

St. Mary Catholic Church

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Pastor: Father Rogelio Abadano
Deacon Peter Coleman

*“Behold, I am
the handmaid
of the Lord.
May it be done
to me
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your word.”*

-Luke

1:38



*December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent*



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 (Evening hours only on 3rd & 4th Fridays)

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*



St Mary Security System Procedures

To access St. Mary's, input a 4-digit code within 60 seconds of unlocking the door. Without a code, the alarm triggers, notifying authorities. If you do not have a code for inside, it means you do not have access to the building, even if you know the lockbox code. During office hours, the system is off if people are inside. For inquiries or access, call (434) 263-8509.



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. **Deadline for all announcements is Wednesdays at 11am in order for them to be in Sunday's Bulletins.**

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

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:

Fernando Adriazola

12:30pm Mass:

Fernando Adriazola

Prayers for Parishioners

Jordan Shirk, Hank Gibb, Sutter Blair Strong, Ellie Lattus, Federico Ruiz, Brianna Vergara Alfaro, Elaine Guidry, Colleen Doran, Tony Kitchen, Carmen & Ramon Garcia, Stu Harvey, Richard & Judy Plourde, Renee Brumfield, Marti Naro, Chris Flynn, Krissy Martin, Joshua Piland, Ron Westgate, Kathleen Vanison, Raymond Parent, Fernando Adriazola.



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, December 29

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I. Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

II. Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Lectors- Kay Thompson & Anita Doran

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

December Lector Schedule

December 01

I. Nick Mason
II. Ethan Mason

December 15

I. Houser Boyette
II. Ruger Young

December 08

I. Jeanne Scott
II. Gary Scott

December 22

I. John Petchul
II. Claudia Van Koba

December 29

I. Kay Thompson
II. Anita Doran

Events

DECEMBER

- 22** No CCD Classes- Christmas Break
- 24** Christmas Eve Mass @ 6pm
- 25** Christmas Day Mass @ 10am & 12:30pm
- 27** No 7pm Mass
- 29** No CCD Classes- New Year Break

JANUARY

- 01** Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God @ 10am
- 05** CCD Classes Began Again

Parish News

- A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who contributed to our **Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe** from setup to cleanup, from performing to cooking, and everything in between! Without everyone coming together we would not have had such a beautiful and successful event!
- **Donation Envelopes** have arrived and are ready to be picked up in the office. If you would like to sign up to receive a box or want to stop receiving them please speak to Raquel in the office.
- The **Angel Tree** has returned to the Narthex! Choose an angel from the tree and kindly bring in your unwrapped gift. You can place it back on the table near the tree along with the angel tag or hand it directly to Mary Ann Popielarz. All gifts will be donated to the LIFESPRING Center in Charlottesville. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

- **To all CCD students 8th grade and up:** The Knights are extending the deadline for the **Knights of Columbus Citizenship Essay contest to DEC 22nd**. This is a great opportunity to express yourself on an issue of great relevance, and have a chance to win a prize! For the essay topic and requirements, see here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-essay-topic.html>. Give your essay to your teacher, to Brian Dudley, or to Ms. Raquel. If you submit an essay, you also need to fill out a submission form, Ms. Raquel or Brian can give you one.
- The **MIGRANT WORKER MINISTRY** has started a donation tote in the Narthex earlier this year due to increased needs for winter items for arriving Migrant Workers. They request sweatshirts, coats, gloves, hats, towels, and blankets, especially hooded sweatshirts. Since their first visit three years ago, the number of workers at camps has grown from 6 to 12. They plan to visit at least three camps before Christmas, focusing on donations for male workers only. Thank you for your generosity! **Thank you to all those who have generously donated!**
- **Christmas Cards for Sale!** The Knights of Columbus are selling new Christmas cards. Beginning this Sunday, we will have cards in English and Spanish for sale. Prices are marked on each package. Cash, checks, and cards are welcome. We will also have a donation jar for our annual Coats for Kids effort. This year we've had more requests from elementary schools in Nelson County to provide coats for children who don't have one. Any donations we receive are used 100% for the purchase of coats. Thank you for your generosity!

