

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021



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

# announcements

## LIVE-STREAMING NEWS

The 8:30am Sunday and weekday Masses are the ONLY live-streamed Masses.

Live-streaming will ONLY take place on Sunday's at the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses if needed due to overflow in the PLC. If the PLC is empty, no live-streaming will occur. Folks are encouraged to join the celebration of Mass in the church. For those with health concerns, Mass is being offered Sunday's at 8:30am at Holy Cross Academy – Mask are mandatory and Holy Communion is offered on the hand ONLY.

Please note, once the 8:30am live-stream is complete, the Mass is available to view all day long.

## USHERS NEEDED

AT ALL MASSES

With the lifting of the dispensation for Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation by the Bishops, we will be in need of additional assistance at ALL MASSES

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# contact us

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### 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, Monday, after 9am Mass  
Divine Mercy, Wednesday, 3pm

### CONFESSION

Wednesday 11:30am-12pm, 6:30 - 8:30pm;  
Saturday, 8-8:30am & 3:30 - 4:30pm

### PARISH OFFICE

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

Fr. John Mosimann, Pastor  
Fr. Sean Koehr, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Michael Folmar, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Alberto Bernaola  
Deacon Dick Delio

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski  
Director of Operations, Chris Lanzarone  
Facilities, Late-Lawson Drackey  
Custodial Services, Carmen Sanchez  
Parish Secretary, Jachebel Rios

### MUSIC

Director of Music, David Uschold  
Asst. Director of Music, Malinda Jones

### HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234  
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[sfry@holycrossweb.com](mailto:sfry@holycrossweb.com)

### HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL

540-373-7553  
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Aristides Lucas  
Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant  
Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran

### OUTREACH

Director, Elena Doyle

### 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 the parish six months in advance to begin preparation.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.  
Send articles to [bulletin@stmaryfred.org](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception  
1009 Stafford Avenue  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

from our pastor

# pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

Advent Confessions.

What preparations did the Lord make for His coming? Only one thing: the perfect Immaculate Soul of His Mother. That's it. They didn't have a place to stay, they didn't have a fancy hospital, or a perfectly prepared baby-room. Going to confession is the BEST possible preparation you can make to celebrate Christmas.

This year, we have again added many more opportunities for you to celebrate this great Sacrament of the Lord's mercy. I won't repeat the whole schedule, because it is in the calendar that we have already been running in the bulletin.

However, the eagle-eyed will notice that this year we added confessions on Sunday the 12th and Sunday the 19th. Set so that there are times before 2 Masses this week, and before two different Masses next week. Fr. Koehr has been offering these at Spanish Mass for a time, and in his wild-eyed young priest enthusiasm said, "Why not Sundays for everyone?" Well, I like adding more confessions / adoration / Masses, so why not?

I am very grateful to have a great rectory, with priests who are generous and willing to serve you without reservation.

You are invited to return to the great Sacrament of the Lord's mercy. Catholics come home!

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann



## education

# holy cross academy



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### Donuts with Dad

Even though Dads and students were bundled up to stay warm on a blustery day, everyone enjoyed the donuts and beverages provided by the PTO to recognize and honor dads. Thank you to our PTO for hosting this special event every year and being so flexible. We look forward to Muffins with Mom in the spring.

### Transitioning to High School

Eighth grade students and their parents attended an evening dedicated to learning more about transitioning to high school and the available options. Nine schools utilized fifteen minute blocks to present to interested families. Thank you to everyone who attended and Mrs. Shevlin, our Guidance Counselor, for organizing the evening.

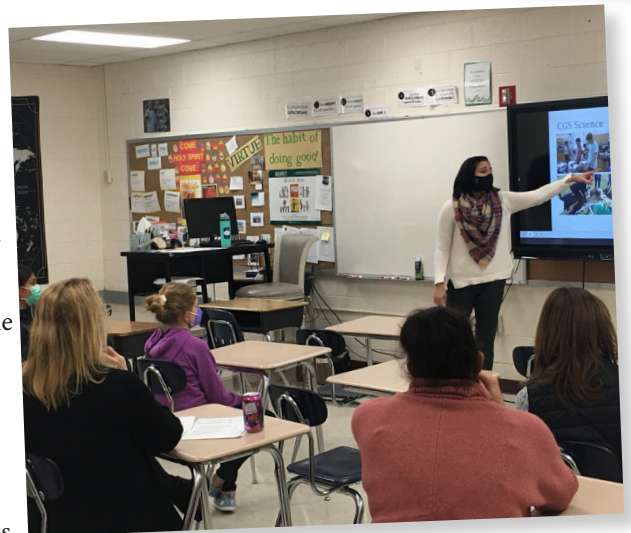
### Next Open House January 30, 2022, 1-3pm

