

St. Mary Catholic Church

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Pastor: Father Rogelio Abadano
Deacon Peter Coleman

“Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.”

-Philippians

2:8-9



March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



St. Mary Mass Schedule

Sunday | 10 am English

12:30 pm Spanish

Wednesday | 10 am

1st, 2nd, & 5th Friday | 10 am English

3rd & 4th Friday | 7pm Spanish

3rd Friday | 7pm Healing Blessing & Anointing

St. Francis Mass Schedule

Saturday | 5 pm

Sunday | 8 am

No Mass the 1st Sunday of the month

Wednesday | 1 pm

Holy Hour/Adoration Schedule

St. Mary: 1st Friday | 10:30 - 11:30 am

2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday | 7:00 - 8:00 pm

1st Sunday | After 12:30 pm Mass

St. Francis: 1st Wednesday | After 1:00 pm Mass

Reconciliation

St. Mary: Sunday | 9:30 - 9:50 am

11:45 am - 12:20 pm

Or By Appointment

St. Francis: Saturday | 4:30 - 4:50 P.M

Or By Appointment

Parish Office Hours

Sunday | 9:30 am - 12:30pm

Monday-Thursday | 8 am - 12 pm

Friday | 8 am - 12 pm | 5 pm - 8 pm

Saturday | Closed

*For **Emergency Use** after hours the phone number at the rectory for
Father Roger is 434-361-6007.*

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.

*Fr. Roger L. Abadano
Pastor*

Stay Connected

Phone - (434) 263-8509

Email - secretary@stmarylovingston.org

Website - www.stmarylovingston.org

Flocknote - Text **Guadalupe** to 84576 to join our email communications



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

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

10am Mass:

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12:30pm Mass:

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Prayers for Parishioners

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, Bob Donovan, Stu Harvey, Richard Plourde and Renee Brumfield.



Bulletin Info

Contact the Parish Office if you wish to add someone to the Prayer List, Mass Intentions, Birthday/Anniversary List or would like something announced.

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 am & 12 pm on Sunday and any time by appointment.



Next Week's Readings

Sunday March 31,

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

I. Acts 10:34a, 37-43

II. Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Lectors- Elizabeth Mason & Nick Mason

Coffee Hostesses: Team 2: Mary England, Jean Smith, Lynn Leder, Joyce Claman

March Lector

Schedule

March 03

I. Kay Thompson

II. Anita Doran

March 10

I. Jeanne Scott

II. Gary Scott

March 17

I. Wayne Parent

II. Mary Anne Stevens

March 24

I. Marti Naro

II. Carolyn Drumheller

March 31

I. Elizabeth Mason

II. Nick Mason

Events

MARCH

- 24** Palm Sunday, Food Sale after both Masses
- 27** Lenten Reconciliation and Healing Mass @ 10am
- 28** Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet @ 7pm
- 29** Good Friday: Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion @ 5pm,
Divine Mercy Novena Starts
- 30** Easter Vigil @ 8pm with Blessing of Easter Food Baskets afterwards
- 31** Easter Sunday, Ladies Guild Bake & Craft Sale between Masses

APRIL

- 07** Sunday of the Divine Mercy
- 08** Confirmation Practice at St. Thomas Aquinas @ 7pm
- 09** Finance Committee Meeting @ 7pm
- 11** Confirmation at St. Thomas Aquinas @ 7pm
- 16** 3rd Annual Knights of Columbus Ukraine Benefit
- 28** Last Day of CCD classes, Food Sale between Masses

**Please see the following page for our more detailed
2024 Lenten Schedule.**

- **March 24 (Sunday): Palm Sunday (Regular Mass Schedule)**
10am- English
12:30pm- Spanish
- **March 25 (Monday): Chrism Mass**
6pm at The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond
- **March 27 (Wednesday): Lenten Reconciliation & Healing Mass**
10am- Healing Mass using New Blessed Oil followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Lenten Reconciliation
- **March 28 (Thursday): Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet**
7pm- Mass
8:30pm until 12am- Open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- **March 29 (Friday): Good Friday (NO MASS)**
5pm- Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
- **March 30 (Saturday): Easter Vigil**
8pm
*RCIA Candidates Receive Sacraments
- **March 31 (Sunday): Easter Sunday (Regular Mass Schedule)**
10am- English
12:30pm- Spanish

