PALM SUNDAY



announcements

Stations of the Cross Friday's During Lent

7pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish in the Church.

USHERS Needed for ALL MASSES

No special skills required except kindness and a desire to serve your parish family.

Sign up by following the link below signupgenius.com/go/70/70A0B48A9AF29AAF58-ushers

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 | 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

Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am **DAILY** MASS

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

PARISH

540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org

Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm; students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

Pastor, Fr. John Mosimann Fr. Sean Koehr

Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly Fr. Michael Folmar

Fr. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio

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OUTREACH 540-373-6491

Elena Doyle - edoyle@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.

New Parishioner Welcome meetings held **JOIN US** 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!

from our pastor pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

"When I am lifted up, then you will know that I AM." With these words Jesus clearly spoke to those who denied his divinity, and his being the messiah.

Lifted up? He is lifted up in mystery on Holy Thursday at the first Mass. He is lifted up in history on Good Friday on the Cross. He is lifted up in glory on Easter Sunday in the resurrection. This is why we speak of the paschal mystery as the offering of the unblemished lamb encompassing the entirety of the triduum beginning Holy Thursday night and through Easter Sunday. In these celebrations, we are celebrating the mystery that makes us what we are: sons and daughters of the Father.

Do you want to know who He is and therefore who you are? Then look at Him when He is lifted up in mystery, history, and glory.

I can't exhort you too firmly to attend the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. To that end, we are offering all of these liturgies in the Expo Center. If you haven't been able to get out, and are only recently vaccinated, consider making a retreat of the weekend. Spend these days with Jesus, and you will know Him better.

So many folks have "use or lose vacation days" at the end of every year. Why not consider giving a couple of those to Jesus by taking off a few Holy Days to spend with Him in prayer.

The only thing happening in the church during the tridum, will be adoration on Holy Thursday (12 mignight to 10am, 12 noon to 6pm, and approximately 9:30pm to midnight). All other prayers will be in the Expo Center. The church will be locked on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, so that people who come might not be confused and sitting in church waiting for Masses.

Finally, confessions this week in the PLC available at 11:30am and 6:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week. Your parish priests will be serving up big helpings of Jesus' mercy. Those who are really observant may note that the 12:30pm confessions don't appear in the calendar we have been publishing all lent. Yep, they are your bonus for reading this column! Lines always get longer all week, so have mercy on your parish priests and get there Monday!

There will be limited availability of confessions at the Expo Center 12 noon to 2pm on Good Friday, but we are sometimes unable to hear all of the confessions before having to begin the Veneration of the Cross liturgy. Please do not wait till Good Friday as we may not have time to hear your confession.

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Fr Mosimann

USHERS NEEDED

Ushers needed to assist parishioners celebrating the Sacred Triduum at the Fredericksburg EXPO Center. If you are able to help with one or more Masses, please sign-up at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A9AF29AAF58-thesacred

education

LECTIO DIVINA on ST. MARY with **DEACON ALBERTO** TUESDAY, MARCH 30 7PM

Religious Education Video Links on Parish Website

Week of March 29 and Week of April 5 **FACEBOOK** It is Easter Break so no lessons will be posted until the Week of April 12. Students are encouraged continue submitting lessons. Parents are reminded that students, especially those preparing for sacraments, are expected to complete at least 18 chapters of their texts.

> Video Links from the "Week of September 28" to the "Week of March 22 are on the Parish Website **stmaryfred.org** on the "Religious Ed Videos" tab by grade. Scroll down after clicking on the desired grade to see the links.

First Holy Communion

A First Holy Communion Liturgy will be held on Easter Sunday, April 4, at 12:30 pm the Expo Center. Families who signed up for this Mass should be seated by 12:10pm. This is to ensure that all First Holy Communion candidates are properly seated.

In order for students to receive First Holy Communion each candidate must complete at least 16 Religious Education Lessons, submit copy of Baptismal Certificate, make First Penance, attend a First Holy Communion Retreat/Rehearsal and sign up for a First Communion Liturgy.

