



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway
Lovingson, VA 22949
October 22, 2023

TWENTY-NINTH 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

+Oscar Baker requested by Carolyn Drumheller

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

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

Phone: 434-263-8509

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

3rd & 4th Fridays: 5:00 -8:00 P.M.

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

Calendar of Events

October

- 21** Pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC
- 22** Father Roger's Birthday Celebration after 12:30pm Mass
- 31** Finance Committee Meeting @ 7pm

November

- 01 Solemnity of All Saints Mass @ 7pm
- 03 Hispanic Coordinator's Meeting @ 7pm
- 09 Knights of Columbus Cor Men's Faith Sharing @ 7pm
- 19 Ladies Guild Christmas Craft Sale
- 23 Thanksgiving Day Mass @ 10am

Parish News and Notes

- There is a Communion Service *instead* of Mass on **Wednesday October 25**, Fr. Roger will attend a Filipino Priests Assembly at New Jersey.
- There will be a celebration of Father Roger's birthday after the 12:30 p.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to bring a plate to share please do so.
- The trail at St. Mary has been cleared and is available for all to hike on! All are welcomed whenever you wish to enjoy a hike and pray on the trail while enjoying the beautiful Fall colors all around you.
- **Knights of Columbus Cor Men's Faith Sharing:** The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Men's Faith Sharing program called Cor. Cor is open to ALL MEN of the Parish. You do not have to be a Knight. We will meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month; our next meeting will be **November 9th at 7:00 PM.**

Cor means "Heart to Heart" and is based on the words of St John Henry Newman: "Consume my heart with that burning fire with which Your Heart is ever inflamed."

The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer,

formation, and fraternity.

- The Knights of St Mary's and St Francis are collecting **2024 Calendars** for the veterans at the Salem VA Hospital. Collections will be in the months of *October and November*. A box is available in the Narthex for this collection.
- The holiday season is fast approaching. Once again, this year, we would like to decorate the altar with **Poinsettias**. The poinsettias are **\$18.00 each**. If you would like to donate a Poinsettia in the memory or honor of a loved one, please see Mary Anne Stevens after Mass in the Narthex. The order will be placed on **Monday, November 6th**.

Thank you.

Mary Anne Stevens

434-263-4940

mastennis@earthlink.net

- There will be a second collection for the **World Mission Sunday** in a few weeks on Sunday **October 22nd**. World Mission Sunday is an annual global celebration within the Catholic Church, observed on the second to last Sunday of October. This special day is dedicated to the support of the missionary work of the Church through prayer and sacrifices. This year's theme will be "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move". There will be envelopes in the Narthex if you wish to use one of those.
- Every year the Ladies Guild makes baskets with live evergreens. We are in short supply of the baskets for our project. The baskets are medium size, about 6-8" opening. If you have any extra baskets that you would like to donate for our project, please bring them to church with you and mark them for the Ladies Guild. We use baskets with and without handles. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Anne Stevens (434-263-4940, mastennis@earthlink.net). Thank 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 for more information.

CCD INFORMATION

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. **Please make sure that the children of Holy Communion and Confirmation classes get marked as attending Mass by Ms. Raquel, especially those attending the 12:30pm Mass.**

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

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

	September	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 3,872.00	\$ 15,050.00
12:30 PM Mass	3,053.00	8,577.00
Wintergreen	-	-
e-giving	3,800.00	8,530.00
Holyday	-	95.00
Other Donations	205.00	205.00
Totals	<hr/> \$ 10,930.00	\$ 36,257.00
Annual Budget		\$173,000.00
YTD Budget		\$ 43,250.00
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ (6,993.00)

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, 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 October 29, 2023, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- I. Exodus 22:20-26
- II. 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Lectors: Marti Naro and Carolyn Drumheller

Coffee Hostesses Team 4: Amy Gruber, Kathy White, 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.

Lectors 10 AM Mass Mary Anne Stevens (434) 263-4940

October 22
I. Jerry Gress
II. Mary Anne Stevens

October 29
I. Marti Naro
II. Carolyn Drumheller

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.

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 2nd 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.

Join the Knights! There are over 29,000 Knights in Virginia doing amazing works of Charity while providing support for our Parishes.

Our Knights of the John Paul II Council have 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 funds to donate to Charitable Organizations (i.e., the Ukraine Solidarity Fund, LifeSpring Pregnancy Center, KOVAR homes for mentally disabled, etc.) We hold breakfasts and dinners to raise funds and partner other Church Organizations like The Ladies Guild to make purchases for the parish. Come join our ranks you must be 18 years of age and a practicing Catholic.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for October

October Birthdays

- 1 Buzz Goad, Nicholas Puzon
- 3 Emily Anderson
- 4 Stuart Moore
- 5 Charlotte Saxon
- 10 Timothy Brown
- 11 Paul Dudley
- 12 Donald Mitchem
- 13 Patty Schmitt, Edwin Lopez-Sanchez
- 16 Barb Yates
- 17 Stu Harvey
- 18 Kary Lopez
- 19 Matthew Drumheller, Desmond Stump
- 21 Lynn Leader, Rodolfo Lopez Muñoz
- 23 Patti Millison
- 25 Sara Ziegler
- 29 Nikki Waterman, Dulce Hernández
- 31 Gerzon Lopez, Norma Espinosa

October Anniversaries

- 10 Sr. Guadalupe Trinidad & Erika Martínez
- 20 Gary Jaketic & Claudia Van Koba
- 22 Colleen & Donald Mitchem

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