

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2020



**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church**  
1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



# pulpit announcements

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

## **Public Masses - Phase 3**

### **St. Mary Church**

Saturday 5pm, 7pm  
Sunday 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm,  
2:30pm in Spanish, 5pm & 7pm

### **Holy Cross Academy**

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am

### **Daily Mass Schedule**

6:30am, 9am  
12pm Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

### **St. Mary Streaming Schedule - St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Facebook Page**

Daily Mass 9am Rosary 6:30pm  
Sunday Mass 8:30am and 2:30pm (Spanish)

### **Confession Schedule (Confessions continue at the Parish Life Center ONLY)**

Wednesdays 11:30am-12pm & 6:30-8:30pm  
Saturdays 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

### **Adoration Schedule**

Wednesday 12:30pm- Friday 9am

## 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** Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am  
M/W/F: 12 Noon  
Saturday: 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** Wednesday 11:30am-12pm, 6:30-  
8:30pm; Sat., 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

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**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 Parishioner Welcome meetings held  
in the Parish Life Center on fourth Sun  
days, 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!



Dear Folks,

Merry Christmas! Welcome to the best Christmas of your life.

Yes, I really said that. Why? Because God works all things for the good of those who love Him.

We have many wonderful traditions by which we celebrate Christmas. But those traditions are not the heart of the matter.

We have many wonderful recipes to feast for Christmas. But those traditions are not the heart of the matter.

We have huge family reunions every year. But those reunions are not the heart of the matter.

The heart of the matter is that God was born in a manger.

Infinite, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Eternal God subjected himself to the limits of our human nature. "You made him for a little while, lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor, subjecting all things under his feet." (Heb. 2:7-8)

Prior to 2020, my best Christmas ever was 1991, six months after leaving grad school for a missionary order. I was in Mexico, where I didn't yet speak the language, had no family, and was put on a bus Christmas Eve with the promise that someone I had never met in a town where I had never been would pick me up at the bus station at midnight. I had no family to exchange gifts with, none of my favorite foods, and not a soul I had known for more than 12 hours. All I had was Jesus.

That Christmas stripped away everything from my celebration that was not Jesus and the Mass. So I asked Jesus for a Christmas gift: I asked Him to let me become a priest. Yep, best Christmas ever!

Since 2020 has forcibly removed so many of our comforts, expectations and ability to celebrate as we wish, may it be the year you remember that when you have Jesus, you have everything.

pax et bonum,

Fr Mosimann

## The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**VIGIL MASSES for the SOLEMNITY of  
MARY, MOTHER of GOD**

**4pm Novus Ordo, 6pm, 8pm, Midnight**  
at Saint Mary Church

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**

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

**7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (English)**  
**Spanish Mass at 2:30pm**  
at Saint Mary Church  
**10:30am and 12:30pm at Holy Cross Academy**

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

O Come Let Us Adore Him in Eucharistic Adoration!!  
"The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger" (Lk 2:16). "We fall down in adoration before the Son of God. As we adore Christ, born in a stable... we feel the shepherds' same amazement and their same joy" (Saint John Paul II). Please come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass.





# from the bishop christmas letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Christmas, we never could have imagined that in just a couple months, our lives and our world would be forever changed by a global pandemic. In faith and love, we have striven to persevere through these difficulties. This year we have also been shaken once again by racial tensions in our nation. With trust in God, we continue to seek the transformation of our society, that it might more fully reflect God's Kingdom. Now, the celebration of Our Lord's birth renews us in the hope and peace that comes from him alone.

When we seek models of encouragement, especially in times of trial, we need look no further than the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph traveled a long and dangerous road to keep Jesus safe. They experienced exhaustion, and yet they remained strong in faith and trusted in God's plan for them.

As we celebrate this sacred season of Christmas, may we imitate Mary and Joseph and celebrate with reverence and joy the majesty and wonder of Christmas: "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (Jn 1:14). By taking on human flesh, he joined us in our earthly existence. Christ endured the pain, disappointment and struggle of this life but also sanctified those moments. This Christmas, may we become more fully a dwelling place of the Word by entrusting our challenges, crosses, and very lives to his infinite love and divine mercy. In him, we will find the strength and grace we need.