CRS Rice Bowl 2021: For Lent For Life:

It's Holy Week—the most important week of our faith. Jesus enters Jerusalem and the people receive him triumphantly. But in a matter of days, the crowd that acclaims him as a king demands that he be crucified.

When Jesus was apprehended, his disciples fled. After the trial, he was flogged, spat upon and stripped of his clothing. While hanging on the cross, Jesus was thirsty—he was given vinegar to drink.

This story is a reminder to us of attitudes we may still hold today. We are members of the same human family, but we can turn a blind eye to the suffering of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers. But Jesus reminds us that what we do to the little ones, we do to him.

As we prepare for Easter, we reflect on how our sacrifices and actions might transform another's life. We pray for the grace to realize that by sharing the cross of others, we become servants of salvation. During this most important week, we strive to make the works of mercy a daily habit—at home and around the world.



PICK OF THE WEEK

March 28, 2021

TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.



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education

holy cross academy

Second Graders Bring Hope to Mary's Shelter Residents

Our second grade Hope Project was the most successful one ever, raising more than \$1300 for Mary's Shelter through their annual Jersey Day. Our young philanthropists made signs promoting the day and encouraging students to make a donation to Mary's Shelter in exchange for a free dress and jersey day. We are so proud of you!

The second graders are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, learning the importance of imitating Christ to those less fortunate in our community. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive these amazing graces.

HCA Registration for the 2021-22 School Year Now Open

As the parish school of St. Mary, we encourage parishioners to consider Holy Cross Academy for your family. HCA is pre-K3 through 8th grade National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence offering a strong academic program, daily religious instruction, character formation, numerous extracurricular opportunities, a variety of music and art programs, and so much more. Our students are blessed to receive weekly religious instruction from our parish priests and Mass weekly. Holy Cross Academy students and their families support the Fredericksburg community through a variety of service projects throughout the year.

We recognize that Catholic education can seem out of reach for some families. It is our goal to never turn away a family seeking a Catholic education for their child(ren). The Diocese of Arlington offers tuition assistance and scholarships to students accepted by or attending a diocesan Catholic elementary school. Details can be found on our website, **holycrossweb. com**. You may also give us a call at 540-286-1600 to get your questions answered and schedule a private tour. For more information about our preschool, please contact Sheri Castellarin, Director, at 540-373-7553 or **preschool@holycrossweb.com**. We would love to learn how Holy Cross Academy can be a blessing for your family!

HCA Preschool

Our HCA preschoolers ended February with our annual Donuts with Dad event, this year modified to be a drive through. It was fun getting to sit in the front seat of our dad's cars, eat Krispy Kreme donuts, and watch a special video of our preschoolers telling their favorite "dad jokes."

Moving into March, signs of spring are everywhere at Holy Cross Academy Preschool! Walk through the PLC after mass and you'll see kites, clovers, Dr. Seuss' "things," and a forest of truffula trees. But even better than that, you'll see how our youngest Crusaders are preparing their hearts during this season of Lent through performing acts of kindness, special prayer intentions, and learning about the Trinity. They have even learned a special Lent song. We are so very blessed to have this special place on the St. Mary campus to play, learn, and grow!

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. If you have a three or four year old child, please contact our preschool director, Mrs. Sheri Castellarin via phone at 540-373-7553 or by email at **preschool@holycrossweb.com** to schedule a visit.



A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence







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SERVICIO DE IMPUESTOS GRATUITOS:

Si el ingreso de su hogar fue de \$ 80,000 o menos en 2020, Rappahannock United Way puede ayudarle a presenter sus impuestos GRATIS.

Reúne los Documentos:

- Formularios de ingreso (W2, 1099s)
- Formularios de desempleo (1099g) si es aplicable
- Identificación con fotografía (Por cada persona que presenta)
- Tarjeta de Seguro Social (Por cada persona que presenta y todos los dependientes)
- Información de cobertura de seguro médico para el hogar (1095s)
- ¿Presentar como Casado con una declaración conjunta? Ambas partes deben estar presente para firmar la declaración antes de presentar.

