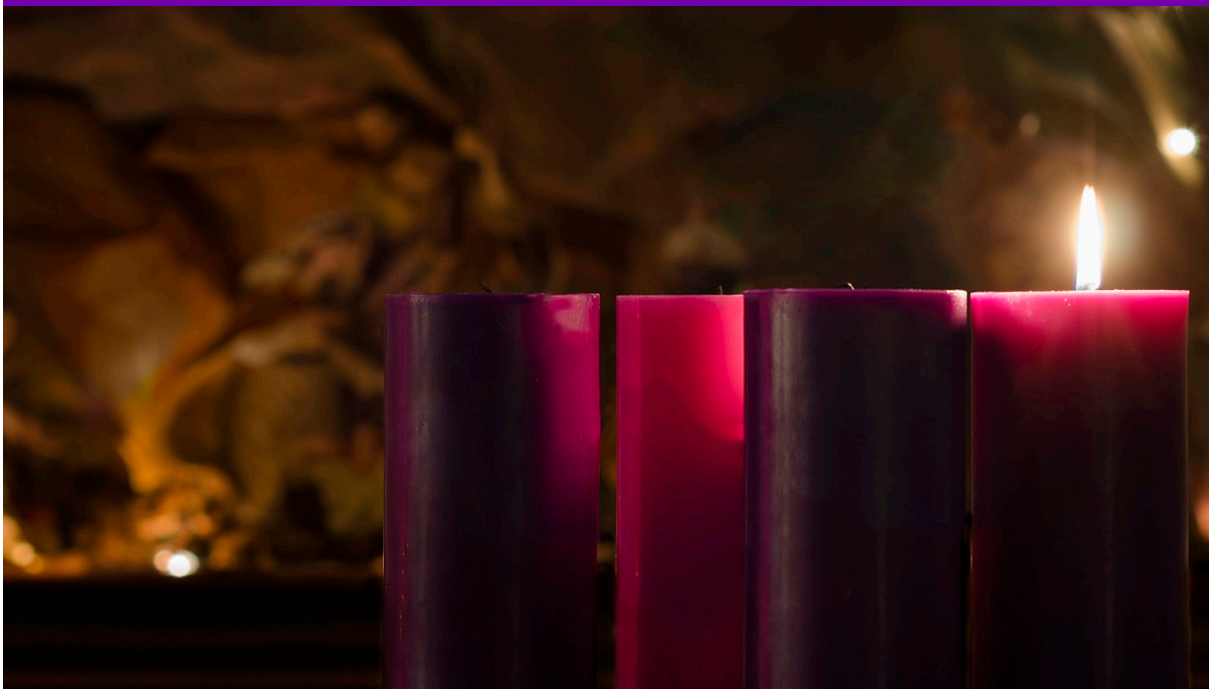


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

upcoming

December



**SAINT
MARY**
of the
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

2 SUNDAY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, Mass

KofC Christmas Cards and Christmas Trees on Sale after all Masses

Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm

7am-1pm, CCW Min Bazaar, Parish Life Center

6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center, Main Hall

7pm, Candle Light Mass for Advent

3 Monday, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Presidio, Parish Life Center, Room 100

4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

4 Tuesday, Advent Weekday

10am, St Mary Book Club, John Paul II House

10am, CCW Board Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 100

4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

6pm, Religious Education Classes at Holy Cross Academy

6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

5 Wednesday, Advent Weekday

10am, Epic Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church

4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Confessions, Church

6:30pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House

7:30pm, Young Adults Meeting, Parish Office Library

6 Thursday, Advent Weekday

9:45am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100

10am, Epic Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

6pm, CYM Board Game Night, John Paul II House

6:30pm, CYM ASL & Cued Group, John Paul II House

7pm, Nar-anon, Parish Life Center, Room 100

7pm, Baptism Class, Courtyard Meeting Room

7 Friday, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9am, St Anne Sisters in Faith Meeting, John Paul II House

6pm, Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception

6:30pm, Spanish Legion and Junior Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

