution of Holy Communion - The unvaccinated should not remove his/her mask during and receiving holy communion.
6. Distribution of the Cup – Remains suppressed.
7. Offertory – Passing of the basket for the collection will resume.
8. Congregation singing and use of hymnals will resume.
9. Lord's Prayer and Sign of the Peace – Refrain from holding hands and do not shake hands.
10. Livestreaming of Sunday masses may commence on 8 August. Volunteers Needed.
11. Gatherings – No limits on number of people who can attend.
12. Restroom usage – No restriction of limits on use.
13. Baptismal Font and Holy Water – may filled and used at this time.
14. Weddings – Mask Guidance noted above must be followed.
15. Food – allowed in the church for coffee hours and receptions.

7) **Daily Mass and Mass intentions.** Daily Mass will be held Tuesday at 12noon. CANCELLED UNTIL FATHER JOSEPH MARY RETURNS.

St Mary Security System Procedures

The new security system at St. Mary requires a 4 digit number to be inputted within 60 seconds of unlocking the front door. If you do not have a code to input, then the alarm will be set off and several people will be immediately notified as well as the Sheriff's office. If you have access to the outside lock box but do not have a 4 digit code, you do not have access to the church. If you are having a meeting during normal working hours then the system should be off if people are already in the church. If you have a question, or if you require access to the church call the office at 434-263-8509.

Bishop Knestout invites you to come and pray for Hope and Healing for the victim survivors of child sexual abuse and their families.

**Central Vicariate:
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 at 7pm
Saint Thomas Aquinas University Parish, Charlottesville**

Please note: Photographs will be taken during the liturgy but only of the altar and bishop. Photos may be used for digital and print communications of The Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

**Light refreshments will be served after Mass.
Counselors will be available before and after
Mass.**

**For information, contact the Victim Assistance
Coordinator, at 877-887-9603**

8) Supporting our parish.

COLLECTIONS REPORT FY 21-22

	November	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 14,131.00	\$ 32,644.84
12:30 PM Mass	2,167.00	11,365.25
e-giving	3,977.82	27,744.96
Holyday	293.00	473.00
Totals	<hr/> \$ 20,568.82	\$72,228.05
Annual Budget		\$159,400.00
Year to Date Budget		67,438.46
Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$4,789.59

9) **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, please sign up for a **Flocknotes** account. You can do so by **texting GUADLUPE to 84576** and following the instructions. If you need to do it in **Spanish then text GUADALUPE to 202-765-3441**. There are small cards with this info available in the Narthex and on the Bulletin Board.

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 or communication from the pastor or church.

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 several St. Mary Groups on Facebook so make sure you have ours. Our Logo is prominently displayed and there is no other Lovington 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.**

10. **Prayer List:** Jean Smith, Wes Korab, Nicole Parent (niece of Wayne and Cindy Parent).

Please call the office at 434-263-8509 to have someone placed on this prayer list.

11. **Readings** for the next week.

Sunday December 12, 2021, The Third Sunday of Advent

I. Zephaniah 3:14-18a

II. Phillipians 4:4-7

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

Lector- Karen Kruse and Jerry Gress

Coffee Hostesses Team 2

Altar Servers (Tom Eick) (540) 430-7661

Anyone interested in helping in this area please contact Tom Eick at 434-277-5491 or thomaseick@gmail.com.

Pastoral Council (Greg Davis, Chairman) (301) 481-3854

The Pastoral Council met on November 18. As a result efforts are underway to organize a professional parish retreat for 2022.

Also in lieu of poorly attended Christmas Potlucks a Christmas Breakfast will be held this year on December 19, 2021. It will occur right after the 10am mass. The 12:30 mass will be held at 1pm to allow more participation and not violate the 60min required before receiving communion. The Knights will cook pancakes and sausage. Coffee, Tea and Juice will be provided as well as condiments. Please bring breakfast sweets (donuts, muffins, coffee cake etc.) to share.

Lectors 10 AM Mass Mary Anne Stevens (434) 263-4940

December 5	Wayne Parent
	Mickey McKinney
December 12.	Jerry Gress
	Karen Kruse
December 19.	Marti Naro

Carolyn Drumheller
December 24. Mary Anne Stevens
Spanish lector
December 25. Kay Thompson
Anita Doran
December 26. Tom Eick
Ed Camden

Migrant Worker Ministry (Wayne Parent, Lead) (571) 477-5045

The ministry has ceased visits to the migrant camps until it is safe to do so. The ministry is collecting materials in anticipation that visits to the camps will commence in Feb 2022. The early arrivals have a serious need for cold weather clothes. Work Coats, Jackets, Sweatshirts, Blankets and Towels are specifically needed. Please place your donations in the plastic container in the Narthex. If you have questions please contact Wayne Parent.