In this Christmas season, God invites us, through the words of St. Paul, to "let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body" (Col 3:15). May we be instruments of his peace and compassion in a world that desperately needs the witness of our faith and unity. Let us encourage and support one another in faith with a renewed commitment to serve our brothers and sisters in most need, striving daily to imitate Christ.

It is my hope and prayer that Our Lord and Savior will bless you and your family with the peace that only he can give. May this precious gift be yours throughout the Christmas season and always.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington





# del obispo carta de navidad

Estimados hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

En la última Navidad, nunca hubiéramos podido imaginarnos que apenas en un par de meses nuestra vida y nuestro mundo cambiarían para siempre por causa de una pandemia mundial. Con fe y amor, nos hemos esforzado por perseverar en medio de estas dificultades. Este año también nos han estremecido una vez más las tensiones raciales en nuestra nación. Con confianza en Dios, seguimos buscando la transformación de nuestra sociedad para que refleje el Reino de Dios de una manera más plena. Ahora, la celebración del nacimiento de Nuestro Señor nos renueva en la esperanza y la paz que provienen solamente de Él.

Al buscar modelos de aliento, particularmente en épocas de tribulaciones, no necesitamos mirar más allá de la Sagrada Familia. María y José recorrieron un largo y peligroso camino para proteger a Jesús. A pesar de su agotamiento, se mantuvieron firmes en la fe y confiaron en el plan de Dios para ellos.

Al celebrar esta sagrada temporada de Navidad, ruego para que imitemos a María y a José y celebremos con reverencia y alegría la majestad y la maravilla de la Navidad: “El Verbo se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros” (Juan 1:14). Al hacerse carne humana, Jesús se unió a nosotros en nuestra existencia terrenal. Cristo sufrió el dolor, la desilusión y la lucha de esta vida, pero también santificó esos momentos. Que en esta Navidad nos convirtamos más plenamente en una morada del Verbo al confiar nuestras dificultades, nuestras cruces y nuestra propia vida a su infinito amor y a su divina misericordia. En Él, encontraremos la fortaleza y la gracia que necesitamos.

En esta temporada de Navidad, Dios nos invita, por medio de las palabras de San Pablo a dejar “que la paz de Cristo reine en sus corazones: esa paz a la que han sido llamados porque formamos un solo Cuerpo” (Colosenses: 3:15). Que seamos instrumentos de la paz y la compasión de Cristo en un mundo que necesita desesperadamente el testimonio de nuestra fe y unidad. Animémonos y apoyémonos unos a otros en la fe con un compromiso renovado de servir a nuestros hermanos y hermanas más necesitados, esforzándonos a diario por imitar a Cristo.

Abrigo la esperanza de que Nuestro Señor y Salvador los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias con la paz que solamente Él puede dar y rezo porque así sea. Que este preciado don sea suyo en toda la temporada de Navidad y siempre.

Fielmente en Cristo,



Monseñor Michael F. Burbidge  
Obispo de la Diócesis de Arlington





# holy cross academy christmas letter

Dear St. Mary Parishioners,

In a letter from me in the opening pages of the 2019-2020 edition of the Holy Cross Academy Yearbook, reflecting on my first year at HCA I wrote that I was, “praying for an uneventful 2020-2021 school year” and “looking forward to enjoying all that a normal school year has in store.” I’m not sure if more inaccurate words have ever been written! While this definitely isn’t the type of year any of us expected or asked for, I am proud of how we have worked together to offer our students an outstanding faith-based education in the most challenging circumstances imaginable.

I cannot think of a time when schools were forced to make more changes in such a short amount of time. Through teamwork, creativity, perseverance, and trust in God’s providence we have overcome the many adversities that have been thrown our way. I am so appreciative of our creative and loving teachers who sacrifice each day to help their students grow in knowledge and faith while juggling the demands of in-person and virtual learners. I am amazed and proud of our students for their enthusiasm to learn and adapt to new protocols and daily mask wearing. I am grateful to our families for their support and understanding of the constant tinkering that has taken place in these rapidly evolving times. I am blessed with the steadfast support of the St. Mary priests who continue to offer the sacraments and weekly instruction for our students.