7:30pm, Bilingual Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception

8 Saturday, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY [Holy Day of Obligation]

7am, Mass for Immaculate Conception

8am, Confessions

8:30am, YOUCAT Day of Reflection, Courtyard Room

9am, Mass for Immaculate Conception

10am, Al-anon, Parish Life Center, Room 204

10am, Mariamante Sewing Circle, John Paul II House

10:30am, Mass for Immaculate Conception

12:30pm, Mass for Immaculate Conception

3:30pm, Confession

5pm, Vigil Mass for Second Sunday of Advent

7pm, Vigil Mass for Second Sunday of Advent

pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

▪ **13th Annual Saint Mary Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is 6pm, Thursday, November 29, Please RSVP no later than Monday, November 26.**

See invitation on page 10

▪ **Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sales are on sale now behind the Church! *More info on page 7***

▪ **Bethlehem Handmade Olive Wood Carvings December 8 & 9 — *More information on page 7***

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule (Holy Day of Obligation & Feast Day of Our Parish)

Friday, December 7

Vigil Masses 6:00pm, 7:30pm (Bilingual)

Saturday, December 8

7:00, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

▪ **CCW Christmas Cookie Sale and Raffle Drawing**
More information on page 9

▪ **Advent and Christmas Season schedules are available on pages 10 & 11**

▪ **Save the Date! Friday, December 14 at 8pm, Concerts at Saint Mary will present our very own Saint Mary Festival Choir in a program entitled Gloria...Music of the Season!**

▪ **Christmas Flowers — Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Christmas Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets, in the Church and in the Parish Office.**

▪ **¡Nuevo! Sección de anuncios en español**
— *Más información en la página 10*

contact us

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm
10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

DAILY MASS

Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 9am
M/W/F: 12 Noon
Sat.: 9am
First Friday 8pm
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS

Adoration, Daily between 6:30am & 9am Mass,
Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am
Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass, Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm

CONFESSION

Wed., 6:30-8:30pm;
Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

PARISH OFFICE

540-373-6491, fax 371-0251
stmary@stmaryfred.org
Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm;
students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

Pastor, Fr. John Mosimann
Fr. Colin Davis
Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly
Fr. Michael Folmar
Deacon Alberto Bernaola
Deacon Dick Delio

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski
Parish Secretary, Jachebel Rios
Director of Music, David Uschold

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

540-286-1600
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234
Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.

ST. MARY PRESCHOOL

540-373-7553
Director, Sheri Castellarin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Director, Aristides Lucas
Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

YOUTH MINISTRY

540-373-6491
Director, Leo Chavarria
Tatiana Beltran

OUTREACH

540-373-6491
Elena Doyle - outreach@stmaryfred.org

BAPTISMS

Parish registration (90 days) and class required.
Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.

MARRIAGE

Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.

JOIN US

New Family Registration meetings held in the Parish Life Center on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.
Send articles to bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

stmaryfred.org

from our pastor

pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

Pope Saint John Paul II repeatedly called for a "New Evangelization." My Sister's husband sent me this description of the new Evangelization: "a) renewing our own understanding of the faith, b) restoring a confidence in what we believe, and c) being willing to share our gift of faith."

I really like that as a simple condensation of how the work of Evangelization begins in our souls with these 3 steps. Our hearts and minds need perpetual renewal and deepening of our understanding. This will never end, not even in Heaven. And the more we know and love Jesus, the more He will restore confidence in what we believe. Especially in 2018, how often do we feel we must apologize for our faith in the public square? Let Christ restore your confidence that you have something wonderful to share. And finally, be willing to do that sharing!

So I would like to encourage each member of our parish family, as we prepare for Christmas, to make a commitment to daily prayer and spiritual reading in order to grow in our understanding of the faith. Advent is an especially good time to focus on asking Jesus to reveal his presence in our hearts ever deeper. It is our personal encounters with the risen Christ, through the sacraments, through our prayer, and our serving one another, that restores our confidence in

what we believe. Finally pick someone to pray for, to care for, and eventually share your faith with (prayer, care, and share). Amid the endless avalanche of "new" high tech products, there is one "perfect gift" that makes all things new. Give the gift of love this Christmas by praying, caring, and sharing your faith with someone and you will see Christmas miracles!!

