



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway  
Lovingson, VA 22949  
September 17, 2023

## **TWENTY-FOURTH 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

**Mass Intentions:**

10 AM

For all the children and young adults starting CCD this year, and also  
their teachers

12:30 PM

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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 right after 10am Mass

- 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
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**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**

**Phone: 434-263-8509**

*Monday thru Friday: 8A.M.-12:00 P.M.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays: 5:00 -8:00 P.M.*

*Sundays: 9:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M*

## Calendar of Events

### September

- 17 Baptism Celebration
- 17 First official day of CCD Classes
- 19 Finance Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 21 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 23 Wedding Celebration

## Parish News and Notes

- We had an activity in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Birthday on September 10<sup>th</sup> between both Masses. This was a great success and the children loved it! A huge thank you to Ms. Stephanie Gerber, Ms. Kathy Barragan, Ms. Raquel Garcia and all the volunteers that day, we could not have done it without you!
- Bishop Knestout invites members of the Richmond diocese on a **Diocesan Pilgrimage on October 21**, to the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. The pilgrimage will offer tours, talks, adoration, Mass, and a Eucharistic Procession. The Eucharistic focus of the pilgrimage is part of the nationwide Eucharistic Revival. Resources will be offered in multiple languages on the pilgrimage. If you would like to join the pilgrimage and need help registering, please see Raquel or Len Thompson for help. Please keep in mind there are limited seats left for the bus leaving Incarnation Church in Charlottesville. Bus departs at 7am and returns around 8pm. Lunch can be packed or bought at or around the Basilica.
- St. Mary is looking for a committed pianist/organist that is available for Sunday Mass (English and Spanish Mass). Ms. Peggy would like to spend more quality time with her brother and her family. Please contact the office or Ms. Peggy if you are interested.

- The **Diocesan 2023 Appeal** continues, but St. Mary's has reached its target goal for this Appeal. The QR codes will continue to be available in the church and contained here in the Bulletin for your use if desired.

\$10,678 has been donated which represents 105% of our target.

**Thanks to all who have donated to this very worthy cause.**

If you have any questions please contact Wayne Parent or Raquel in the office.

Thanks again!



- **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

**New classes will officially begin on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Please ensure your child attends Mass and is not late for class. **Classes start after 10am Mass (around 11am) so please do not be late.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Brian Dudley, Ms. Raquel in the office or Father.

Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator  
909-762-3829  
[briandudley@gmail.com](mailto:briandudley@gmail.com)

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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

	August	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 11,178.00
12:30 PM Mass	2,244.00	5,524.00
Wintergreen	-	-
e-giving	3,980.00	8,530.00
Holyday	95.00	95.00
Other Donations	-	-
Totals	<hr/> \$ 11,519.00	\$25,327.00
Annual Budget		\$173,000.00
YTD Budget		\$29,942.31
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ (4,615.31)

*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, Sutter Blair Strong, Ellie Lattus, Sr.  
Federico Ruiz, Brianna Vergara Alfaro, Richard Painter, Raymond Parent, Elaine  
Guidry, Maria F. Carrillo, Rafael Carrillo, Ramon & Carmen Garcia and Colleen Doran.

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

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

Sunday September 24, 2023, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- I. Isaiah 55:6-9
- II. Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Lectors: Ed Camden and Mickey McKinney

Coffee Hostesses Team 3: Aleta Childs, Claudia Van Koba, Rosalie Slonknes, Krista  
Lynch, Terry Rednagle

## **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**

September 17

- I. Marti Naro
- II. Carolyn Drumheller



September 24

I. Ed Camden

II. Mickey McKinney

### **Migrant Worker Ministry.**

Workers have arrived at several camps. We have made several visits to distribute the clothes donated. We will start making visits with Father in June. 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**

THE PRISON MINISTRY NEEDS YOU! Our Saint Mary's prison ministry is now down to only 3 people. We cannot say enough how rewarding an experience this is. It takes several weeks or more to go through the process of getting approved, so if you've been thinking about doing this, please start now. Thank you for considering this worthwhile and life-changing experience. *-Jackie Castro*

**Ladies Guild (Mary Ann Popielarz /Mary Anne Stevens)**  
**(434) 996-8081 (434) 263-4940**



**John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> Council 16535**  
**Grand Knight – Gary Scott**  
**Deputy Grand Knight –Jay Flynn**

**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.**

Recently the Knights assisted with Vacation Bible School. Thanks to Len Thompson, Larry Lynch, Greg Davis, Brian Dudley and Wayne Parent who cooked meals, ran the games, managed the time clock and made some presentations within the curriculum. Thanks guys for your efforts to this very worthy cause!

Congratulations to Deacon David Arellano who was recently ordained a transitional Deacon by Bishop Knestout. David has been supported by our council under the RSVP program for support to Seminarians.

**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 September**

## **September Birthdays**

- 2 Vickey Hamner, Sean Vanison
- 3 Esteban Mandujano, Isabel Rodríguez
- 4 Ron Doran, Paul Busch
- 5 Peter Farley
- 7 Seneca Gruber
- 10 Modesta Sosa
- 11 Karol Serrano
- 13 Cameron Davis
- 14 Cindy Brewer, Karina López
- 15 Arieth Angela Casimiro Santarrosa
- 19 T.J. White, Mary Jean Tani
- 23 Linda Whitlock Brown, David White, Andres Alcantara Vivanco
- 27 Erika Mateo
- 29 Nikki Waterman, Miguel Ángel Gómez
- 30 Ralph Glatt

## **September Anniversaries**

- 1 Guy & Amy Gruber
- 6 Ralph & Maura Glatt
- 14 Paul & Carolyn Drumheller, Harrison & Eleanor Jones
- 18 Larry & Krista Lynch
- 22 Mike & Melissa Hamner
- 28 Sr. Baltazar Vega & Sra. Antonia Muñoz

**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.