



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway
Lovingson, VA 22949
January 01, 2023

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE
MOTHER OF GOD**

Pastor: Fr. Roger Abadano

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:

Dear Parishioners,

Again, we find ourselves in this special time of year, let us remember the true reason of Christmas. The time when we celebrate and appreciate the birth of Jesus Christ, the greatest gift that God could give us. May God bless you with a wonderful Christmas filled with much joy and love. Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year. As always, I will keep you in my prayers. I'm forever grateful for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity.

God Bless.

In prayer,

Fr. Roger Abadano

Mass Intentions:

10 AM

+ Lorraine Naro requested by The Naro Family

12:30PM

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Thank You!

I would like to thank Mrs. Guadalupe Serrano as the Lead Coordinator for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I also want to share my sincere appreciation to all the Ministry Coordinators involved in the planning and execution of everything, all the parents of the children and youth involved in the dances, the actors and everyone who assisted in any way they could. Thank you so much for all your time and talents and may our Lady of Immaculate Conception always intercede on your behalf.

Father Roger

Masses at St. Mary's

- Sunday 10:00 A.M. (English) and 12:30 P.M. (Spanish)
- Every Wednesday 10:00 A.M. - English Mass
- 1st and 2nd Friday of the month 10:00 A.M. - English Mass
- 3rd and 4th Friday of the month 7:00 P.M. - Spanish Mass
- (If there is 5th Friday 10:00 A.M. English Mass)
- Confession: (Sunday) 9:30-9:50 A.M. and 11:45 - 12:20 P.M.

Holy Hour / Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

- 1st Friday of the month 10:30 -11:30A.M.
- 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday of the Month 7:00 -8:00 P.M.
- First Sunday of the month right after 12:30 P.M. Mass

Masses at St. Francis

- Saturday 5:00 P.M.
- Sunday 8:00 A.M. (No Mass, first Sunday of the month)
- Wednesday 1:00 P.M.
- Confession: Saturday 4:30 - 4:50 P.M.

Holy Hour / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- 1st Wednesday of the month right after 1:00 P.M. Mass

- Every 3rd Friday during the Mass and Holy Hour, Father will offer a healing blessing and an Anointing of the Sick for those who wish to receive it.

Sacraments

Baptisms – Contact the office 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 thru Friday: 8A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Fridays: 5:00 -8:00 P.M.

Sundays: 9:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M

Calendar of Events

January

- 01** Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Masses: Regular Schedule
- 07** Family Retreat at St. Mary's from 7:30am-3pm
- 10** Finance Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 14** Tom Kenyon Funeral Mass @ 11am

Parish News and Notes

- The office will be **CLOSED** for Christmas break on the following dates: January 1st and 2nd. There will also be no weekday Masses between December 26th-December 30th.
- The Ladies Guild would like to thank all the parishioners who placed Poinsettias on the Altar for Christmas. You may take the plants home on *Sunday, January 1st*. Please find the plant with your name on it.
- **St. Mary's Angel Tree** is here. Please take an angel and return your gift unwrapped to St. Mary's no later than January 15th. The items are being donated to Life Spring Charlottesville Pregnancy Center. Please see Mary Ann Popielarz if you have any questions.
- **EWTN Kids Faith Adventures** is a free, fun and fortified programming with important lessons to build a strong foundation of faith. Give your children entertainment you can feel good about. Stream on any device or watch on channels 370 (DirectTV) and 261 (Dish Network). Visit www.ewtnkids.com for more information.

CCD INFORMATION

****Classes resume again on January 8th.***

Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator
909-762-3829
briandudley@gmail.com

FOR EMERGENCY USE AFTER HOURS THE PHONE NUMBER AT THE RECTORY FOR FATHER ROGER IS 434-361-6007.

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.

Supporting our parish.

eGiving is a secure online method of supporting our parish. It is provided by the Catholic Foundation in Richmond. You can easily sign up at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA947>. You can also easily opt out of any planned gifts at any time.

You can also still give via the envelope method. Please see contact the office to sign up for envelopes or email the parish secretary at secretary@stmarylovingston.org.

COLLECTIONS REPORT FY 2023

	December	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 7,230.00	\$ 42,935.00
12:30 PM Mass	2,173.00	15,475.00
Wintergreen	-	267.00
e-giving	2,895.00	23,087.74
Holyday	2,556.00	2,851.00
Other Donations	-	3,160.00
Totals	<hr/> \$ 14,854.00	\$ 87,775.74
Annual Budget		\$170,000.00
YTD Budget		85,000.00
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 2,775.74

Note: The minutes of the Financial Council meetings are available for review by any Parishioner. See Raquel or Jerry in the Parish office.

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 GUADALUPE 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.