A reminder that this Saturday is our patronal feast and Holy Day of Obligation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. A kindly reminder that to attend Mass on a Sunday and Holy Days is a precept that binds every Catholic, and to deliberately fail this obligation is matter for grave sin (CCC 2180-83). Mass times are in the bulletin here, and since folks ask every time a Holy Day falls on a Saturday: No, there are no "Two-fers." A Mass attended for Saturday evening can't double to cover both obligations!

I pray that this Advent will be a season of great prayer for you and your families....

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann

TE INVITA A LOS FESTEJOS GUADALUPANOS 2018

MAÑANITAS:

DÍA: 12 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018

HORA: 4:00 AM – 6:00 AM

LUGAR: SAINT MARY

INMEDIATAMENTE HABRÁ UNA PEQUEÑA RECEPCIÓN EN EL
CENTRO DE VIDA PARROQUIAL

SANTA MISA

DÍA: 12 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018

HORA: 6:00 PM

LUGAR: HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

DIRECCIÓN: 250 STAFFORD LAKES PARKWAY,
FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22406

POSTERIORMENTE HABRÁ UNA FIESTA EN HONOR A LA
REINA DEL CIELO



education holy cross academy

Purple Star Designation

The Purple Star designation is awarded by the Virginia Department of Education and the Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on the Educational Opportunity for Military Children to military-friendly schools that have demonstrated their commitment to meeting the needs of military-connected students and their families. Holy Cross Academy is very proud to have been one of only 59 Virginia schools awarded this Purple Star this year. This award prompts us to recommit ourselves to reaching out to our military families in any way we can.

We celebrated our veterans and dads this month at our annual Doughnuts with Dad on Veterans Day. Dads were invited to share a morning doughnut with their children and to reconnect with friends and neighbors. They were treated to a special surprise as the "Purple Star Award" was presented at this event. Each year, we display a Wall of Heroes featuring veterans living or deceased, an active military. Every year on Veterans Day, a veteran or an active military officer comes to the school and leads the Pledge of Allegiance at the end of Mass. This year our own Mrs. Eileen Lanzarone led us in the Pledge, followed by our chorus singing This Land is Your Land. It is another wonderful way Holy Cross celebrates family and service.

Alumni

We would love to hear from more of our alumni. It is a great joy for us to know how you are doing and where your life's journey has led you. Please contact Mrs. Dalton at mdalton@holycrossweb.com and give her an alumni update!

Our Schools Invite You

Saint Mary Preschool and Holy Cross Academy are a wonderful place to learn and grow. Stop in some time to see us or give us a call at 540-286-1600 and we will tell you all about our wonderful parish school where we learn each day to Live Jesus and to love and care for one another. *Come and see!*



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Staying Awake

You can sleep soundly on your pillow at night, but during the day, stay alert like a guard, ready to welcome Jesus into your life. Try to recognize the presence of Jesus in all of the things that happen to you, and in the words and actions of your family and friends.

Be Vigilant

To 'be vigilant' means to stay alert. This week, practice to be vigilant by paying attention to the people who take care of you. They waited with joy for your birth, and even now they love you. Thank God for them and ask God to bless them.



FORMED PICK

Prepare the Way of the King

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Ready Your Heart this Advent

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

JOIN FORMED

1. [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

2. click register

3. enter parish code:

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A Guide for Confession Continued

After examining your conscience and telling God of your sorrow you are ready for confession. Go to the confessional.

Greet the priest and begin your confession with the sign of the cross, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. My last confession was (how long ago)."

Confess the sins you committed and say, "I am sorry for these and all the sins of my past life."

Listen to the words of the priest. When invited, pray the Act of Contrition.