HORAS VIRTUALES:

Rappahannock United Way

Servicios de impuestos son 100% virtuales, sin contacto y están disponibles en RUWFREETAXES.org

• 25 de Enero - 15 de Abril

Martes: 3PM-7PM
Miércoles: 3PM-7PM
Jueves: 3PM-7PM
Viernes: 1PM-5PM

Sábados: 9AM-12PM

FECHAS DE LA TEMPORADA DE IMPUESTOS:

25 de Enero - 15 de Abril

Rappahannock United Way ofrecerá 100% virtuales servicios gratuitos de impuestos a partir de enero.

Para más información por favor visite: www. RUWFREETAXES.ORG

Por favor comuníquese con Rappahannock United Way directamente para solicitar adaptaciones especiales.

Correo electrónico:

taxhelp@rappahannockunitedway.org Número de teléfono: (540) 373-0041 Ext. 300

ENTREGA DE DOCUMENTOS:

Todas las entregas de documento en RUW deben ser programado a través de **www. RUWFREETAXES.ORG**. Las visitas sin cita no están disponibles. Entregas sin cita no se aceptará.

¿Preguntas?

Para más Información o para programar una cita, Visite: www.RUWFREETAXES.org

Comuníquese con el equipo:

Correo electrónico: taxhelp@rappahannockunitedway.org Número de teléfono: (540) 373-0041 Ext. 300

Rappahannock United Way lucha por la salud, la educación y la estabilidad financiera de toda persona en cada comunidad. Tenemos una vida. Para vivir mejor, debemos VIVIR UNIDOS.



7 ways to LOVE Lent pick 1 or ALL

1. Wednesday Nights with Jesus & St. Joseph

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life and faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

In an effort to learn more about the incredible spirituality and life of St. Joseph, our parish priests will offer the following reflections:

February 24 | Fidelity & Grace - Trustful surrender

March 3 | Faithfulness to the Interior Life - Silence

March 10 | The Worker - Labor as a gift from God

March 17 | Husband - Love for and guardian of Mary

March 24 | Father - Love for and teacher of Jesus

Join us in the Church

6:00pm - Adoration (all-night)

6:30pm – Reflections on St. Joseph

6:30-8:30pm - "The Light is On" Confessions in the PLC

6:45pm - Rosary

2. Engage 2021 Lent Reflections

Each Monday, beginning February 22nd you will receive a reflection from Bishop Barron on the season of Lent and its practices. We invite you to take the time to watch the short video and respond with your thoughts. To signup to receive them visit our website **stmaryfred.org** and click on the link found at the top of the page entitled Lent 2021 and join "**Engage 2021**".

3. Lenten Challenge

Great "Challenge" for the entire family! This Challenge lasts for 25 days beginning Ash Wednesday. Receive a daily email with the days Challenge and see if you and your family members or friends can rise to the occasion! Challenges are simple and meant to focus our attention on lent, love and sacrifice. To sign-up for the Lenten Challenge visit our website **stmaryfred.org** and click on the link found at the top of the page entitled Lent 2021 and join "Lenten Challenge"

4. Stations of the Cross

Make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ.

Every Friday in the Church 7pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish (live-streamed too).

*Booklets are always available in the vestibule of the Church. Always welcome to come privately or with your family and journey together.

5. Daily Mass & Adoration

Meet Jesus in the Eucharist Daily - 6:30am, 9:00am and noon (M,W,F)

Adoration - Wednesdays 12:30pm-Fridays 9am.

6. Confession

Let yourself be healed by Christ and progress in your spiritual journey. "Confession is the soul's bath – receive it often." Padre Pio

Wednesdays 11:30am-noon and 6:30pm-8:30pm Saturdays 8am-8:30am and 3:30pm-4:30pm

7. Rosary

"The rosary is the weapon for these times." Padre Pio 6:00pm Live-Streamed Daily



lent & holy week

calendar

Confession Schedule Lent and Holy Week

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The complete schedule of confessions is found in the calendar to the right.

