

St. Mary Catholic Church

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stmarylovington.org

Pastor: Father Rogelio Abadano
Deacon Peter Coleman

*“Jesus
proclaimed the
Gospel of the
kingdom
and cured
every disease
among the
people.”*

-Cf. Matthew

4:23



September 08, 2024
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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:

✠ **Beverly Holloway**
requested by
John & Joyce Claman

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, Carmen & Ramon Garcia, Carl Doerr, Stu Harvey, Richard Plourde, Renee Brumfield, Marti Naro, Chris Flynn, Krissy Martin, Joshua Piland, Ron Westgate, Kathleen Vanison & Judy Plourde.



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, September 15

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I. Isaiah 50:5-9a

II. James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Lectors- Jeanne Scott and Gary Scott

Coffee Hostesses: Team 1- Mary Anne Stevens, Becky Davis, Kay Thompson

September Lector Schedule

September 01

I. John Petchul

II. Claudia Van Koba

September 08

I. Houser Boyette

II. Ruger Young

September 15

I. Jeanne Scott

II. Gary Scott

September 22

I. Wayne Parent

II. Mary Anne Stevens

September 29

I. Kay Thompson

II. Ruger Young

Events

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Migrant Camp Visit: leave Church @ 6:30pm
- 22 Food Sale between both Masses

OCTOBER

- 27 Food Sale between both Masses



Congratulations to Camila C. Velazquez on her Baptism this past Saturday!

Parish News

- **Explore Catholicism** continues with a **Tour of the Church at St. Mary's on Thursday, September 19th @ 6:30pm**. We will examine all things hidden in plain sight: church architecture, the sacristy, and the liturgy and sacraments. **PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

St. Mary's Building Fund Quilt Raffle:



*“Mariner’s Compass”
Design*

Donation: \$10 per ticket
or 3/\$20

The drawing will be held when \$3,000 in donations has been collected.

The quilt is 98” x 98” and was made by Mary Anne Stevens



Silver Rose Program

Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession through the Silver Rose program.

In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Today, eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition.



Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the unborn, the Americas, and the Knights of Columbus.

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We will have a **Silver Rose Prayer Service** here at St. Mary's on **September 22, 2024** after both 10am and 12:30pm Masses.

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 16535 invite all members of the community to pray for a civilization of love and culture of life in our own country and throughout the world.

Please feel free to speak to Len Thompson or any of the Knights about this.

- **Formation for Children and Adults:** We are excited to announce a learning tool called *FORMED* that will be used as a resource by our catechists, and more importantly its for students and parents in the home. [FORMED.org](https://formed.org) is a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, cartoons, audio dramas, ebooks, and talks in English and Spanish. **It is free for every parishioner!** You can sign up for **FORMED** if you don't have a smart phone by using your computer. Go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and put in the zip code for St Mary's - **22949** - and then complete the registration information as requested and you're done!

Events & News

Patriots' Day / September 11th Commemoration

Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion in Nelson County urge you to attend the **first annual Sept. 11th Remembrance Ceremony.**

Civic, Law Enforcement, Fire & EMS leaders will join the American Legion to lead a special time of remembrance at **3:00 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15th** at the Rev. E. Clarence Purdue, Sr., **American Legion Post 17, 22 Nelson Ave., Shipman, VA 22971.**

- St. Mary is still 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.

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>

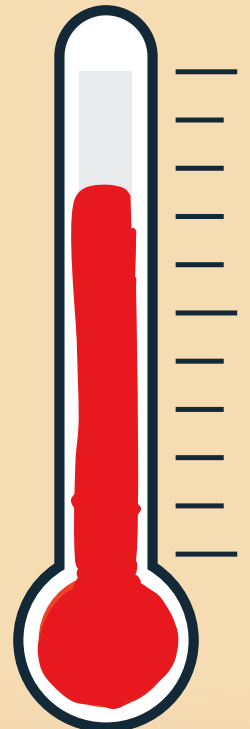
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FUNDS RAISED
TO DATE

\$ 553,032

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE
TO DATE

OUR
GOAL
\$750,000



73.74%

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: Jay Flynn

Deputy Grand Knight: Gary Scott

***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.

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.

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Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator

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

Our Ministries

Prison Ministry **Jackie Castro**

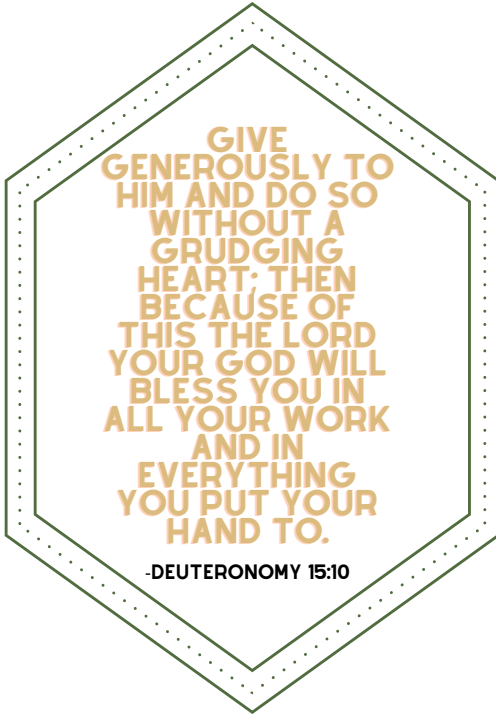
THE PRISON MINISTRY NEEDS YOU! Our Saint Mary's prison ministry is now down to only 3 people. We cannot say enough how rewarding an experience this is. It takes several weeks or more to go through the process of getting approved, so if you've been thinking about doing this, please start now. Thank you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