Listen to the words of absolution, the sacramental forgiveness of the Church through the ordained priest. He will assign you some penance. After Confession do your assigned Penance.

youth ministry



All children between the ages of 4-11 are invited to participate in creating crafts in the "St. Mary's Craft Club". We will be meeting two Saturdays each month at 3:30pm in the Parish Life Center, room 204. You're welcome to attend one or attend all club meetings if you choose! There is a small fee for each craft to offset the cost of materials.

Please Email Ms. Julia at Julia.Apicella@gmail.com or call 540-394-1212 if you are interested in joining the craft group. Children may attend one or all the activities we have planned for the year.

Upcoming Youth Events

December 8 - Youth Craft Club \$5 Christmas Ornaments

December 7 & 21 - Middle School Youth Group, PLC 6:30pm

December 22 - Youth Craft Group \$5 Christmas Ornaments

Saturday Mornings - Middle School Fitness Club - lucianir@comcast.net

Stay Up-to-Date

Be sure to stay in the know with St. Mary CYM by visiting stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry

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our parish get involved

Bethlehem Hand-made Olive Wood Carvings

December 8 & 9

Please be sure to visit the display of handmade olive wood carvings and other articles outside the Church after all the Masses on December 8 & December 9!

Any purchase you make supports our Bethlehem Christian families who continue to endure much hardship in the Holy Land. Thank you for your support!

Gifting of Giving Back

Find gifts for everyone on your gift list while raising funds for Holy Cross Academy with the Scrip holiday gift guide. Shop gift cards from over 750 top brands, including Best Buy, Amazon, The Home Depot and more. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents to family and friends, or use them to buy your gifts – Holy Cross Academy earns with every gift card purchased. It's simple, it's thoughtful and it's truly the gift that keeps on giving. Start today and buy a couple of gift cards each week, it's a great way to budget for Christmas and avoid the last-minute rush. Check out the Scrip holiday gift guide at ShopWithScrip.com/GiftGuide or email questions and/or orders to scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com

Christmas Adopt-a-Family Member

Please consider "Adopting a Family Member" of our parish this Christmas season. We have several families that could use some extra kindness and support this Christmas Season. Can you adopt a member of a family this Christmas? If so, visit the Sign-Up Genius (link below), purchase the items on the list and return UNWRAPPED but labeled with the appropriate num-

ber and letter of your "adoptee" to the St. Mary's Parish Office no later than Monday, December 17.

Adopt a family online at: signupgenius.com/go/70a0b48a9af29aaf58-2018

Any questions, please contact Karen Sturtevant (ksturtevant@stmaryfred.org) or Elena Doyle (edoyle@stmaryfred.org) or call 540-373-6491

Senior Luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on Tuesday, December 18 beginning at 12 noon. All Seniors in the parish are invited and admission is free. Entertainment will be provided until 2pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish. No reservation required. Questions? Call Maria D'Amico at 540-785-3580.

CCW Reminders

The Christmas holidays are fast approaching as our days fill with exciting activities, delicious food, and shared fun. The St. Mary Council of Catholic Women will be very busy, so please squeeze the following reminders onto your calendar:

December 2 – After Masses

Christmas Cookie Sale and Raffle Drawing

December 11 - General Meeting 10am – Our speaker will be Meghann Cotter, with Micah Ministries

December 16 – Matinee

(arrive 1pm) "Rockabilly Christmas," Riverside - Contact Donna Davis for reservations, 752-5502 home phone or email LadyDee519@aol.com

NEW! Like and follow us at

[Facebook.com/StMaryCCW](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryCCW)

K of C CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree sales will continue through Sunday, December 23rd

The trees are being sold on weekdays from 3-8pm and weekends from 8am-8pm.

TREE LOT IS LOCATED BEHIND THE CHURCH

Please consider helping the Knights of Columbus with this important fundraiser by buying a freshly cut Fraser Fir Christmas Tree from us while supplies last.