I don’t know if it would be possible to keep us all unified in this pursuit if it were not for our devotion and dedication to our Lord. I find myself returning to scripture quotes like those below during these uncertain times.

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

As 2020 concludes, I am hopeful for better, simpler times ahead. Marching ahead together with our faith in the Lord, we will continue to flatten obstacles put before us.

From all of us at Holy Cross Academy and Holy Cross Preschool, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous, healthy New Year!

In Christo,

Stephen M. Fry, Ed. D.  
Principal  
Holy Cross Academy









# our parish love one another

We welcome you at St. Mary to get connected with your parish family and LIVE your faith by LOVING ONE ANOTHER. Despite the pandemic this year many of our ministries are still active and functioning in new and creative ways. Don't hesitate to reach out to the contact(s) listed and see how you might be able to serve.

## Ministry

Parish Council | President  
Education Committee | Chair  
Religious Education | Adult  
Religious Education | Faith Formation K-12  
Religious Education | Special Education (SPRED)  
Holy Cross Academy  
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)  
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) | Spanish  
Vacation Bible School (VBS)  
Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)  
Youth Ministry | Confirmation Team Leader  
Youth Ministry | High School Group  
Youth Ministry | Middle School Group  
Youth Ministry | WorkCamp  
Youth Ministry | Parent Volunteers (Dinners)

## Liturgy Committee | Chair

Altar Servers  
Altar Servers | Spanish  
Senior Altar Servers  
Altar Society  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
Extraordinary Ministry to the Homebound/Sick  
Hospitality | Greeters  
Hospitality | Ushers  
Hospitality | Ushers | Spanish  
Lectors  
Lectors | Spanish  
Music Ministry | Parish Choir  
Music Ministry | Magnificat Choir (Grades 7-12)  
Music Ministry | St. Cecilia Choir (Grades 2-6)  
Music Ministry | Contemporary Ensemble  
Music Ministry | Spanish Choir  
Seasonal Decorators

## Operations Committee | Chair

Administrative Support  
Bishop's Lenten Appeal Committee  
Communications Committee  
Development  
Development | SCRIP Volunteers

## Outreach Committee | Chair

Catholic Advocacy Committee  
Ecumenical/Interreligious Commission  
Catholic Charities | Family Services  
Homeless Shelter | Bridges Program  
Homeless Shelter Dinner  
Jail/Prison Ministry  
Fredericksburg Food Bank | Manna Project

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# our parish ministries

Micah Ecumenical Ministries | Cold Night Shelter  
Micah Ecumenical Ministries | Community Dinners  
Micah Ecumenical Ministries | Furniture Bank  
Micah Ecumenical Ministries | Hospitality Center  
Refugee Assistance  
St. Vincent de Paul

## **Parish Life | Chair**

Adorers of the Lamb  
Ancient Order of Hibernians  
Book Club  
Called & Gifted Program  
Council of Catholic Women (CCW)  
Council of Catholic Women (CCW) | Circle of Love  
Council of Catholic Women (CCW) | Craft Group  
Council of Catholic Women (CCW) | Prayers & Squares  
Cursillo  
Funeral Reception Committee  
Gardens Committee  
Hispanic Ministry  
Homeschoolers Group  
Knights of Columbus  
Legion of Mary | Monday Morning  
Legion of Mary | Spanish  
Magdalenes  
Marriage Ministry  
Marriage Ministry | Spanish  
Men's Group  
Mom's Group (St. Anne Sisters in Faith)  
Over 40 Singles  
Parish Food Chain  
Prayer Groups | Global Prayer Ministry  
Prayer Groups | Life in the Spirit Gathering  
Prayer Groups | Seven Sisters (praying for priests)  
Prayer Groups | Spanish  
Prayer Group | Spanish Choir  
Reparation & Healing  
Respect Life Ministry  
Respect Life | Birthright  
Respect Life | Mary's Shelter  
Retreats  
Secular Franciscan Order  
Senior Luncheons  
Special Blessings (families w/special needs children)  
Teams of Our Lady  
Welcoming New Parishoners  
Young Adults  
Young Adults | Grizzly Bears  
Youth Organizations | American Heritage Girls  
Youth Organizations | Boy Scouts of America  
Youth Organizations | Girl Scouts of America  
Youth Organizations | Trail Life Usa Troop

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