All Parishioners are kindly requested to please plan confessions as early as possible in the season of Lent in order to avoid overwhelming last-minute crowds.

Please note: There are no confessions during Masses in the church. Also, there will be NO confessions after 2pm on Good Friday, nor on Holy Saturday.

STATIONS of the CROSS in English are prayed on Fridays of Lent at 7pm.

Horario para Confesiones durante Cuaresma y Semana Santa

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Puede encontrar el horario completo de confesiones en el calendario a la derecha.

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Favor de planificar sus confesiones lo más pronto posible para evitar dificultades a última hora.

Recuerde, que NO habrá confesiones después de 2pm el Viernes Santo, NI en Sábado Santo.

Tendremos El VIA CRUCIS en español cada viernes durante la cuaresma a las 7:30pm (Primero Viernes, 10 de marzo, a las 7:30pm)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2nd SUN	1	2	3 11:30am- 12pm & 6:30pm- 8:30pm	4	5	8:00am- 8:30am & 3:30pm- 4:30pm
7 3rd SUN	8	9	10 11:30am- 12pm & 6:30pm- 8:30pm	11	12	8:00am - 8:30am & 3:30pm - 4:30pm
14 4th SUN	15	16	11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 8:30pm	18	19	8:00am - 8:30am & 3:30pm - 4:30pm
21 5th SUN	22 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7:30pm	23	24 11:30am- 12pm & 6:30pm- 8:30pm	25	26 11:30am- 12pm & 6:30pm- 7:30pm	27 8 - 8:30am 2:30 - 4:30pm
28 PALM SUNDAY	29 11:30am- 12pm & 6:30pm- 7:30pm	30 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7:30pm	31 11:30am- 12pm & 6:30pm- 8:30pm	April 1 HOLY THURS	2:30pm - 2:30pm FXBG Expo Center	No Confessions
4 EASTER SUNDAY	5	6	7 11:30am- 12pm & 6:30pm- 8:30pm	8	9	10
Second Sunday of Easter	12	13	14 11:30am- 12pm & 6:30pm- 8:30pm	15	16	17
Second Sunday of Easter	19	20	21 11:30am- 12pm & 6:30pm- 8:30pm	22	23	24

The discipline of the Church includes abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent (solid purple days) and fasting and abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting includes one regular meal, and the other two small meals are not to exceed a regular meal in quantity, with nothing between meals.







The Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday) Will be celebrated entirely at the Fredericksburg Expo Center in order for us to accommodate the maximum number of parishioners.

Holy Thursday

 $_{APRIL}$ 1 (No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) -STREAMING ONLINE ONLY

7:30_{PM} - FXBG EXPO CENTER Mass of the Lord's Supper

The concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood by Jesus at the Last Supper. The commandment of love is symbolized by the Mandatum, or footwashing, where Jesus teaches, "As I have done, so must you also do." Parishioners are encouraged to join in the ancient procession of the Blessed Sacrament to Saint Mary Church, where adoration will continue until midnight as we accompany Jesus in his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Following Mass. **Caravan to St Mary Church** Vigil at the Altar of Repose

Concluding at Midnight followed by Night Prayer. (Liturgy of the Hours)

Good Friday

APRIL 2 (No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

9AM

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) -STREAMING ONLINE ONLY

12:00-2:00PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER **Confessions**

12:00 - 3:00PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER "Tre Ore," The Seven Last Words

Although not a part of the formal observance of the Sacred Triduum Rites as such, this is a traditional custom of many churches. The seven last words of Jesus as he is crucified on the cross are presented every 25 minutes, each with a congregational hymn and choral selections. Clergy will give a reflection for each of the words of Jesus and the Three Hours will conclude with the public praying of the Stations of the Cross.

3:00_{PM} - FXBG EXPO CENTER The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (English)

We assemble in observance of Christ's saving death, by reading the narrative of his Passion, praying for the Universal Church, venerating his Cross in this ancient Rite and receiving Holy Communion which was consecrated on the previous evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

The Good Friday collection assists the maintenance of the Shrines in the Holy Land.