Holy Cross Academy will be hosting an open house on January 30 from 1pm - 3pm for families who are interested in learning more about our amazing school. Don't miss the opportunity to take a tour, talk to teachers and meet members of our community. The online application link will open for new families at the end of January.

### November Thankfulness

The month of November passed in a blur at HCA Preschool! We learned about community helpers, gratitude, and Thanksgiving. We collected lots of boxes of cereal that were donated to the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank. We also had a special Friendship Feast! Our December is a busy one too. We have been learning about Advent, St. Nicholas, the Nativity, Jesus, and about the different colors of vestments worn by the priests. Thank you Fr. Koehr for the fashion show! Of course, no December at preschool would be complete without a visit from Santa! While we normally have him visit in person, to help keep him healthy throughout the Christmas season, Santa visited us virtually from the North Pole! We will be finishing up 2021 with lots of fun crafts, making ornaments, and our four year olds will be performing Nativity plays for their families.

The HCA administration would like to wish all of our HCA staff, students, families and the St. Mary Parish Community a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



# education religious education

## Religious Education Events

### Monday, December 13

Third Meeting with parents and godparents of children to be baptized on January 8

### Monday to Wednesday, December 13-15

Religious Education Classes

### Monday to Wednesday, December 20 to 29

No Religious Education Classes, Christmas Break

### Monday to Wednesday, January 3 to 5

Religious Education Classes, Religious Education Family Week

### Saturday, January 8

Baptism of RE students at 10am in the church

### Monday to Wednesday, January 10 to 12

Religious Education Classes

### Monday to Wednesday, January 17 to 19

No Religious Education Classes, Semester 1 ends

### Wednesday, January 19

4th Catechist Training 6-9pm

### Thursday, January 20

Confirmation Year 1 Formation Night at HCA from 7-8pm

### Monday to Wednesday, January 24 to 26

Religious Education Classes

### Thursday, January 27

First Penance & First Communion meeting at 7pm in church

## Pope's December Prayer Intention

For Catechists: Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of December, inviting everyone to pray for catechists, "summoned to announce the Word of God," that they might "be its witnesses, with courage and creativity, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, with joy and much peace."

*By Christopher Wells*

"Catechists have an invaluable mission for the transmission and growth of the faith," says Pope Francis in The Pope Video for December.

Each month, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network prepares The Pope Video, in which the Holy Father reveals his special prayer intentions for that month.

For December 2021, the Pope is praying "for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, with joy and much peace."

A vocation and a mission

In his video message, Pope Francis says, "The lay ministry of catechist is a vocation; it's a mission... It's an entire way of being." He said the Church needs "good catechists who are both companions and teachers."

## FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

WATCH

### GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.

### GUADALUPE THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE



Do We Make Too  
Much of Mary?

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Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

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### MARIAN DOGMAS WITH MATT FRADD & BRANT PITRE

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Earlier this year, Pope Francis formally restored the lay ministry of catechists with the Apostolic Letter *Antiquum ministerium*, issued "motu proprio," or on his own initiative. In this month's video, the Pope explains that even today, "in many dioceses, on many continents, evangelization is fundamentally in the hands of a catechist."

Proclaiming the Gospel with their lives

So, he said, the Church needs "creative people who proclaim the Gospel, but who proclaim it neither with a mute nor with a loudspeaker, but rather with their life, with gentleness, with a new language, and opening new ways."

An example of this "new language" for catechesis is seen in The Pope Video for December, which shows catechists and young people working together on a mural representing the washing of feet.

An elegant gesture

In his message, Pope Francis invites the faithful to "thank catechists for the interior enthusiasm with which they live this mission at the service of the Church."



