

# **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 9, 2018**



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

# upcoming

## December



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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

### 9 SUNDAY, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Scrip on Sale After All Masses Except 2:30pm*

*Coffee Shop after the 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am*

**11:30am, New Family Welcome, Parish Life Center**

6pm, CYM Dinner and Youth Group, Parish Life Center

### 10 Monday, Advent Weekday

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

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

**8:15pm, Taize, Church**

### 11 Tuesday, Advent Weekday [Saint Damasus I, Pope]

9:45am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room

10am, Saint Mary Book Club, John Paul II House, Downstairs

7:30pm, Life, Spirit, Courtyard Meeting Room

### 12 Wednesday, Our Lady of Guadalupe

**4am, Mananitas for Our Lady of Guadalupe, Church**

10am, Epic Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church

**6pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Holy Cross Academy**

6:30pm, Confessions, Church

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

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House

**7pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception, Holy Cross Academy**

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

### 13 Thursday, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

9:30am, Craft Group in Parish Life Center, Room 100

10am, Epic Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

6:30pm, Parent and Confirmation Teen Formation Session, Holy Cross Academy

6:30pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center

7pm, Nar-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 100

### 14 Friday, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

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

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

**8pm, St Mary's Concerts presents Gloria...The Music of the Season, Church**

### 15 Saturday, Advent Weekday

8am, Confessions, Church

10am, Baptisms, Church

10am, Al-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 204

3:30pm, Confessions, Church

6pm, *Scrip on Sale, Parish Life Center*

### 16 SUNDAY, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Scrip on Sale After All Masses Except 2:30pm*

*Coffee Shop after the 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am*

**11:30am, Evangelization Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room**

6pm, CYM Dinner and Youth Group, Parish Life Center

# pulpit announcements

## nota bene (note well, please):

- **Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sales** are on sale behind the Church! *More info on page 7*
- **Advent and Christmas Season schedules** are available on pages **10 & 11**
- **This 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*

## CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Come find the perfect Christmas tree for your family 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 while supplies last

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

## 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

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**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  
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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,

"Shave by the Headlights." Ok, that may seem nonsensical. And explaining might make it more confusing. But let me try. I hate shaving. When I entered religious life, I was traumatized by the fact that now I had to shave EVERY DAY! I would whine about it, try to not shave, and get called out by my superiors for not shaving. One day in Mexico, the head of our community said to me, "Shave by the Headlights." Huh? I literally pictured taking my razor and shaving in the early morning hours by the light of our car's headlights. He went on to say that when driving it is always much easier to drive by the light of the headlights, able to see what is in front of you and just dealing with it. Imagine if you tried to drive only by looking behind you, or if you always had to backtrack to catch the turns that you missed because you are reacting after the car has passed. If we take care of unpleasant tasks first thing when the present themselves, they just are no real big deal. It is the agony, whining, and avoidance that make simple tasks a big deal. Or to use another cliché, we can avoid turning mountains into molehills by just shaving by the headlights.

Yes, I still often celebrate a day off by not shaving (even if I spend all day working, I feel as if I got some sabbath rest)! But the ridiculous image of literally

taking a razor and shaving in the headlights of my car so stuck with me that I now use it to rally my will and strength to some unpleasant task.

And one more insight that I discovered at a young age: household chores were could be accomplished in a fraction of the time when done willingly and cheerfully! I found that if I did my Saturday morning chores while my parents were at the morning Mass, I could be done before they got home and have the rest of the day for play! Yeah, at first they were so shocked that they would let me off with less work required, but the real key was found in freely and generously embracing these duties!

Maybe going to confession is your personal version of shaving or Saturday morning chores. Maybe it is saying your daily rosary, or reading scripture, or whatever daily devotional prayer you might have. In what way do you need to "shave by the headlights?"

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**

## 7pm Sunday Advent Candlelight Masses

Come and quiet yourself during this crazy busy season. Enjoy a candlelit Mass and celebrate the gift of the Eucharist in a unique and profound way! Ready your hearts and prepare for the birth of our Lord!



# education holy cross academy

## Join us at the Book Fair!

We hope that you will join us today at Barnes and Noble for a school-wide book fair sponsored by our PTO. In addition to browsing for that special next book to read or gift to give, you will be treated to guest story readers and a puppet show (1:30pm), Irish dancers (2:30pm), our amazing chorus, Youth of Note (3:30pm), and a chance to see what our Crusader Robotics team (4:00) have been doing. Please join us on Sunday, December 9 from 1-5pm. We are grateful for your support of our parish school!