7:00_{PM} - FXBG EXPO CENTER **Stations of the Cross**

8:00_{PM} - FXBG EXPO CENTER El Via Crucis (En Español)

Holy Saturday

ARPIL 3

(No 9am, 5pm or 7pm Masses or Confessions)

9_{AM} Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) -STREAMING ONLINE ONLY

11:00_{AM} - FXBG EXPO CENTER The Blessing of Easter Food

For those who practice the beautiful Eastern European custom of having Easter foods blessed, please place baskets of traditional foods on the steps along the front of the altar.

8:30pm - FXBG EXPO CENTER The Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

What Sunday is to the week, Easter Sunday is to the year. This holiest of nights we celebrate the victory over death and promise of eternal life given to us by Jesus Christ in his resurrection from the dead. The Liturgy includes the Service of Light, the Vigil of Readings and Psalms, the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for those who have prepared all year for initiation in the Catholic Church, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please note the unusual time that we begin: it marks the end of twilight and the beginning of the Solemnity of Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday

APRIL 4

8AM, 10:15AM, 12:30PM (BILINGUAL), AND 2:30 PM CONFIRMATION MASS The Resurrection of the Lord

> ALL Masses will be at the Fredericksburg Expo Center

Please note: there will be NO 2pm nor 5pm or 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday!

Masses will not be held at the church or at Holy Cross Academy on Easter Sunday

2:30pm is a Confirmation Mass for St Mary Confirmation Students

our parish happenings







vida parroquial

noticias en español



¿A PERDIDO SU TRABAJO? ¿NECESITA

LA ALACENA DE EMERGENCIA DE ST. MARY ESTÁ ABIERTA DE LUNES -VIERNES 9-4PM

Tenemos miembros de nuestra parroquia disponibles para ayudarles

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN CONTACTE A ELENA DOYLE A EDOYLE@STMARYFRED.ORG HABLA ESPAÑOL El Grupo de Oración Carismático Parroquial, "Confiados en Jesús y María" les invita a su streaming live por Facebook en su página @ confiadosenjesus, todos los viernes, comenzando el 31 de julio.

Itinerario:

7pm Santo Rosario 7:30pm Animación 7:40pm Oración y Alabanza 8pm Tema de formación

Estudio Bíblico en Español

St. Jude Church, Fredericksburg, VA Iniciando el sábado 27 de febrero, 2021 Sacerdote, Profeta, Rey

- Fechas: cinco sábados consecutivos empezando el 27 de Febrero. Seis temas diferentes
- Hora: 6:30 8:00 PM
- Lugar: Iglesia St. Jude y/o Vía ZOOM
- Costo: \$25 (incluye libro de texto, ver videos, discusiones en clase y materiales informativos adicionales)

Para registrarse y más información, Sr Tony Gibert Email: tonygibert61@gmail.com | Texto: 540-287-6067

¿Quiere hacerse CIUDADANO?

Regístrese para una evaluación inicial y conseguir la participación en un taller de naturalización virtual organizado por Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services. CUÁNDO: 10 de marzo de 2021 ** tenga en cuenta que las evaluaciones iniciales se llevarán a cabo por teléfono hasta el 26 de febrero de 2021 **DÓNDE: ¡¡Desde la comodidad de su hogar !! COSTO: \$ 125 (\$ 75 por la consulta y \$60 por la aplicación). ¿Cómo registrarse?: Complete la hoja de admisión y luego envíela por correo electrónico a citizen.hogar@ccda.net oSydney.bright@ccda.net . La hoja de admisión requerida se puede encontrar en: ccda.net/need-help/imjected-and-refugees/citizenship-and-legal-services/citizenship-application-assistance/

** Debe haber sido un residente permanente legal durante 5 años para calificar para la ciudadanía. **



operations

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Weekly Offertory

Donations Received March 10 - March 15, 2021

Sunday Offertory \$18,084.51 Parish Debt Reduction \$520 St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$1,034

Faith Direct Deposit March 15

Sunday Offertory	\$14,412.95
Parish Debt Reduction	980
Black & Indian Missions	315
Catholic Relief Services	260

Our Second Collection for Easter is our Annual Parish Appeal for Development and Maintenance.
Thank you for your generosity.