	August	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 3,697.00	\$ 8,791.00
12:30 PM Mass	2,154.00	4,242.00
e-giving	4,070.00	7,875.00
Holyday	203.00	203.00
Other Donations	-	-
Totals	\$ 10,124.00	\$ 21,111.00
Annual Budget		\$ 176,000.00
Year to Date		
Budget		29,886.79
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ (8,775.79)

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 September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

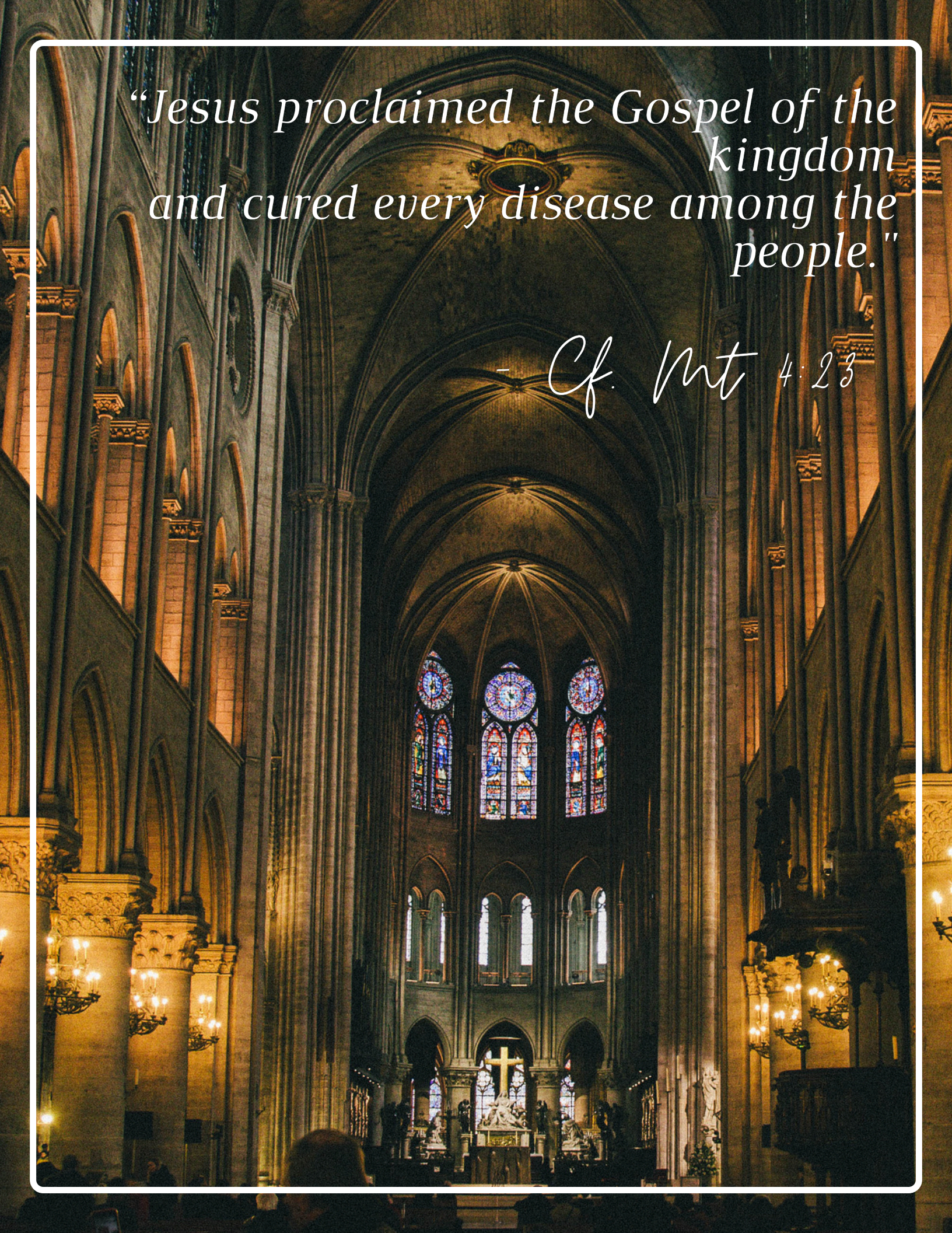
- 2 Vickey Hamner, Sean Vanison
3 Esteban Mandujano, Isabel Rodríguez
4 Ron Doran, Paul Busch
5 Peter Farley
7 Seneca Gerber
10 Modesta Sosa
11 Karol Serrano
13 Cameron Davis
14 Cindy Brewer, Karina López
15 Arieth Angela Casimiro Santarrosa
19 T.J. White, Mary Jean Tani
23 Linda Whitlock Brown, David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

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 Baltazar Vega & Antonia Muñoz

*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.

The image shows the interior of a large Gothic cathedral, likely the Westwerk of a major European church. The architecture is characterized by its soaring height, with a series of pointed arches forming a ribbed vaulted ceiling. The walls are composed of tall, slender columns and smaller arches, creating a sense of verticality. In the distance, a large, colorful stained glass window is visible, and below it, the altar area is partially visible with a prominent cross. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the intricate details of the stonework and the vibrant colors of the glass.

“Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.”

- Cf. Mt 4:23