



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway  
Lovington, VA 22949  
December 18, 2022

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**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:**

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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 united 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

**Mass Intentions:**

10 AM

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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

#### **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.*

- Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Calendar of Events

### December

- 16 Holy Rosary @ 6pm followed by a Christmas Festivity
- 17 Set up for "Live Arrangements and Stocking Stuffer" Sale
- 18 "Live Arrangements" and "Stocking Stuffer" Sale
- 24 Bilingual Christmas Eve Mass @ 7pm
- 25 Regular Scheduled Sunday Masses

### 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

## Parish News and Notes

- The office will be CLOSED for Christmas break on the following dates: December 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will also be no weekday Masses between December 26<sup>th</sup>-December 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Advent Candles and Wreaths Available for Purchase:

6" diameter Brass Advent Wreaths (\$8.00 each) and 10" Advent taper Candle Sets, 3 purple, 1 pink (\$5.00 each set) are available from the Ladies Guild.

They are on display in the Ladies Guild case in the Narthex.

- **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](http://www.ewtnkids.com) for more information.

# CCD INFORMATION

CCD Classes September 11 – May 29.

*\*Classes will be on break after December 18<sup>th</sup> and resume again on January 8<sup>th</sup>.*

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](mailto:secretary@stmarylovingston.org).

## COLLECTIONS REPORT FY 2023

	November	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 6,142.00	\$ 35,705.00
12:30 PM Mass	2,435.00	13,302.00
Wintergreen	267.00	267.00
e-giving	3,095.00	20,192.74
Holyday	160.00	295.00
Other Donations	-	3,160.00
Totals	\$ 12,099.00	\$ 72,921.74
Annual Budget		\$170,000.00
Year to Date Budget		71,923.08
Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 998.66

*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).

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

**Readings** for the next week.

Sunday December 25, 2022, The Nativity of the Lord

I. Isaiah 52:7-10

II. Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel John 1:1-18

Lectors – Wayne Parent and Mary Anne Stevens

Coffee Hostesses Team 4: Amy Gruber, Kathy White, and Mary Ann Popielarz

**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](mailto:thomaseick4@gmail.com).

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

December 18

I. Jeanne Scott

II. Gary Scott

December 25

I. Wayne Parent

II. Mary Anne Stevens

January 01

I. Jerry Gress

II. Tom Eick

January 08

I. Marti Naro

II. Carolyn Drumheller

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**



Our Knights of Columbus recently provided traffic control for the funeral of James Childs and also held the first ever Exemplification Ceremony at St Marys On Tuesday October 11, 2022 to bring new members into the council and advance present knights to Higher Degrees. Bill England was brought into the order and received 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees, CONGRATULATIONS BILL! Franco De La Luz and Richard Plourde were both advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, Congratulations Franco and Richard.

Our Knights will soon be collecting donations for the Annual Coats for Kids Drive. This effort that the Council has undertaken for 5 years involves teachers at both the Nelson Elementary Schools and teachers at the Elementary School in Amherst to identify kids who need winter coats. The Supreme Knight Staff in New Haven, CT contracts to purchase quality and modern coats for kids and then passes them on to councils at a very reasonable cost. Look for Knights after mass to donate.

**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](mailto:wcparent7@aol.com) , 571-477-5045 or Len Thompson, Deputy Grand Knight at [lenthompson@gmail.com](mailto:lenthompson@gmail.com), 434-944-0191 for questions. Better yet, join the Knights ONLINE! Go to [kfc.org](http://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!

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries for December**

### December Birthdays

- 1 María Gómez
- 2 Nailda Mulder
- 5 Anayesica López
- 6 Victoria Trinidad, Aurelio Garcia
- 7 Otilia Arroyo, Mateo Trinidad
- 8 Wes Korab
- 10 Larry Anderson
- 12 Gwen Casale
- 14 Dale Del Priorie
- 16 Nicolas Mendoza López, Holly Korab

- 17 Henry López
- 19 Mary England
- 20 Ginny Hamner, Lourdes Alcántara, Yariani Sánchez
- 22 Blanca Mendoza López
- 24 José Serrano, Joselyn Serrano, Jesús Serrano
- 26 Stephanie Gravera
- 29 Aleta Childs
- 31 Tim Tinsley, Larry Lynch, Citlali Casimiro Santarrosa, María Sánchez Fragoso

### December Anniversaries

- 17 Jerry & Sharon Gress
- 18 Greg & Becky Davis
- 21 Miguel Casimiro & Lourdes Alcántara
- 25 Nicolas Mendoza & Rocío 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: [secretary@stmarylovingston.org](mailto:secretary@stmarylovingston.org) or 434-263-8509.**