



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway
Lovingson, VA 22949
February 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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



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

God Bless!
Father Roger



Mass Intentions:

10 AM

+ Nancy Boyer requested by The Drumheller Family

12:30PM

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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 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

22 Ash Wednesday Masses at 10am and 7pm

- 24** Building and Renovation Committee New Members Meeting @7:30pm,
Stations of the Cross stating @ 6pm with a meatless dinner
- 25** Rite of Election @ 3pm (Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond)

March

- 07** Retreat with Richmond Diocese's Hispanic Ministry Officer and Cambodian Nun @ 7pm
- 27** Confirmation Rehearsal, St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville @ 7pm
- 29** Confirmation, St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville @ 7pm
- 30** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

Parish News and Notes

- **Every Friday** during Lent, starting **February 24th**, 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.
- Father will be on a pilgrimage to The Holy Land between March 4th-15th. Father Jay will give Mass on Sunday March 5th & the 12th and there will be no weekday Mass until Father Roger returns.
- **Tuesday, March 7th** 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 for more information.
- This weekend is the first of two in-pew giving weekends which are carry overs from the days when the Appeal was done on paper with pledges. The modern way we use today is online. If you have given online previously then you have already received correspondence from our Bishop with the method for you to give. If you have not given online previously but would like to you can do it one of two ways. Scan one of the QR codes posted in the Narthex and on the Bulletin Board with your phone and hit the red donate button and follow the prompts.

If you have any issues Wayne Parent is always available to help, as is Raquel in the office, and you can call **Give Central** and they will help. But it is actually pretty easy. If you want to use the old way, we have packages with a pledge form that you can fill out and mail in the enclosed envelope. We will have those available if you request one. We will do the same next weekend at Mass. The QR codes will be available in the church and contained here in the Bulletin for your use if desired. **THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING TO GIVE TO THE 2023 DIOCESAN APPEAL.**



The image is a promotional graphic for the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal. At the top, it features the logo for the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond, with a gold wheat stalk icon and the text '2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL' in a teal box. Below the logo, the text 'Scan here to donate to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal' is written in teal. A large QR code is centered below the text, with a teal arrow pointing to it from the right. At the bottom, a dark blue box contains the text 'For questions about your gift please call GiveCentral (833) 716-2612' in white.

CCD INFORMATION

***No classes April 2nd (Palm Sunday) and April 9th (Easter Sunday).**

Please keep the following dates and times in mind:

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

Confirmation Rehearsal: Monday March 27th @ St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville from 7-8pm

Confirmation: Wednesday March 29th at St. Thomas Aquinas @ 7pm

Confession for RCIA Students: April 5th @ 6pm

RCIA Baptism/Holy Communion/Confirmation: Easter Vigil, Saturday April 8th

Last day of CCD: April 30th

Holy Communion First Confession & Rehearsal: Friday May 5th

Holy Communion: Sunday, May 7th @ 12:30pm

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

	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	\$114,240.3
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 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.

Prayer List

Jordan Shirk, Hank Gibb, Annabelle Laudeman, Dave Smith, Sutter Blair Strong, Ellie Lattus, Sr.
Federico Ruiz, 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 March 05, 2023, Second Sunday of Lent

I. Genesis 12:1-4a

II. 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Lectors – Kay Thompson and Anita Doran

Coffee Hostesses Team 2: Mary England, Jean Smith, Lynn Leader, 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

February 26

I. Jerry Gress

II. Tom Eick

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| March 05 | I. Kay Thompson
II. Anita Doran |
| March 12 | I. Marti Naro
II. Carolyn Drumheller |
| March 19 | I. Ruger Young
II. Mary Anne Stevens |
| March 26 | I. Ed Camden
II. Stu Harvey |

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) 263-494



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 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.**