## Crusader Robotics Team

Our 7th grade Crusader Robotics team is the newest addition to our extra-curricular offerings here at HCA. Beginning in September, these talented and ambitious young people were guided by Sr. Frances Carol and their parents in learning how to code and direct the robot they created. Our students participated in a local competition, winning the award for the Core Values, an area that emphasizes teamwork. The team received a good rating on the design of their robot and the accomplishment of their tasks. We are proud of our team for their hard work and their achievements.

## More Events Coming Soon

We are looking forward to our many Christmas programs and events, including the upcoming 5th Grade World Market. Each student creates a homemade craft, which represents another culture. This ties in with their Geography studies. They donate the proceeds to our Oblate Sisters' Missions.

## 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](mailto: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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# parish life

# religious education

## Magnifikid

### Changing our hearts for God

Take a moment to be quiet and pray. Pick two classmates from your school that you do not usually talk to or play with. Decide to become a better friend with them. Be kind to them and welcome them, as you want to welcome Jesus this advent.

### Shine with God's love

By being gentle and cheerful with others, you glow with God's love and help prepare the way of the Lord. This Advent, pray especially for those who do not know Jesus. Ask God in your prayers to make you like a shining star whose light guides these people toward him.



## Upcoming Events

**December 10:** No Religious Education classes this week

**December 11:** Catechist Training, PLC, 6pm

**December 12:** Feast of Lady of Guadalupe

**December 13:** Formation Night for Year One Confirmation Candidates and Parents

**December 17-19:** Last week of Religious Education classes before Christmas Break

## FORMED PICK

### 1531: A Story That Is Not Finished Yet

Our Lady of Guadalupe Came to Change the World

1531 shares the history of why millions of Aztecs converted to the Catholic Faith and the little known truth that this incredible story is not finished yet.

Watch on [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

JOIN FORMED

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

2. click register

3. enter parish code: **F6F228**



"This is a powerful story. Amazing."

—Constance A., Euclid, OH

## FORMED KIDS' KORNER



### Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe Also in Spanish

Watch the Blessed Mother choose a hero for a key role in a miracle that would unite diverse peoples and change the course of history.

# 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:lucianir@comcast.net)**

**January 12 - Youth Craft Group Making Rosaries - \$5**

## Stay Up-to-Date

Be sure to stay in the know with St. Mary CYM by visiting [stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry](https://stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry)

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# our parish get involved

## 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](http://ShopWithScrip.com/GiftGuide) or email questions and/or orders to [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com)

## 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.

## Calling All Young Adults 21-39

Join the Verso l'Alto Young Adult Group at Saint Mary's for weekly discussions on faith and holiness on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Office Library. Not on our email list? Email [stmaryya@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryya@gmail.com) to be added or if you would like more information!

## 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 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](mailto:LadyDee519@aol.com)  
NEW! Like and follow us at [Facebook.com/StMaryCCW](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryCCW)

## 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 number 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](https://signupgenius.com/go/70a0b48a9af29aaf58-2018)

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

## Micah Cold Weather Shelter

The Micah Cold Weather Shelter is open and will remain in operation until mid- to late-March. Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings by greeting and checking in clients, setting up sleeping areas, and providing hospitality for the 30+ individuals that utilize the facility. **Each participating church is asked to bring 3 dozen items (white socks, thermal underwear, boxer briefs and t-shirts).** Please consider how you might be able to support this need—all donations are gratefully accepted at our Parish Office. Although it is a good thing that the temporary shelter is available during the harsh winter months, it highlights the continuing need for sustainable housing and support mechanisms in our community. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit Micah Ecumenical Ministries, [dolovewalk.net](http://dolovewalk.net) or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, [thurmanbrisbencenter.org](http://thurmanbrisbencenter.org).

## 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](mailto:stmary.cws@outlook.com) if interested.



# our parish volunteer dinner

We were thrilled to thank so many amazing volunteers who came out on Thursday, November 29th for our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner! St. Mary's is truly blessed to have so many wonderful members of our parish fully alive and engaged in loving service. As Fr. Mosimann beautifully stated, "*We cannot do the work in the vineyard of our Lord without each member giving of themselves.*" St. Mary's staff was honored to serve you all!



Thank you to the children of HCA, Willie Ivey, Brian Cook, Sister Frances Carol and the Parish Life Committee for setting up the lovely tables. Thank you to Karen Sturtevant and her minions for preparing a delicious meal and to the Blue Grass Believers for fun entertainment!

