



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

FIFTH 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

(L) Rafael Becerra Vargas requested by The Becerra Family
+ Christopher A. Murphy requested by Raquel Garcia

12:30PM

+Antonio Martínez Lugo requested by The Garcia Family

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

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
- 28** Confirmation Confessions, St. Mary's @ 6pm
- 29** Confirmation, St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville @ 7pm
- 30** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

April

- 18** Finance Committee Meeting @ 7pm
- 30** Last day of CCD



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

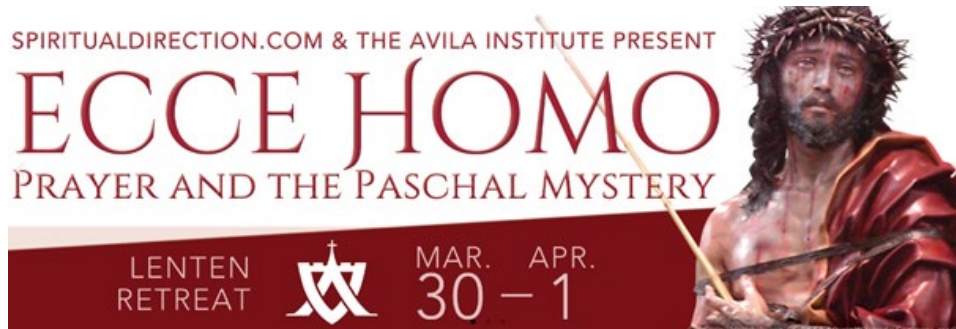


Parish News and Notes

- **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.
- **Easter Basket Sale and Baked Goods Sale** on **March 26th** between the Masses. All donations of baked goods are welcomed. Coordinated by The Ladies Guild of St. Mary's.
- During March and April, the Knights of Columbus are requesting donations of ball caps for our veterans at Salem VA Hospital. New or gently used caps are preferred. A labelled box is in the narthex for drop off. If you have any questions, please see any Knight or Len Thompson.
- This year we will have **Vacation Bible School** again. The dates are **June 5th-9th** from **6:30pm to 8:30pm**. All children ages 4 years and older are invited to attend. After the pandemic, this is a great way for children to get involved again and build relationships with others and with Jesus Christ. Registration sheets are in the office. There is no cost for this program. You can speak with Wayne & Cindy Parent for more information or with Raquel in the office.
- **The Eucharist in My Life: Walking with Jesus.** Youth Encounter (for youth ages 14-18) offered by the Richmond Diocese and celebrated by Bishop Barry C. Knestout on **Saturday April 22, 2023** from **8:30-3:30pm** at The Westin Richmond, 6631 West Broad St. Richmond, VA. Price is \$20 per youth. For more information or help registering, please call the office. Register at: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=46wom8sab&oeidk=a07ejoenfr8b9c6b8d5>.
- 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.

- All are welcomed to join in this **Free World-Wide Lenten Retreat**. Ignite your Holy Week with the power of prayer. Check out the details – speakers, schedule, etc. here: <https://spiritualdirection.com/ecce-homo>.



- 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.

St. Mary's has contributed or pledged 53% of this year's goal of \$10,150.

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.**

CCD INFORMATION

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

Please keep the following dates and times in mind:

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

Confirmation Confession: Tuesday March 28th 6pm @ St. Mary

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 @8pm

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

	February	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 7,991.00	\$ 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 April 02, 2023, Palm Sunday

I. Isaiah 50:4-7

II. Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Lectors – TBD

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

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.

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.

Our Knights are actively collecting RSVPs for the **Ukrainian Benefit Dinner**. Please get yours in before **1st of April** as once again we plan to fly in the sausage from Chicago. Also, we are accepting any and all donations to the Fund. The Knights of Columbus has made a movie called **SOLIDARITY IN UKRAINE** and it is being shown on ABC affiliates. The link to the trailer of the movie is <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/solidarity-with-ukraine.html>.

SAVE THE DATE: We are now taking RSVPs for the **Ukraine Benefit** on **21st of April**. The RSVP form is found in the office and RSVPs can also be an email sent to kofcovingston@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.

Presented by the Knights of Columbus, Lovington

Ukraine Benefit

April 21, 2023 6-9 PM

Nelson Heritage Center RT 29 S

Credit Cards, Checks, Cash Accepted, Ages 0-5 Free!
6-12 \$10, 13 and above \$20 Per Person
Reservations: kofcovingston@gmail.com Donations Gratefully Accepted

Authentic Smoked Sausage, Pierogies, Borscht, Stuffed Cabbage,
Sauerkraut, Cucumber Salad, Generous Selection of Desserts!
Beer and Wine Cash Bar \$5 Per Serving.

Music by Matty Metcalfe - One Man Oompah Band!
Music From: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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.**