Ladies Guild (Mary Ann Popielarz /Mary Anne Stevens) (434) 996-8081 (434) 263-4940

Upcoming Ladies Guild Activities at St. Mary

DEC 4 Monthly Meeting 9am
DEC 19 Live Greens Sale

Prison Ministry Jackie Castro (240) 620-1465

Prison Ministry...Please consider joining the Prison Ministry. We are few in numbers and cannot say enough how fulfilling visiting the residents at Buckingham Correctional Center is. The gentlemen of the St. Mary's Community we encounter there are so memorable and capable of sharing their devotion to our Lord. It truly has become one of the best days of our month. They appreciate having visitors since many do not have family nearby.

The process to register to become a visitor may take a couple of months, but the experience is heartwarming. The center is in lockdown and will be until the population inside and out is vaccinated,

which makes it a good time to begin the process of joining the Prison Ministry. If you have any questions, please call Jackie Castro at 434-361-9132.



John Paul 2nd Council 16535
Grand Knight – Wayne Parent (571) 477-5045
Deputy Grand Knight – Len Thompson (434) 944-0191

Next Council Meeting – The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday December 14, 2021 at St. Mary’s at 7:30pm.

COATS for KIDS

The Knights are in the process of distributing 8 boxes of new coats to schools in Nelson and Amherst and both parishes. Thanks to all who contributed.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year the Knights are again selling beautiful religious themed Christmas cards. There is a self-serv setup in the Narthex. See Gary Scott if you have questions.

OUTDOOR Nativity and Creche

The Knights have partnered with the Ladies Guild to purchase and build a new outdoor Nativity Scene for Christmas. Many parishioners have been asked why we discontinued that scene. It is up! Lighting soon.

This year’s Officers are:

Grand Knight	Wayne Parent
Deputy Grand Knight	Len Thompson
Financial Secretary	Greg Davis
Chancellor	Francisco Barragan
Recorder	Brian Dudley

Treasurer	Gary Scott
Advocate	Stuart Harvey
Warden	Larry Lynch
Inside Guard	Esteban Ariciaga
Outside Guard	Gary Jaketic
Trustee One Year	Nate Young
Trustee Two Year	Ron Doran
Trustee Tree Year	Heath Cockerham

Appointed

Chaplain	Fr Roger Adadano
Lecturer	Stan Olah

Adoration – the Knights will participate in an hour of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** held on every First Friday from 9:30-10:30am. Mass will be held at 9:00am. Cancelled until Further Notice.

Join the Knights! Interested in growing as a Catholic Gentleman? Interesting in helping our parish and community? Then join the Knights of Columbus and learn how do so through the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Contact Wayne Parent, Grand Knight at wcparent7@aol.com , 571-477-5045 or Len Thompson, Deputy Grand Knight at lenthompson@gmail.com, 434-944-0191 for questions. Better yet, join the Knights ONLINE! Go to kfc.org and click on “JOIN” in the upper right. Complete the form and indicate Council 16535 as the council you wish to join. It is quick and easy, and you will be contacted after successful enrollment. You have waited long enough! Grow in faith and join our brotherhood! Membership fees are waived for new members who join before 31 December 2021.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEMBER

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

December 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 Priore
16 Nicolas Mendoza Lopez
17 Henery 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 Santarrosa

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 or anniversary to the office to be included on this list.
secretary@stmarylovingston.org. or 434-263-8509

The following email was received from Mickey Mckinney, a long time St. Mary's parishioner.

Dear Wayne, Please put out the word that I am looking for a live-in person or couple who would have the qualifications to help care for an invalid who has had a stroke and needs assistance with all aspects of personal care. I have some day-time help but am his primary care-giver and at my age (88) and dealing with arthritis, I worry that I will not be able to manage to properly care for him much longer. The lower level of our home will lend itself to a pleasant apartment with living-room, breakfast bar, bedroom and full bath and a work room that can be converted into a kitchenette. It has a private entrance and a brick patio out-side. I need uninterrupted time to organize and discard of furnishings and accessories accumulated over 65 years of marriage and to be prepared to move into an assisted living situation should the need arise. We can offer free rent in exchange for the services required. I would need someone who is fully vetted with impeccable references who has the necessary skills to take care of an invalid. George retires early and naps during the day and works at his computer so there is free time during the day and all evenings are free after he retires. I would appreciate it if you could forward this request to St. Francis in Amherst ,also. My phone no. is 434-361-9407 . My E-mail address is mickeymck9@aol.com. Thank you for spreading the word. Hopefully there is someone out there who will be a good fit. Mickey McKinney

