



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway  
Lovingson, VA 22949  
March 12, 2023

## **THIRD 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

### **Mass Intentions:**

10 AM

+ Kelly Claman requested by John & Joyce Claman

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 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**

### **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**

#### **March**

- 26** Ladies Guild Bake and Easter Treat Sale
- 27** Confirmation Rehearsal, St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville @ 7pm
- 29** Confirmation, St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville @ 7pm
- 30** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ 6:30pm



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## **HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES AND MASSES SCHEDULE 2023**

### **April 2nd (Sunday) - Palm Sunday**

10:00 A.M.- English Mass  
12:30 P.M. - Spanish Mass

### **April 3rd (Holy Monday) - Chrism Mass**

*Sacred Heart Cathedral- Richmond*  
6:00 P.M.

### **April 5th (Holy Wednesday) - Lenten Reconciliation and Healing Mass (using the new blessed oil)**

6:00 P.M. - Lenten Reconciliation  
7:00 P.M. - Healing Mass

### **April 6th (Holy Thursday) Commemoration of Jesus Christ's institution of the Eucharist and Washing of the Feet**

7:00 P.M.- Bilingual Mass

### **April 7th (Good Friday): Veneration of the Cross**

7:00 P.M. - Bilingual Mass

### **April 8th (Holy Saturday): Easter Vigil**

8:00 P.M.- Bilingual Mass

### **April 9th (Easter Sunday): Day of Jesus Christ's Resurrection**

10:00 A.M.- English Mass  
12:30 P.M. - Spanish Mass



## Parish News and Notes

- **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.
- Father will be on a pilgrimage to The Holy Land between March 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Father Jay will give Mass on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> & the 12<sup>th</sup> and there will be no weekday Mass until Father Roger returns.
- **EASTER LILIES:** The Easter season is fast approaching. Once again, this year, we would like to place Easter Lilies on the altar. The Lilies are *\$17.50 each*. If you would like to donate an Easter Lily in the memory or honor of a loved one, please see Mary Anne Stevens. The order will be placed by **Monday, March 20th**.
- 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.
- The **Diocesan 2023 Appeal** continues, the QR codes to donate electronically are in the bulletin, on the bulletin board and the front door. Envelopes to donate via paper the old way will be available at a table in the Narthex.

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 graphic features the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond logo at the top, which includes a golden wheat stalk. Below the logo is a teal banner with the text "2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL". The main text in teal reads "Scan here to donate to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal". 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 banner contains the text "For questions about your gift please call GiveCentral (833) 716-2612".

## CCD INFORMATION

**There will be a Parent Preparation Meeting with Father Roger at 11am on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Only parents of Holy Communion and Confirmation students must attend.**

**\*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:

**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

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

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

**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

	February	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 7,9991.00	\$ 60,845.00
12:30 PM Mass	2,512.00	21,176.00
Wintergreen	795.00	3,553.00
e-giving	3,835.00	33,527.74
Holyday	592.00	7,628.00
Other Donations	20.00	3,255.63
Totals	<hr/> \$ 15,745.00	<hr/> \$129,985.37
Annual Budget		\$170,000.00
YTD Budget		\$114,423.08
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$15,562.29

*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 19, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Lent

- I. 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
  - II. Ephesians 5:8-14
- Gospel: John 9:1-41

Lectors – Ruger Young 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**

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| 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.**

Workers have arrived at several camps. We are planning to make visits starting next week. If you want to be part of this very rewarding work, let me know. If you have men's clothing to donate, please do so ASAP. 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. Wayne Parent 571-477-5045, [Comms@stmarylovingston.org](mailto:Comms@stmarylovingston.org).

## **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**



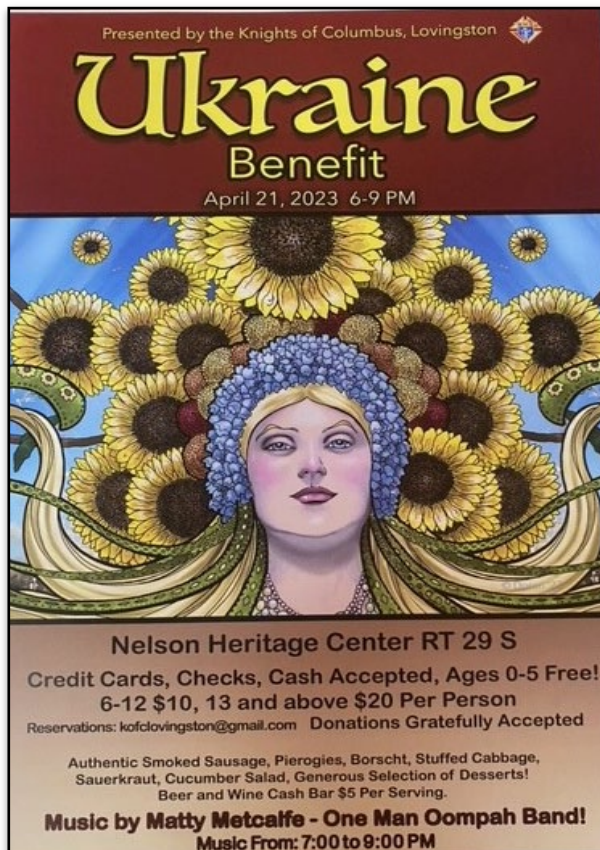
**John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> Council 16535**

**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:** We are now taking RSVPs for the **Ukraine Benefit** on **21<sup>st</sup> of April**. The RSVP form is found in the office and RSVPs can also be an email sent to [kofclovingston@gmail.com](mailto:kofclovingston@gmail.com) or a completed form placed in the box in the Narthex. 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 March**

### **March Birthdays**

- 1 Jeanne Scott
- 2 George McKinney
- 3 Chuck Brown
- 4 John Claman
- 6 Catherine Orth White
- 7 Sharon Gress
- 8 Emanuel López, Kathie Hernandez
- 10 Len Thompson
- 11 Dominique Glatt, Karina Alexandra Velázquez
- 13 Roció Aguado Calderón
- 14 Maura Glatt, Jessica Mirón Soto
- 15 Alexis Kelly, Andrew Puzon
- 19 Leticia Gómez, Marco A. Lopez
- 20 Joanie Boatwright
- 21 Tracy Bender
- 22 Ruth White
- 25 Kurt Ziegler
- 26 Patricia Powers
- 27 Molly Lynch, Mike Capps, Nathan Young
- 28 Pedro Serrano, Vicente Arroyo
- 29 Jeannie McGeehan Boatwright
- 31 Samuel McGeehan, Reese Young

### **March Anniversaries**

- 3 Len & Kay Thompson
- 8 Ron & Anita Doran
- 29 Nick & Elizabeth Mason

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