# our parish happenings

## 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.

## Men's Cursillo Weekend

The Men's Cursillo weekend for the Arlington Diocese will take place March 24-27, 2022 at San Damiano Retreat House, White Post VA. This is a fun, fast moving retreat designed to center oneself, grow in grace, and connect with other Catholic Men in small groups with discussions. There will be 2 Spiritual Directors and 10 lay speakers. There will be time for Reconciliation, Mass, reflection and learning from others. Please contact: Tammie Chute at [tammiechute@hotmail.com](mailto:tammiechute@hotmail.com) or go online to: [arlingtoncursillo.org](http://arlingtoncursillo.org) and click on the top right hand choice of Cursillo Weekends. As an added note....TMIY, we would love to have any of you participate for another angle on living your faith. Knights of Columbus, this is an opportunity to gather with other Catholic Men who walk the faith journey. All men are welcome!

## Have a Scrip kind of Christmas

Christmas is coming! Have you placed your Scrip order yet? Scrip is a great way to shop for all your holiday needs. Start pre-ordering your cards now so you can be ready bright and early for the Holidays. We have many great retailers like Walmart, Target, Macy's, Kohl's, Lowes, Home Depot, Bass Pro Shops, and many more in inventory now. We can order other cards from over 750 retailers. There are no activation fees on Scrip gift cards. Check out the retailer list at [ShopwithScrip.com](http://ShopwithScrip.com). Scrip can help you budget your holiday shopping expenses and help HCA at the same time. Stop by the Scrip table today and find out how to use Scrip for all your shopping needs! Last day to order Scrip cards is 13 December to ensure Christmas delivery. The last weekend for Scrip sales after masses will be the 19/20 December. Shop early!

To set up an account at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com), use our school code, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP or would like the school code, or to place an order, please email the Scrip Coordinator at [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com). Thanks for using Scrip and supporting Holy Cross Academy.

## Micah Cold Weather Shelter

Micah has started housing those in need in local hotels and will continue to do so until mid- to late-March. Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings by greeting and registering clients at the hospitality center, helping with other tasks and busing the clients to a local hotel. **Each participating church is asked to bring items for those in need. Items most requested are t-shirts (all sizes), underwear (boxers), deodorant and razors. 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 Micah can provide hotel rooms 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, [brisbencentre.org](http://brisbencentre.org).**

## CCW December Program

Get those singing voices ready, as the Council of Catholic Women hosts a mini concert, and sing-along, on December 21 after the 9am Mass. St. Mary's Director of Music and organist, David Uschold and Assistant Director of Music and cantor, Malinda Jones will entertain us with their musical talent, as well as accompany us in singing some of our favorite Christmas carols. It's sure to be beautiful, and lots of fun! Hope to see you there!



# Christmas TREE SALE

**November 27 - December 23**

## BEHIND THE CHURCH

These are Virginia grown (Mt. Rogers), freshly cut premium Fraser Firs with beautiful long-lasting soft needles and that great memorable evergreen smell.

The best selection and freshest trees of course are when the trees arrive. The trees will be sold on weekends from 8am-8pm and weekdays (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) from 3-8pm through December 23 or until we sell out.

**Questions:**  
[timgfleming@gmail.com](mailto:timgfleming@gmail.com)

# our parish happenings

## Concerts at Saint Mary: Advent Lessons and Carols

In joyful expectation of Christ's coming at Christmas, the Festival Choir of Saint Mary will present a service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 7:30pm. In addition to the readings and choral anthems presented by the choir, there will be an opportunity for the congregation to participate in singing carols of the Advent Season.

The tradition of the Festival of Lessons and Carols was established in England as the adaptation of an earlier service on Christmas Eve, 1918, in the chapel of Kings College, Cambridge University, for the university community and for the city of Cambridge. The Kings College service was first broadcast by radio in 1928; and, excepting the year 1930, these broadcasts have continued to this day. This wonderful tradition, moreover, has been duplicated in cathedrals and churches throughout America.



Come and prepare your hearts for Christ's coming!

## Pray the Rosary with Your Parish

Join your parish family every morning to pray the Rosary, Monday through Friday immediately following the 6:30am Mass and Monday through Saturday at 8:15am before the 9am Mass. On Thursday mornings the Rosary is offered for all Priests.