Prayer List: Jordan Shirk, Hank Gibb, Annabelle Laudeman, Dave Smith, Sutter Blair Strong, Ellie Lattus, Ms. Mercedes, Sr. Federico Ruiz, infant Lucy (great-granddaughter to Stu and Pat Harvey), Brianna Vergara Alfaro, and child Isabelle Nadine Carbajal Dixon.

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

Readings for the next week.

Sunday January 08, 2023, The Epiphany of the Lord

- I. Isaiah 60:1-6
- II. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Lectors – Marti Naro and Carolyn Drumheller

Coffee Hostesses Team 2: Mary England, Jean Smith, Lynn Leder, Joyce Claman

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

Anyone interested in helping in this area please contact Tom Eick at 540-430-7661 or thomaseick4@gmail.com.

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

January 01	I. Jerry Gress II. Tom Eick
January 08	I. Marti Naro II. Carolyn Drumheller
January 15	I. Kay Thompson II. Anita Doran
January 22	I. Ruger Young II. Stu Harvey
January 29	I. Ed Camden II. Mary Anne Stevens

Migrant Worker Ministry.

The Migrant Worker Ministry has completed camp visits and masses for this year with the exception of special requests. We will commence a full schedule of visits in February, starting with the delivery of cold weather clothes to the workers that arrive in February and March. We accept donations at any time. Please see Wayne Parent for a large donation and put smaller things in the tub provided in the Narthex. Sweatshirts, towels, blankets, jeans, socks and gloves are always in demand. Thanks to all who have donated in the past and those who will donate in the future.

Prison Ministry Jackie Castro (240) 620-1465

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 near, which makes it a good time to begin the process of joining the Prison Ministry. If you have any please call Jackie Castro at 240-620-1465.

Ladies Guild (Mary Ann Popielarz /Mary Anne Stevens)

(434) 996-8081

(434) 263-4940



John Paul 2nd Council 16535

Grand Knight – Wayne Parent

Deputy Grand Knight – Len Thompson

This year's Officers were installed on July 12 by District Deputy and Father Roger. For a complete list of all the Officers, see the list posted on the Parish's bulletin board.

Thanks to all who contributed to this year COATS FOR KIDS program. Because of your generosity we have been able to distribute 70 coats to the school districts in Nelson and Amherst and to the Park St. Community Center in Lynchburg. You can still donate by giving a check or cash to a Knight. And we still have a few extra coats if you know of a Kid needing one.

SAVE THE DATE: This year's POLISH NIGHT again to be a benefit for the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund is being planned. The notional date is Friday April 21, 2023. Last year's event was a great success, please help us make this year's version just as successful. Stay tuned for more details.

Join the Knights! Our Knights of the John Paul II Council have in a few short years established the council as the go-to organization if you need help with any efforts at the parish (Special Masses and Feast Days, funerals, weddings, etc.). The council raises several thousand dollars each year to donate to Charitable organizations (Ukraine Solidarity Fund, Lifespring Pregnancy

Center, KOVAR and more). We hold dinners and breakfasts to raise funds and partner with the Ladies Guild to make purchases for the parish (Pascal Candle, Outside Nativity Scene, etc.). Our members are Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, CCD Teachers and more. If you want to be part of this effort, see Wayne Parent, Len Thompson or any Knight (wearing nametags at Mass). We would be happy to have another Catholic Gentleman join our ranks. You must be 18 years of age and a practicing Catholic.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January

January Birthdays

- 1 Lilly Smith, Becky Davis, Rosalie Slonksnes
- 3 Timothy Holland, Ethan Mason,
- 4 Joanne Camden, Krista Lynch
- 5 Joe Serkes, Adrián Lopez Mendoza, Cynthia Serrano
- 6 Joseph Rednagle, Baltazar Vega Sánchez
- 8 Samantha De Sibor, Petra Soto Moreno
- 10 August Mason, Mark Mason, Mike Whitehead, Gonzalo Rodriguez Morales
- 14 Bronwyn Whitehead
- 15 Persephone Garcia
- 16 Paul Drumheller
- 18 Mary Anne Stevens, Cindy Parent
- 19 Tom Eick
- 21 Alayna Wade, Melissa Hamner, Robert Molder
- 23 Fred Masotti, Bob Yates
- 24 Luis Castro, José López
- 25 Emmaline Garcia
- 28 Marti Naro, Tim Roan
- 30 Wayne Parent

January Anniversaries

- 1 Miguel Ángel Gómez & Leticia Gómez
- 3 Nick & Kathy Hamner
- 12 John & Sue Petchul

- 15 Luis & Jackie Castro
- 28 Emil & Nancy Kritzer
- 30 Crispin & Rosa Mateo

Please submit your name and birthday or anniversary to the office to be included: secretary@stmarylovingston.org or 434-263-8509.