There will be no weekday Mass on April 03rd & April 05th

St. Mary's
Lenten
Schedule
2024

Parish News

- *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.*
- *Saint Mary 's has an organ (non functioning) for anybody who would like to have it. Contact Len Thompson for more information.*
- *If your child is to have their First Communion, please turn into the office a copy of their Baptismal Certificates. If you need a copy, please ask Raquel to make one.*
- ***Confirmation** will be on **Thursday April 11th, 2024** at St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville at **7pm**. The Mass will be bilingual that day. Rehearsal will be on **Monday, April 8th** at St. Thomas Aquinas at 7pm .*
- ***First Communion** will be on **Sunday May 5th, 2024**, here at St. Mary. The students' **First Confession** will be on **Friday May 3rd** in the evening. Please let Ms. Raquel which Mass your child will attend so that we can properly prepare for that day.*
- *The **Trail at St. Mary's** has been cleared and can now be enjoyed by all. Feel free to visit the Stations on the trail while you enjoy the tranquility around you. We do advise that you be careful if you do hike the trail.*

St. Mary's New Religious Education Building



If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Kay Thompson, Father Roger, or the office. For questions regarding donations or e-Giving, please reach out to Jerry Gress.

E-giving for the Education Building Fund

There are two ways to donate to the education building fund using FaithDirect for a donation.

1. If you already contribute through FaithDirect, you can set up periodic payments to go to the building fund. Simply log on to your account and set up the donation as you would for any other donation you make through FaithDirect.

2. If you do not contribute now through FaithDirect, or if you do but prefer not to set up periodic payments, you can make a one-time donation (as many times as you would like) by using the following link:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA947/54470>

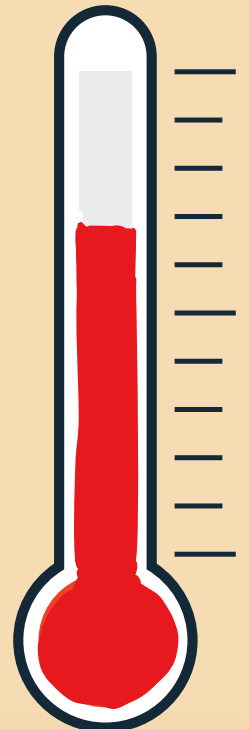
\$ 160,672

FUNDS RAISED
TO DATE

\$ 510,672

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE
TO DATE

OUR
GOAL
\$750,000



68.09%

Ministry Coordinators

If you are interested in helping in any of the ministries shown below please reach out to the corresponding person or contact the Office.
We are always in need of volunteers and all are welcome!



English Coordinators

- Financial Council**
Edward Camden

- Pastoral Council**
Gregory Davis

- Ladies Guild**
Mary Ann Popielarz

- Knights of Columbus**
Gary Scott

- Migrant Ministry**
Wayne Parent

- Choir**
Peggy Nees

- Bulletin**
Raquel Garcia

- FlockNotes Coordinator**
Wayne Parent

- Decorations/Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers**
Mary Anne Stevens

- Altar Servers**
Thomas Eick

- Maintenance**
Gary Scott

- Bookkeeper**
Jerome Gress

- Prison Ministry**
Jacqueline Castro

- Ushers**
John Petchul

- Community Life**
Eleanor Crichlow

- CCD**
Brian Dudley



Hispanic Coordinators

- General Coordinator**
Jose Lopez

- Children's Mass**
Kathy Barragan

- Baptism Preparation**
Norma Espinoza

- Quniceañera Preparation**
Angeles Crescensio

- Wedding Preparation**
Henry & Karina Lopez

- Choir**
Imelda Huerta

- Divine Mercy Coordinator**
Leticia Gomez

- Children's Dance & Presentation Coordinator**
Modesta Sosa

- Lectors**
Rosa Mateo

- Altar Servers**
Jorge Lopez

- Decorations/Flowers**
Guadalupe Serrano

- Eucharistic Ministers**
Karen Rodriguez & Guadalupe Serrano

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Pedro Serrano

- Ushers**
Miguel Casimiro

- Video Camera Operator**
Franco de la Luz



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

John Paul 2nd Council 16535

Grand Knight: Gary Scott

Deputy Grand Knight: Jay Flynn

Tickets are now on sale for the 3rd Annual Ukraine Benefit which will occur on Friday Night **April 12, 2024**. It will again be held at the Nelson Heritage Center from **6-9pm**. Proceeds as before will benefit the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. The need in this now 3-year-old war is still very great. The Knights have been a key supporter by having a Council presence in Ukraine and Poland. From the beginning the Knights formed the Ukraine Solidarity Fund to meet the needs of the thousands of Ukrainians displaced and negatively impacted by the war. To date over \$25 million has been raised and spent. See <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/ukraine.html/>

Tickets will be available between the Sunday masses until the event. Tickets are cash or check. If you want to pay online with a credit card send an email to kofcclovingston@gmail.com with the number of dinners you would like to reserve and present your credit card at the door. Dinners are Age 13-Adult \$20, Ages 12-6 \$10, Age 5 and below free. A cash bar offering wine and beer will be available, sodas and water are included with dinner. Music will be provided by Matty Metcalf the One Man Ompah Band. The Menu will once again include Ukrainian Sausage flown in from Chicago, Pierogis, Cucumber Salad, Sauerkraut, Borscht, Stuffed Cabbage and Desert. Take out is available, the seller will annotate your ticket if you desire that option.