Questions? Please email Tim Fleming at Trees@kofc4034.org

our parish happenings

Noticias en Espanol

Fiesta de nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe el miércoles, 12 de diciembre de 2018:

Las mañanitas: en la iglesia, de 4:00 a 6:00 a.m.
Seguido de una pequeña recepción en el Centro de Vida Parroquial.

La Santa Misa se celebrará en la Academia Holy Cross a las 6:00 p.m. Después de la santa Misa, habrá una comida internacional. Recuerden, en honor a la Virgen, de traer a sus niños vestidos de ropa típica.

Voluntarios favor de comunicarse con la Sra. Lorena Hernández, después de la misa en Español.

Posadas

Las posada se llevarán a cabo desde el 15 hasta el 23 de diciembre de 2018. La última posada, se llevará a cabo el domingo 23 de diciembre de 2018 en la Academia Holy Cross después de la Santa Misa.

Misa

Atención: la Santa Misa del domingo, 23 de diciembre de 2018, será a las 3:00 p.m. en la Academia Holy Cross. No habrá misa en la parroquia ese día.

La ultima posada será el 23 de diciembre de 2018, después de la Santa Misa.

Voluntarios favor de comunicarse con la Sra. Lorena Hernández, después de la misa en Español.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am

"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight." – St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Feast Day October 1

Come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and honor His Holy Mother by saying the Rosary in His Divine Presence. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass. We also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7-9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

For Unto Us a Child is Born, Christ the Savior! Give a Gift for Life

This Advent, include a Gift for Life on your Christmas List, by supporting Project Rachel or the Gabriel Project. It is easy to make a small, tax-deductible contribution as a gift in the name or memory of a family member or friend, and it will make a big difference in a woman's life. You have the opportunity to assist a frightened young woman who has just learned she is pregnant, or a woman who opted to abort her child and is now experiencing the after effects of her choice. Your gift directly supports the cost of an expectant mother's prenatal vitamins, or counseling for a woman who is experiencing the emotional distress of an abortion. Please pick up a flyer in the vestibule of the Church and follow the directions, or go to the following link to donate online at arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife



We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary

Monday, December 10

as we "prepare a place for unity and peace" together.



You are invited to a monthly gathering of prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the Taizé Community in France, the second Monday of every month at 8:15pm.

It is our hope that this monthly prayer brings together Christians of all churches, pastors and flocks, as together we realize a bit more each day that we must rely upon God's power to bring about Unity among all who follow Jesus, "as he and the Father are one." It is something we are unable to do ourselves.

This Unity which embraces all people stands at the very heart of Christ's mission...and belongs to the essence of our community. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and fulfill his plan for us.

our parish happenings

St. Mary's Hosted Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services Thanksgiving

Various ministries came together to host a traditional Thanksgiving meal for recent refugee families who arrived from Afghanistan. Fr. Mosimann (via translator) warmly welcomed and blessed the families and explained the concept and tradition of giving thanks to God for our blessings and gathering among family and friends to celebrate this special American holiday. We extended an invitation to Imam Abraham from the Islamic Center in Fredericksburg to welcome and bless the families and food as well. The delicious meal was lovingly prepared by the Knights of Columbus, the Outreach Committee and our own fabulous Karen Sturtevant. The CCW provided amazing decorations and Tatiana Beltran guided our youth group volunteers who led the kids in crafts and games. The evening was a beautiful example of our parish family coming together to welcome new members of our community!



REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom. Praying for the dead is one of our most sacred duties and spiritual works of mercy.

In honor of our beloved veterans, please consider helping our St Mary's Trail Life TL VA 4034 and American Heritage Girls AHG VA 0128 troops honor our fallen and deceased service members via Wreaths Across America. We will again participate in the December 15 ceremony and wreath laying. Please know that we as we lay wreaths upon graves at Quantico National Cemetery, that we will be praying for their repose of those who served.