Events & News

Advent & Christmas Schedule

December 01 (Sunday): FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10AM English

12:30 Spanish

December 08 (Sunday): SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10AM English

12:30 Spanish

**December 09 (Monday): THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

7pm

December 12 (Thursday): OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

Rosary & Procession @ 6PM

Mass @ 7pm

December 15 (Sunday): THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10AM English

12:30 Spanish

**December 18 (Wednesday): ADVENT RECONCILIATION
AND MASS *ENGLISH***

10am

*RECONCILIATION: 10:45am-12pm

**December 20 (Friday): ADVENT RECONCILIATION AND
MASS *SPANISH***

7pm

*RECONCILIATION: 7:30-8:30pm

December 22 (Sunday): FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10am English

12:30pm Spanish

December 24 (Tuesday): CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

6pm

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

10am English

12:30pm Spanish

DECEMBER 29 (SUNDAY): HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY MASS

10am English

12:30pm Spanish

January 1 (Wednesday): SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10am



*Advent & Christmas
Schedule*

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>

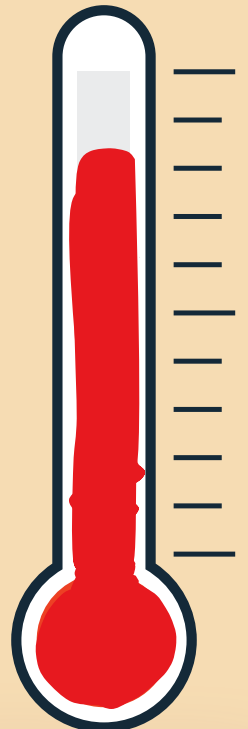
\$ 277,605

FUNDS RAISED
TO DATE

\$ 577,605

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE
TO DATE

OUR
GOAL
\$750,000



77.01%

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

Jay Flynn

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

Tom Eick, Gary Jaketic & Miguel Gomez

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 Crescencio

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

3rd Sunday Ground & Church Cleanup

Jose Lopez

3rd Sunday Inside Church Cleanup

Guadalupe Serrano & Trinidad Lopez



**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 of the John Paul II Council in Virginia for charity work, supporting parishes, fundraising for charitable organizations, and collaborating with other church groups. Membership requires being 18 years old 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.

CCD

Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator

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

Migrant Worker Ministry

Wayne Parent

St. Marys' Migrant Worker ministry, established in the 1980s, visits 12 camps in Nelson County, providing clothes, faith items, and mass services. Supported by the diocese and local parishes, they distribute essentials like clothing, personal items, and faith articles. To help, contact Wayne Parent or Raquel. Activities start in late February and continue through Christmas for workers overwintering.

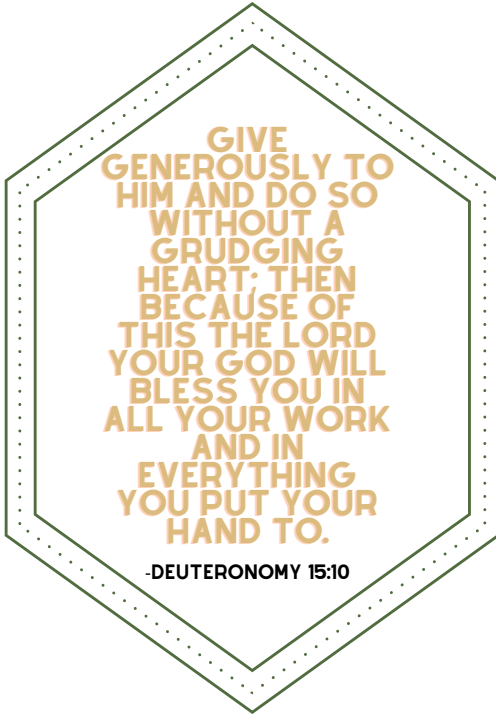
Prison Ministry

Jackie Castro

Saint Mary's prison ministry urgently seeks volunteers as their team has decreased to only 3 members. The rewarding experience requires weeks for approval, so interested individuals are encouraged to begin the process promptly. Join to make a meaningful impact.

Our Ministries

Parish Giving



	November	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 5,464.00	\$ 24,002.00
12:30 PM Mass	2,224.00	10,745.00
e-giving	2,785.00	25,060.00
Holyday	175.00	378.00
Other Donations	-	
Totals	\$ 10,648.00	\$ 60,185.00
Annual Budget		\$173,000.00
Year to Date Budget		73,056.60
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ (12,871.60)

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 December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1** María Gómez, Gabriel Romero
- 2** Nailda Mulder
- 5** Anayesica López
- 6** Victoria Trinidad, Aurelio Garcia, John Murphy
- 7** Otilia Arroyo, Mateo Trinidad
- 8** Wes Korab, Norma Fuentes
- 10** Larry Anderson
- 12** Gwen Casale
- 14** Dale Del Priorie, Hector Dominguez
- 16** Nicolas Mendoza López, Holly Korab
- 17** Henry López
- 19** Mary England
- 20** Ginny Hamner, Lourdes Alcántara, Yariani Sánchez
- 21** Ariella & Briella Serrano
- 22** Blanca Mendoza López
- 24** José Soriano, Joselyn Serrano, Jesús Serrano
- 26** Stephanie Gravera
- 29** Aleta Childs
- 31** Tim Tinsley, Larry Lynch, Ziclali Casimiro Santarrosa, María Sánchez Fragoso

Anniversaries

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

*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.

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