



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway  
Lovingson, VA 22949  
February 19, 2023

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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:**

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.

Rev. Fr. Roger Abadano  
St. Mary Catholic Church, Pastor



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Thank you all for your prayers and thoughtfulness for my 12<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Anniversary. I will remember and keep everyone in my prayers.

God Bless!  
Father Roger

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**Mass Intentions:**

10 AM

- + Linda Koepke requested by The Naro Family
- + Woody Lynch requested by The Ladies Guild
- + Colleen Harvey Solomon requested by the Harveys

12:30PM

- + María Raquel Carrillo requested by Raquel Garcia

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday during the Mass and Holy Hour at St. Mary's, 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

### February

- 17 Annual Spaghetti Dinner at St. Francis from 11am-7pm
- 22 Ash Wednesday Masses at 10am and 7pm
- 24 Building and Renovation Committee New Members Meeting @ 6:30pm,  
Stations of the Cross stating @ 6pm with a meatless dinner
- 25 Rite of Election @ 3pm (Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond)

## Parish News and Notes

- **ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER: Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.** at **St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**, 332 S. Main Street, Amherst, VA. The meal includes spaghetti and homemade sauce, salad, garlic bread, beverage and homemade dessert. Adults-\$10. Children under 12 years old-\$3. Dine-in or take-out -- call 434-946-2053 that day to order take-out meals or order at the door when buying tickets. Profits support local organizations and charities. Come join us for a wonderful meal, either lunch or dinner or both!
- **Every Friday** during Lent, we will have the **Stations of The Cross** here at St. Mary's. There will be a meatless dinner at 6pm followed by the Bilingual Stations of the Cross at 7pm. All are invited to come and join us.
- **Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** from **7-9pm** there will be a **Retreat here in St. Mary's** given by Daniel Villar, the Hispanic Ministry Officer of Richmond. Everyone is invited to come. That day a nun will lead the retreat and lasts about an hour. Then Daniel will have a meeting with the Hispanic Coordinator Leaders for 45 minutes. Father will not be there that day, but he gives us permission to have this retreat.
- Thank you, St. Mary's Ladies Guild, and all those that helped with our Valentines celebration and for Fr. Roger's anniversary celebration. Blessings to you and your family.  
*-Eleanor Crichlow*

- The **Mass Intention Book** for **2023** is now ready. Please call, email or stop by the office to write down any intentions you want to offer during weekday or Sunday Mass.
- **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

**\*No classes April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Palm Sunday) and April 9<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday).**

Please keep the following dates and times in mind:

**Rite of Election:** February 25 @ 3pm (Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond)

**Confession for RCIA Students:** April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

**RCIA Baptism/Holy Communion/Confirmation:** Easter Vigil, Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Confirmation Rehearsal:** Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> @ St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville from 7-8pm

**Confirmation:** Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas Aquinas @ 7pm

**Last day of CCD:** April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Holy Communion First Confession & Rehearsal:** Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Holy Communion:** Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm

Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator

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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

	January	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 9,919.00	\$ 52,854.00
12:30 PM Mass	3,189.00	18,664.00
Wintergreen	2,491.00	2,758.00
e-giving	6,605.00	29,692.74
Holyday	4,185.00	7,036.00
Other Donations	75.63	3,235.63
Totals	<hr/> \$ 26,464.63	\$114,240.37
Annual Budget		\$170,000.00
YTD Budget		\$101,346.15
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$12,894.22

*Note:* The minutes of the Financial Council meetings are available. 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, Sr. Federico Ruiz, infant Lucy (great-granddaughter to Stu and Pat Harvey), Brianna Vergara Alfaro, Richard Painter.

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

## **Readings** for the next week.

Sunday February 26, 2023, First Sunday of Lent

- I. Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
  - II. Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
- Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Lectors – Jerry Gress and Tom Eick

Coffee Hostesses Team 1: Mary Anne Stevens, Becky Davis, Kay Thompson, Teresa Pitts (Flynn)

## **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**

February 19	I. Wayne Parent
	II. Mary Anne Stevens
February 26	I. Jerry Gress
	II. Tom Eick

## **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.**

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 February**

### **February Birthdays**

- 2 Cándido Efraín Hernández Reyes
- 3 Jim Brewer
- 4 Eleanor Crichlow
- 6 Ina Waterman, Matthew Vanison
- 7 David White
- 9 Richard Kelley, Israel Garcia
- 10 Maddy Brewer
- 11 Mike Hamner
- 14 Anna Allard
- 15 Patrick Drumheller, Lissando Serrano
- 16 Maria Kelley, Wanda Espada, José Enrique Velázquez
- 17 Bill England, Mary Ann Popielarz
- 18 Nick Hamner
- 24 Carolyn Drumheller, Amy White, Sara Glatt
- 25 Lupe Serrano
- 27 Miguel Ángel Gómez, Jr.

### **February Anniversaries**

- 5 Hank & Barbara Gibb
- 12 David & Cathy White

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