To Sponsor a wreath via Trail Life VA 4034 please visit:
wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=20575&relate=17252

To Sponsor a wreath via American Heritage Girls AHG VA 0128, please visit:
wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=25111&relate=17252





The Advent Season 2018 at Saint Mary

*One additional week of Confessions is added to the regular schedule in preparation for Christmas. All are encouraged to plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession **early** in the season to avoid the last-minute rush and crowded lines, and the risk of coming too late.*

Please note: There will be no additional Parish Confessions after **Saturday, December 23.**

Daily Mass

Monday—Friday • 6:30 & 9am - Noon (M,W,F); Saturday • 9am

Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception, December 8

*Our Parish Feast! December 7: Vigil at 6pm (English) & 7:30pm (Bilingual)
December 8: 7am, 9am, 10:30am & 12:30pm (All English)*

Our Lady Guadalupe, December 12

*4am, Mañanitas in the Church
6:30am, 9am & 12pm (English) in the Church
6pm, Mass & Reception in Spanish at Holy Cross Academy*

Gloria...The Music Season Christmas Concert

Friday, December 14 in the Church —Featuring the St Mary Festival Choir

7pm Sunday Advent Candlelight Masses: All Sundays of Advent

Sunday, December 23: 3pm Spanish Mass moved to Holy Cross Academy followed by Posadas

Regular Confession Schedule

Wednesdays • 6:30-8:30pm

Saturdays • 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

All are kindly asked to observe these times and arrive as near as possible to scheduled times, and to be patient if the line is not completed once Mass begins. Due to the sheer volume of Confessions, it is sometimes physically impossible to finish.

Additional Advent Confessions

Daily: Monday, December 17 - Friday, December 21 at 6:30pm

Monday, December 17 at 12:30pm | Wednesday, December 19 at 12:30pm | Friday, December 21 at 12:30pm

The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2018



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7pm Candlelight Mass at Saint Mary Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4pm & 8:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (English)

6:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (Spanish)

4pm & 6:30pm Mass at Holy Cross Academy (English)

Carols in the Church at 11pm before Midnight Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Midnight Mass at Saint Mary Church

7:00, 8:30, 10:30am, & 12:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (English)

*Please Note: There are NO 10:30am Holy Cross Academy,
2pm Spanish, 5pm or 7pm Masses on Christmas Day*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

VIGIL MASSES for the SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

5pm & 7pm at Saint Mary Church (English)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass at 7:00, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30pm (English) - Spanish Mass at 2:30pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of the LORD

We will follow the regular Saturday Vigil / Sunday schedule of the parish

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Collections for November 18-25

Offertory November 18	\$30,471
Offertory November 25	\$33,461
Retirement Fund (add'l)	\$3,275
Campaign for Human Development	\$7,189
St Vincent de Paul Poor Box (2 weeks)	\$414
Thanksgiving Food Bank Donations	\$1,001
Micah Thanksgiving Prayer Service	\$372

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Christmas Collection for Special Charities

As many of you know, every year at Christmas we take up a special collection for charity. The collection this year will be taken up on December 1 and December 2 for the following special charities:

The Holy Land Christians Society for the benefit of the Creche Orphanage in Bethlehem in the Holy Land. The orphanage, managed by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, has a long history in Bethlehem and has welcomed orphans since its foundation in the late 19th century. The Crèche provides services of high quality for children and people of the Palestinian Authority Area and continues to function thanks to the support of its benefactors.

The Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by Mother Teresa (now Saint Teresa of Calcutta), quietly serve the poor in Washington, DC, operating a nursing home for ill and aging men and women, and a facility for homeless single mothers.

Micah Ministries receives much parish support for all its good works for the poor and homeless in the Fredericksburg area. Our parish is one of nine governing Churches which financially

support Micah through annual dues, and financial and volunteer support throughout the year for their many ministries, including the Community Dinners and cold night shelter. This collection will assist the parish in continuing to provide much needed financial support to Micah.

We know you will be generous, as you have always been, and we thank you for sharing the joy of this holy season with those who are less fortunate.

