



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway
Lovingson, VA 22949
December 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe and the Christmas Festivities a grand success! A special thanks to Ms. Lupe Serrano, José López, Ms. Modesta Sosa and all the others in charge of organizing, preparing and helping. May God and the Blessed Mother always bless you and your families.

Thank you!

Mass Intentions:

10 AM

+Mary and Kenton Plourde requested by Richard and Judy Plourde

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

FOR EMERGENCY USE AFTER HOURS THE PHONE NUMBER AT THE RECTORY FOR
FATHER ROGER IS 434-361-6007.

Calendar of Events

December

24 & 31 No CCD Classes



St. Mary's Advent and Christmas Schedule 2023

December 24 (Sunday): FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Regular Mass Schedule)

10am English

12:30pm Spanish

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

7pm

December 25 (Monday): THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD MASS

10am English

12:30pm Spanish

December 31 (Sunday): HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY MASS (Regular Mass Schedule)

10am English

12:30pm Spanish

January 1 (Monday): SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Regular Mass Schedule)

10am

THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF DECEMBER



Parish News and Notes

- **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 **January 13th at 7:30 AM**. Biscuits and Coffee will be provided.

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.

- Karen Kruse, wife of Bob Kruse, the former Deacon, is missing a Pyrex lid, blue color, for a 13" x 9" x 2" pan. Karen has an Anchor Hocking lid to return. Please contact Mary Anne Stevens if you have the Pyrex lid or you are missing your Anchor Hocking lid.
- The **Angel Tree** is here. Please pick an angel, purchase a gift and return the gift to St. Mary's unwrapped. All gifts will be donated to Life Spring Pregnancy Center. See Mary Ann Popielarz if you have any questions.
- 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. **Make sure your student is bringing their class materials every Sunday!**

Confirmation will be on Thursday April 11th, 2024 at St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville. The Mass will be bilingual that day.

There will be no CCD Classes on December 24th or 31st.

Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator
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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.
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COLLECTIONS REPORT FY 2023

	November	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 4,390.00	\$ 25,884.00
12:30 PM Mass	2,663.00	15,312.00
Wintergreen	-	-
e-giving	3,955.00	20,585.00
Holyday	-	335.00
Other Donations	240.00	275.00
Totals	\$ 11,248.00	\$ 62,391.00
Annual Budget		\$173,000.00
YTD Budget		\$ 73,192.31
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ (10,801.31)

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 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, Federico Ruiz, Brianna Vergara Alfaro, Raymond Parent, Elaine Guidry, Colleen Doran, Tony Kitchen, Gary Jaketic, Carmen & Ramon Garcia, Carl Doerr, and Bob Donovan.

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

Readings for the next week.

Sunday December 31, 2023, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I. Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

II. Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Lectors: Kay Thompson & Anita Doran

Coffee Hostesses Team 1: Mary Anne Stevens, Becky Davis, Kay Thompson, Teresa Pitts (Flynn)

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

December 24

I. John Petchul

II. Claudia Van Koba

December 31

I. Kay Thompson

II. Anita Doran

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.

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 December

December Birthdays

- 1 María Gómez, Gabriel Romero
- 2 Nailda Mulder
- 5 Anayesica López
- 6 Victoria Trinidad, Aurelio Garcia
- 7 Otilia Arroyo, Mateo Trinidad
- 8 Wes Korab
- 10 Larry Anderson

- 12 Gwen Casale
- 14 Dale Del Priorie
- 16 Nicolas Mendoza López, Holly Korab
- 17 Henry López
- 19 Mary England
- 20 Ginny Hamner, Lourdes Alcántara, Yariani Sánchez
- 22 Blanca Mendoza López
- 24 José Serrano, Joselyn Serrano, Jesús Serrano
- 26 Stephanie Gravera
- 29 Aleta Childs
- 31 Tim Tinsley, Larry Lynch, Citlali Casimiro Santarrosa, María Sánchez Fragoso

December Anniversaries

- 18 Greg & Becky Davis
- 21 Miguel Casimiro & Lourdes Alcántara
- 25 Nicolas Mendoza & Rocío Aguado, Pancho & Kathy Barragán
- 26 Gary & Jeanne Scott, John & Gene Demsky, Bob & Barbara Yates, John & Mary Ellen Maybee
- 29 George & Mickey McKinney, Mike & Terese Whitehead

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