Pro-Life Reflection

Jesus endured crucifixion out of love for us, giving Himself away that we might have life. Abortion, on the other hand, is the opposite of love because it takes life. Love says, "I sacrifice myself for the good of the other person." Abortion says, "I sacrifice the other person for the good of myself." Father, fill me and all people with the same love by which Your Son gave Himself away on the Cross. Grant that we may sacrifice ourselves and never sacrifice others.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for April

The children's charity that will benefit from offerings in April is the Operation Purple Program of the National Military Family Association. When you hear "Operation Purple Camp" you should think: Kids Serve Too! The camps are a time for having fun, making friends, and reminding military kids that they are the Nation's youngest heroes.

The Operation Purple program was created in 2004 to fill a need

identified by military parents to "help us help our kids." The mission of the Operation Purple program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. We do this through a variety of means, including the healing and holistic aspect of the natural world. The program is joint or "purple"—encompassing all Service branches, including the National Guard and Reserve.

Since its creation in 2004, the Operation Purple program has grown to serve approximately 62,000 military children and teens. The Operation Purple program also includes family retreats at national parks and specialized family camps geared to address the needs of children and families of our nation's wounded service members.

For more information, visit their website at militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/camps/

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

800 Years of Franciscan Presence, Care, Service

At this special time of year, the entire Catholic community participates in the support of Christians in the Holy Land. The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Since the 13th Century, the Order of St. Francis has been walking in Jesus' footsteps, working not only to make Christianity's holiest sites accessible to all the faithful, but preserving

the Holy Land's precious Christian community, the "living stones of the Church", through education and scholarships, charity and assistance to the poor and pastoral ministry in 29 parishes, 4 homes for orphans and 3 academic institutions. The Good Friday Collection is the primary means of support for this work. It is a Pontifical Collection requested by Pope Francis, and your generosity is truly appreciated. For more information, visit myfranciscan.org/good-friday

Important BLA Note

Thank you to all our parishioners who have donated to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. If you have signed up to make monthly payments to the BLA, please be sure to send those monthly payment directly to the BLA. Any payments made through Faith Direct or sent to the parish will cause a delay in processing and in recording your payment with the Diocese.



Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Easter Flowers.

Envelopes are available in your envelope packets and in the Church.