Please come out on **12 April** and have some excellent eastern European food, listen to some great music and support the thousands of folks impacted by this cruel war. A ticket or online reservation is required for entry to the dinner.

Ladies Guild **Mary Ann Popielarz & Mary Anne Stevens**

If you have questions or are interested in joining the Ladies Guild contact Mary Ann Popielarz at (434) 996-8081 or Mary Anne Stevens at (434) 263-4940.

CCD **Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator**

For questions or more information contact Brian Dudley at (909) 762-3829 or briandudley@gmail.com.

Our Ministries

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Prison Ministry **Jackie Castro**

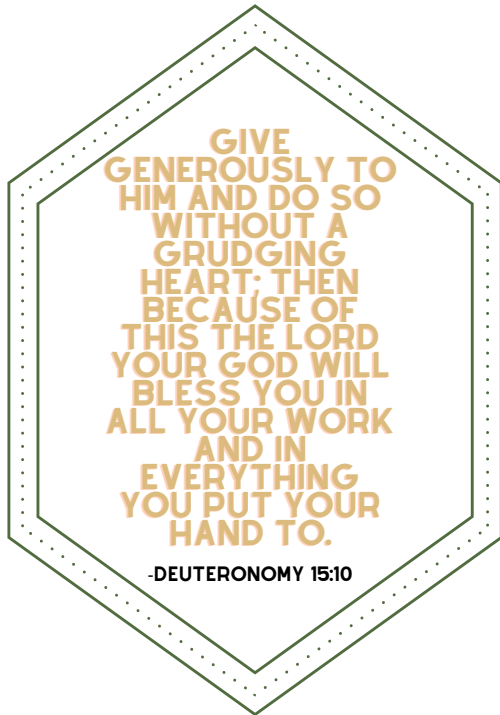
THE PRISON MINISTRY NEEDS YOU! Our Saint Mary's prison ministry is now down to only 3 people. We cannot say enough how rewarding an experience this is. It takes several weeks or more to go through the process of getting approved, so if you've been thinking about doing this, please start now. Thank you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

-Jackie Castro

Migrant Worker Ministry **Wayne Parent**

One of the oldest ministries at St. Marys is the Migrant Worker ministry which records visits to the migrant worker camps during Father Hamlin's time as pastor in the 1989's. At present there are approximately 12 migrant camps in the Nelson County area housing upwards of 300 migrant workers at various times of the year. The ministry is a presence ministry attempting to reach as many of the workers as possible each year. We distribute donated clothes especially cold weather clothing, pray with them, distribute faith items, and Father celebrates mass at several of the camps each year. Our effort is well recognized as the diocese provides us with a financial grant each year which allays some costs. As well, several local parishes provide support to us as well. We distribute faith articles such as rosaries, bibles, prayer cards and holy water. We also purchase and distribute personal items such as gloves, socks, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc . If you want to help this large group of Catholics in our area, please contact Wayne Parent (571-477-5045, wcparent7@aol.com) or see Raquel in the office. We typically start with clothes distribution in late February and end the season with visits at Christmas time to camps with workers overwintering.

Parish Giving



	February	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 8,234.00	\$ 54,187.28
12:30 PM Mass	2,627.00	24,290.00
e-giving	3,640.00	33,815.00
Holyday	561.00	9,795.00
Other Donations	-	2,737.00
Totals	\$ 15,062.00	\$124,824.28
Annual Budget		\$173,000.00
Year to Date Budget		116,442.31
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 8,381.97

Note: The minutes of the Financial Council meetings are available for review by any Parishioner. See Raquel or Jerry in the Parish office.

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.