Children's Charity for December

Our Children's Charity for the month of December is the Office of Migration & Refugee Services (MRS) in Fredericksburg, which assists refugee families and children, who have fled their homeland in fear of persecution and in fear for their lives. After a lengthy resettlement process through the US Government, approved families arrive with no material possessions other than the clothes on their back. With only 1 to 2 weeks' notice, MRS "Welcomes the Stranger" and assists families with housing, food, employment, schooling for their children and many other urgent needs. For more information, visit ccda.net/Need-Help/Immigrants-and-Refugees

Choose Life Reflection

Mary was full of grace from the first moment of her conception. She was not exempt from the need of a Savior; He simply shared with her in a unique way the victory over sin that He offers all of us. For those tempted to abort, there is always sufficient grace to do what is right. Mary, pray for us and for all tempted to abort, that they may say yes to life.

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God!

O Virgin Immaculate, who, after the Ascension of thy Divine Son, didst

console thy exile on earth by the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament, and didst spend before the Tabernacle the greater part of thy days and even thy nights, make us comprehend the treasure we possess on the altar. Inspire us to visit often the God of Love in the Sacrament in which He abides to receive the homage that He deserves by so many titles, and to guide, protect, and console us in this exile! Amen

Daily Advent Prayer

O Jesus, little child, come into my heart on Christmas morn, to wash away my sins and remain there in eternity. O Mary, Mother of my Savior, prepare for Jesus a cradle in my heart. Amen.

Drivers Needed for Micah Cold Weather Shelter

Volunteers are needed to pick up guests at 6:15pm on Tuesday nights from the community dinner downtown and transport them to the Cold Weather Shelter, using Micah's 15-passenger bus. Any number of nights you can help would be greatly appreciated. No special license or experience necessary. Micah will provide a short orientation and add you to their insurance. Please prayerfully consider this much needed role and contact Greg Wheatley at stmary.cws@outlook.com if interested.

Adorers Needed

Adoration is in need of new permanent adorers on Thursday 2-3am and Friday 2-3am. If you can commit to this time please email adoration@stmaryfred.org or call the parish office to leave your contact info.

liturgy

daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Maria Celia Brandao Lage, Leah Sapphire, Felicity Stanfield, Michael Kraljevich, Steve Zawisa, Casey Roby, Calvin Mills, Mary Jean Mills, Elise Velez, Tracey Hansen, Elizabeth Ames, Aleisa Barber, David Arnold, Maryann Greatsinger, Antonio Ferrara, Wilson and Joan Parker, Emma Gilbert, Virginia Gannon, Daniel Burke, Katherine Perusi, Dorie Lee, Christopher Szynal, Joy Zerby, Mariah Ceidlinger, Kelly Carperter-Silvers, Suzi Eggleston, Bernad Castillo, Michael Durant, Matthew Gomer, Tricia Davis, Martha Clements, Donna Long, Mary Ann Maynard, Zachary Payne, Margaret Krebbel, Adrianna Pruitt, Deanna Pruitt, Montgomery Wood, Gail Russell, Patricia Russo, Charles Dittmer, Bruce Mattern, Dorothy Simmons, Lillian Kendall, Nikolai Sherba, Sharon S., Barbara Clarke, Roseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpe, Maureen Mizzles, Miles Wood, Mary Ellen Kearney, Kay Simmons, Robert Meyer, Marc and Susan Wood, Lita Mary Mamboyo, Nathan Apicella, Timothy Travis, Kaden Sabo, Robert Nathan Servetnick, Dianne Clancy, The Chevchuc Family, Christina Bolt, Bruce Bates, Richard Casaldi, Alex Tonn, James Evans, Larry Dillman, Theresa Kovalefsky, Amber Moser, Erin Krieg, Matthew Meyer, Brittany Meyer, Sara Meyer, Douglas & Dorothy Meyer, Karla Dorsey, Mary Jean & Don Williams, Linda & Frank Walter, Cathleen Mihalaki, Re Macarthur, Jordan Tackett, Bridget Sherba, Randy McNulty, Riley Horstick, David A., Marty T., Janet Yerkie, Brittany Yerkie, Elizabeth Stoehr, David Semeglo, Robert L. Gomer, Carla J. Gomer, Lorena Hernandez, Thomas Moeller, Lorraine Becker, Gerald Gardiner, Larry Delaney, James Keddie, Lorena Hernandez, Miguel Hernandez and Edgar Giovanni Castro, Julio Diaz, Kelly Murray, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, James Derouin, Karen Danis, Jim Mann, Muriel Bovat, Gina Wood, Michelle & Lawrence Hudson, Monica White & Patrick White, Betty McKee, Arturo Mendoza Sanchez, Vickie Coburn, Susana Rios- Villagrana, Jeff Shinrock, Mary Ulmer, John Michaelides, Joyce Tally, Dona Tally, Thomas Biddulph, Pat Tholen, Fernando Guadarrama, Margaret Dougherty, Fred Becker, Betty Gil, Adrienne Menjivar, Deanna White, David Mares, Linda Burrell, Margaret Craig, Mary Dudash, Chuck Boyer, Daniel Bustamonte, Hector Rios- Villagrana & Family, Miguel Correa & Family, Tamlyn Leaf, Gordon Leffel, Graciela Chavez, Nico Luiggi, Vickie Coburn, Ana B. Rojas, Maria Mangini, Melanie and Chris Koumentakos, Maryanne Schram, Jackie Davia Johnson, Jenna Cappello, Matt Seidlinger, Benjamin Grillo, Gavin Menteer, Jim Seidlinger