liturgy

daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Deanna White, David Mares, 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, Frank Pollack, Charlotte Heagney, Joseph Daley, Carolyn Shebora, Jordan Tackett, Melvin Schreckinger, Stephen Inguanti, Rhonda Wolfe, Delia Flores, Bruce Berry, Glen Gress, Bobby Blankenship & family, Buddy & Vincent Yerkie & Family, Carolyn Allen, Mitchell Wood, Isaac, Nikolai & Bridget Sherba, Felicity Peletier, Leah Sanford, Jason Stoker, Makenna Anne Koetzle, Peggy Silverman, Jack Ryan, Amy Peretta, Janet Fisher, Paul Scott, Wendy Vann, Michael Vann, Michelle Thomas, Jerry Hall, Zelda Meyer, Robert Boggio ,Ryan McNichol, Bianca Sanchez, Jackeline Sanchez & Family, Mary Hope Burkett, Dick Geary, Sean Duarte, Dave & Joy Zerby, David Silberman, Mrs. Joann A. Formeller, Jim Matarese & Son, Paula Hass, Leony Scott, Catherine Laski, Winifred Herrin, Brenda Leffel, Deborah Nunez, Larry Hays, Alma Keyes, Mary Carr-John, Phil Fuller, Jean Guinn, Sylvia Littlepaige, Andy Johnston, Jacoby Smith, Andrew Prybys, Richard Epp, Barbara Sisbarro, Maria Atkins. Santo Domingo Hernandez Gomez & family, Otilia Dogmoc, Linda Rager, Samantha Stumpf, Lonnie Dalton, Gail Erickson, Blanca Garcia, Rildo Ribelino Soto, Giles Morgan, Kim Matkovsky, Frances Conn, Christine Frescas, James Murphy, Daniel Burke, Joan Baker, Stephen O'Byrne, Marian Wilinski, Martha Clements, Bernard Cruz, Margaret Krebbel, Floyd Carver, Jr., Michael Sharkey, Jerry Werline, Patricia Johnston, Claire Matthews, Zachary Payne, Ernalina Kyle, Betty Curtis, Patrick Sherba, Sr., Dennis Farmer, Ernalina Kyle, Maria Wood, Margie Hougasian, Maria Wood, Robert Gibson, Mary Brussell, Bruce Mattern, Miles Wood, Roseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpey, Danielle Mc'Carty, Scott Robey, Kellan Moran, Mary Bostain, Dilma Magalhaes Da Silva, Carol Mauro, Michael Robertson, Michol Durham, Maureen Mizzles, Michael Wood, Paul Remick, James Hogan, Brenda Skinner, Lourdes Jeane De Toledo Moura, Kristen Burns, Erin McMakin, Margaret Nault, Daniel Foster and the Foster Family, Teresa Triplett, Greg Carneal, Annie Duffy, Jimmy Duncan, Deirdre McQuade, Schauobe Johnson, Paul Lysher, Doug Johnson, Anne Graf, Deirdre McQuade, Linda Wolf, Sharon Bender, Patrick Sevbro, Rhett Loveless, Emma Bang, Rhoda Stackhouse, Karen Short, Amber Short, Adam Rousson, Marybeth Moss, Mary Jean Williams, Linda & Frank Walter, Kay Simmons, Randy Gardiner, Heather Issues, Kristy Fairbanks, Glen Sharlun, Rhoda Stackhouse, Robert Derouin, Thomas Moeller, Julianne Kelsey, Cesar Smith, Leo Conwell, Cloyd Anthony Arce, Matt and Brittnay Meyer, Pam Shapiro, Doug and Dede Meyer, Sara Meyer, Matt Busby, Zelda Meyer, Royal Schmidt Jr., Kelly Keiser, William J. Chavez, Emily Clemente, Tom Burke, Claire Dougherty, Shanon Berry, Mary Ulmer, Jeanie Conwell, Gary Rolla, Grace Sherry, William F. & Anna Mary Perez Dealderett, Faith Hinkle, Jack Grey, Jim Mann, Sue Silvers, William Callahan, Genevieve Callahan, Gilbert Flores, Julia Seale, Paul Hood, Kathy Kabat, Helen Guichard, Marc Wood, Jean Conwell, Mary Ann Seidlinger, Penny Russell, Kathleen Szyna, Helen Guichard

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, Patrick Fenton, David James, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew M. Smith, Nelly Garcia, Mindy Hakenson, 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, Frank Spatt Jr., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser, Sean Jobes, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, Daniel Algert, Jason King, Lieutenant Ashton Briganti, 2nd Lieutenant Tazman Briganti

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

Al / Nar Anon Support Available

Al Anon is 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 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 100 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8pm and are open to the community at large. Contact Wayne at cushingwr@gmail.com / 540-840-5230 or Wanda at wandasj823@gmail.com / 540-538-6978

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

March

29 MONDAY

6:30am Mary That The Nguyen+ 9:00am Philip Antonio Jenkins Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

30 TUESDAY

6:30am Jesus and Dolorez Guzman+ 9:00am Dominic Francis Zaccarelli+ Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

31 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Rebecca Delphia 8:15am* The Caiafa Family 9:00am Daniel Anthony Jenkins Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

April

1 THURSDAY

7:30pm For All Priests Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

2 FRIDAY

6:30am 9:00am Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

3 SATURDAY

8:30pm For Our RCIA Catechumens & Candidates Gn 1:1—2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/ls 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

4 SUNDAY

8:00am For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
10:15am For Our Parish
12:30pm For Religious Freedom and the Protection of Life
2:30pm For Our Confirmandi
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy Please remember, Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If a desired date is no longer available, 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.