*Thank you!*



**This year we were honored to recognize the following volunteers:** Donna Davis, Lloyd Keeton, Bernice Schlosser, LuAnn Schlosser, Carol Schlosser Pfeiffer, Rick & Dayle Reschick, Rose Jennings, Annalisa Skaggs, Lori Mattson **Lifetime Award Winners:** Joe & Arlene Wilkinson, Deacon Alberto & Miralba Bernaola (Volunteers of the Year)



# our parish happenings

## CONCERTS at SAINT MARY

presents

*Gloria... Music of the Season*

*Saint Mary Festival Choir  
Soloists & Orchestra*

**Friday, December 14 at 8pm**

Under the direction of David Uschold, the Festival Choir will be joined by soloists Erin Bullock, Shauna Kreidler, Veronica Tschirhart, Joel Shapiro; instrumentalist from the greater Fredericksburg area; and Linda Long William, organ. The program includes seasonal works by Darke, Kirkpatrick, Schnabel and Victoria, and will feature Gloria, RV 589 by Italian baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi. As all Concerts at Saint Mary events, the concert is **free and open to the public**. Come and be moved by the music of the season.



## 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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

## Noticias en Espanol

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

Las mañanitas: en la iglesia, de 4am a 6am 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 3pm 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.



# 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 December 2

Offertory \$42,370

Parish Christmas for Special Charities \$8,747

Parish Building Fund (add'l) \$3,045

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$812

*Second Collection next week will be for Our Parish Building Fund.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## 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.

## 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](http://ccda.net)*

## Choose Life Reflection

*When Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego, the Aztecs were practicing human sacrifice. Mary's image brought the message that God was with them – so much, in fact, that He became a child carried in Mary's womb. This gave them hope, and they*

*stopped their human sacrifice and became Christian. Jesus, through Our Lady of Guadalupe may we spread Your hope everywhere.*

## Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of Holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my prayer, offered with deep-felt confidence to beg this favor . . . O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children who call to thee under the glorious Aztec title of "Guadalupe" – the Virgin who crushed the serpent. Queen of Martyrs, whose Immaculate Heart was pierced by seven swords of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns strewn across my pathway. Invoke the Holy Spirit of Wisdom to fortify my will to frequent the Sacraments so that, thus enlightened and strengthened, I may prefer God to all creatures and shun every occasion of sin. Help me, as a living branch of the Vine that is Jesus Christ, to exemplify His divine charity always seeking the good of others. Queen of Apostles, aid me to win souls for the Sacred Heart of my Savior. Keep my apostolate fearless, dynamic and articulate, to proclaim the loving solicitude of Our Father in Heaven, so that the wayward may heed His pleading and obtain pardon, through the merits of your merciful Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Help Needed at Homeless Shelter

The Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter has a program called Bridges. This program operates every Monday from 7-8pm and is designed to provide fun activities for the children staying at the homeless shelter. We are seeking volunteers to lead the kids in activities such as ball, tag etc. and if the

weather isn't cooperating, to lead indoor activities (provided by the shelter). A Sign-Up Genius allows groups or individuals to sign-up easily for evenings available. Please consider helping our community.

Please note, this program requires all participants to arrive early. Volunteers MUST complete a registration form and provide a photo ID in an effort to protect the children staying at the shelter.

[m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/70a0f4facaf2aa3f85-bridges](https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/70a0f4facaf2aa3f85-bridges)

For more information contact Aaron Sawyer [asawyer2@mail.umw.edu](mailto:asawyer2@mail.umw.edu)

## Al Anon Surviving the Weekend Group

For those 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. Especially at this time of year, it's important to know that you are not alone and there is help. **There is an Al Anon meeting 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](mailto:burgh757@gmail.com) or Wayne at 540-840-5230.**



# 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 Stoeher, 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, Mary Ellen Kearney, Kurt Gutzmann, Lois Michell

**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.**

## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

### December

#### 10 MONDAY

6:30am Fr. John Mosimann  
9:00am Ruth Quade+  
Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

#### 11 TUESDAY

6:30am John F. Carneal  
9:00am Barbara Mertens+  
Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

#### 12 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Connie J. McCrea+  
9:00am Betty Niederkofler+  
7:00pm Tiem Vu  
Zec 2:14-17, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38

#### 13 THURSDAY

6:30am Elizabeth Elley+  
9:00am Charles White+  
Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

#### 14 FRIDAY

6:30am Frank Semeia+  
8:15am\* Mary Kenney  
9:00am Annette Addorio+  
Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

15 SATURDAY

9:00am Donna Green  
5:00pm Andrew Mullady+  
7:00pm Hubert and Marion Ricard+  
Sir 48:1-11/Mt 17:9a-13

#### 16 SUNDAY

7:00am Frank Semeia+  
8:30am Ruth Stellino+  
10:30am Giacinto Cipriani+  
10:30am\* Barbara R. Stauble+  
12:30pm Thomas Roscigno+  
2:30pm Joce Calazan Lopez+  
5:00pm Telma Odilia Rivera+  
7:00pm For Our Parish  
Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

\* 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.

*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.