Upcoming March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

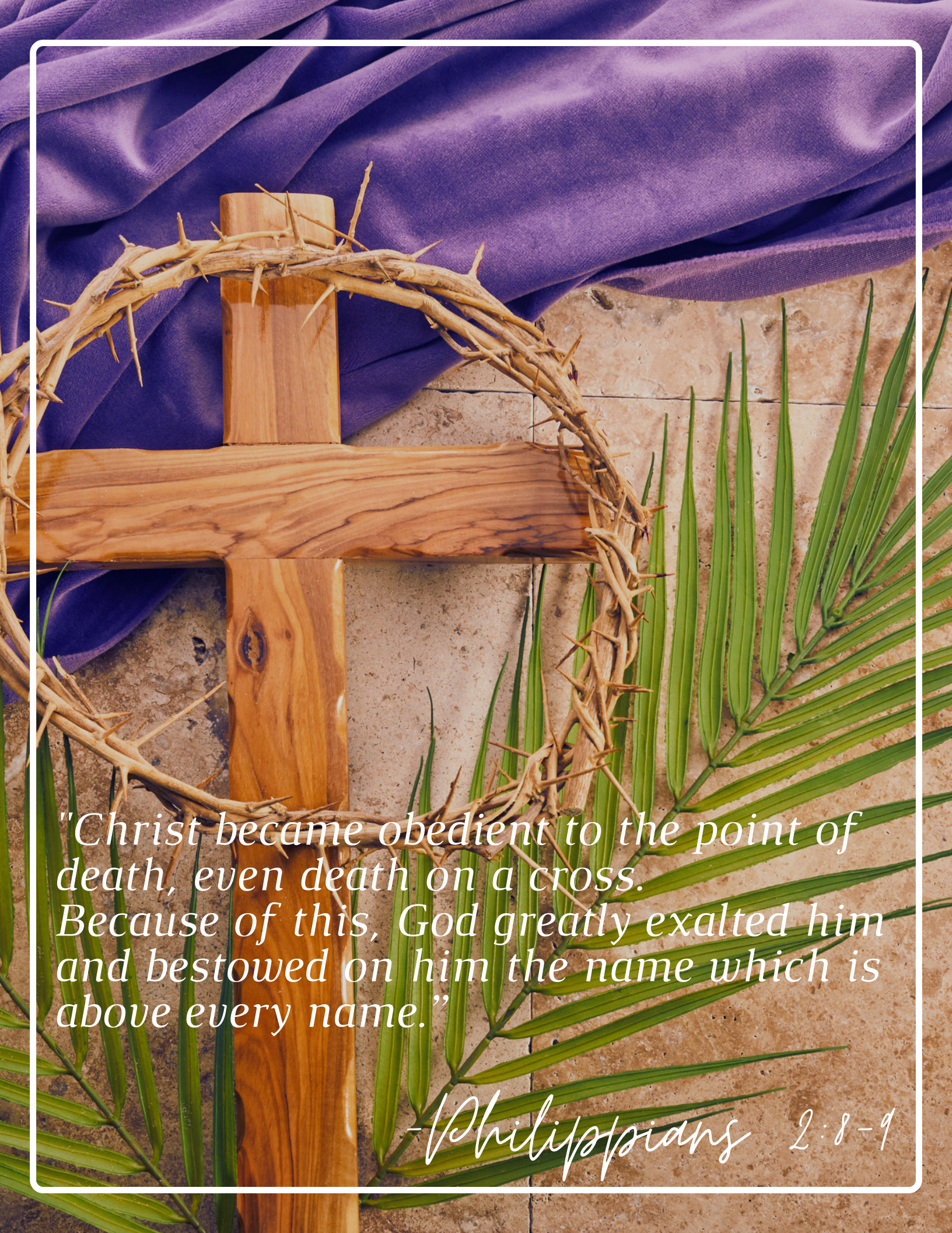
- 1 Jeanne Scott
- 2 George McKinney
- 3 Chuck Brown
- 4 John Claman
- 6 Catherine Orth White
- 7 Sharon Gress
- 8 Emanuel López, Kathie Hernandez
- 10 Len Thompson
- 11 Dominique Glatt, Karina A. Velázquez
- 13 Roció Aguado Calderón
- 14 Maura Glatt, Jessica Mirón Soto
- 15 Alexis Kelly, Andrew Puzon
- 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
- 30 Danna Andino-Juarez
- 31 Samuel McGeehan, Reese Young, Digna Juarez

Anniversaries

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

*May your
next year be
filled with
His joy and
love.*

Birthday Blessings are performed on the
1st Sunday of the month during 10am
Mass and on the 2nd Sunday of the
month during 12:30pm Mass.

A wooden cross is the central focus, with a crown of thorns draped over its top and sides. The cross is set against a background of a purple cloth and a light-colored stone surface. Several palm fronds are arranged to the right of the cross. The entire scene is framed by a white border.

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-Philippians 2:8-9