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially: Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, Dominick Joseph Petro, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellman, Sean Plunkett, Roy Selvidge, Patrick Fenton, David James, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew M. Smith, Nelly Garcia, Mindy Haken-son, Xavier Alas, Anthony Howell, John Anthenor, Andrew Dowdy, Sean McCullum, Josue Bermudez, Monica Hannan, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, David Oechslein, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins, Greg Feroldi, Tyler Wood, Jason Cullinan, Estrella Bernaola, Frank Spatt Jr., Major Matthew Molino, Thomas Wickham

Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.

Al Anon Surviving the Weekend Group

All who have been affected by someone else's drinking, and members come together to learn a better way of life and how to find happiness. It's important to know that you are not alone and there is help. **Al Anon meetings are every Saturday at 10am in Room 204 of St. Mary's Parish Life Center.**

Nar Anon Support Available

Nar Anon is a program that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with substance abuse. All information and discussion is non-judgemental, informative and strictly confidential. Our meetings are in **Room 204 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8pm** and are open to the community at large. **Contact Cathy at 703-201-8821, burgh757@gmail.com or Wayne at 540-840-5230.**

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

December

3 MONDAY

6:30am Kenny Derenthal+
9:00am Laura Pereira
Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

4 TUESDAY

6:30am Barbara Stauble
9:00am Ruth Stellino
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

5 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Salvatore Kiwall+
9:00am Rebecca Lowe+
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

6 THURSDAY

6:30am Dee Faries
9:00am Steve Zawisa+
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

7 FRIDAY

6:30am Jessie and Rich Girardin
8:15am* Connie J. McCrea+
9:00am Fr. Stephen Holmes
6:00pm Elaine Wheeler+
7:30pm John Gil+
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

8 SATURDAY

7:00am Louis Farrell
9:00am Ed and Helen Buzicky+
10:30am Charles McCollum+
12:30pm John Penczak+
5:00pm Joseph Bocicevic+
7:00pm Luis Pacheco+
Gn 3:9-20/Eph 1:3-12/Lk 1:26-38

9 SUNDAY

7:00am Ann Whitford+
8:30am John Leo Caton Sr.+
10:30am Barbara Carneal
10:30am* Thomas Kochanek+
12:30pm Andre and Jenny Jones
2:30pm Pastor Benjamin Yelis+
5:00pm For Our Parish
7:00pm Beverly J. Primmer+
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-11/Lk 3:1-6

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy
Please remember that Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If dates are no longer available for the date you desire, you are welcome to request an intention that is "unscheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.