## Adult Education at St. Mary's

We will be offering **Catholicism: The Pivotal Players** beginning Monday, January 3, 2022 at 9:45am

**CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players** showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization.

Journey with Bishop Barron to explore the lasting influence of these Pivotal Play-

ers. Our parish journey begins on **January 3, 2022. Sign-up at the Parish Office or call 540-373-6491. Class size will be limited to 30 max.** Class cost is \$25 (which will be collected at the first class). For more information, please contact Suzette at [agingcoastrkid@yahoo.com](mailto:agingcoastrkid@yahoo.com).

## Prayers and Squares

We will have pocket squares available the weekend of December 18 & 19. The small square comes with a string attached for you to tie a knot while you say a prayer. You can slip the square into your pocket and when your fingers touch it, be mindful of God's love and grace for you and say a prayer. If you prefer, you may say a prayer for someone else and pass it along in the form of a tiny gift. If you wish to request a prayer quilt, please contact the office or Dian Epp, at [dbep65@outlook.com](mailto:dbep65@outlook.com).

## CCW'S Last Minute Market

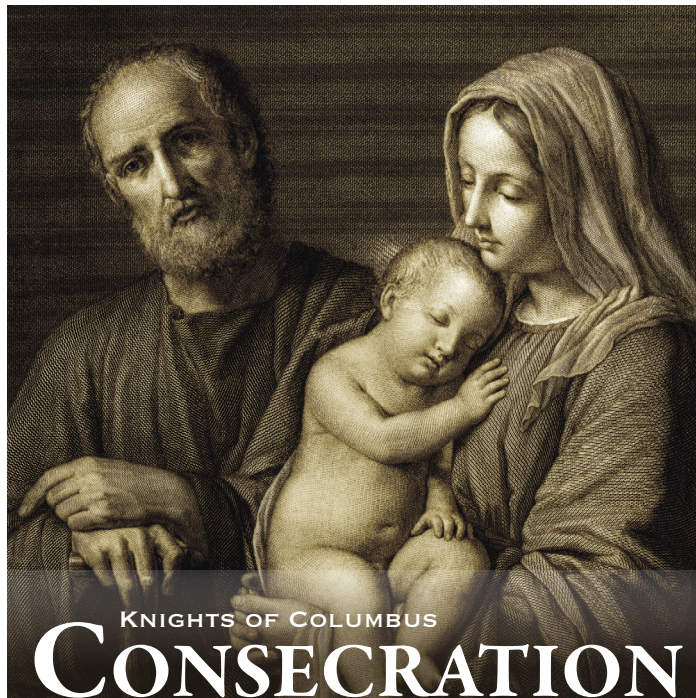
There will be a "Last Minute Market" to benefit the St. Mary Council of Catholic Women from 11am to 4pm Sunday, December 19, at 1410 Royston Street (the big blue house near church)! Come browse NEW items, most in original packaging, and selected one-of-a-kind hand crafts—all sorts of special gifts and stocking stuffers galore, at discounted prices. Music, food, fun!

## Pilgrim Virgin Statue

If you would like the Blessed Mother to visit your home, please contact Mary Lou Felts, 571-723-3333 or [maryloufelts@gmail.com](mailto:maryloufelts@gmail.com).



# our faith happenings



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. We invite every family of our parish to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family on December 26th at 10:30am Mass at Holy Cross Academy

### Four suggested steps before praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

1. Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
2. Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.
3. As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting Helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
4. Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.

## The First Saturdays Devotion at ST. Mary's, I.C.

Come and join Deacon Alberto on December 1st or, 15th for a presentation on the Communal First Saturdays & Fatima Message

**Time: 7pm**

**Place: Courtyard Room (Father Rooney Room)**

Jesus & His Mother Made a Special Request for the First Saturdays

The First Saturdays Devotion, also known as the "Five First Saturdays" is a special request by Our Lord and Our Lady to make reparation for all the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady promised personal salvation if we fulfill the five consecutive First Saturdays. However, we should continue to fulfill them every month to console the Hearts of Jesus and Mary and make reparation for the sins of others. The continued practice of the First Saturdays will help bring about a period of peace and the salvation of many souls as Our Lady promised (Fatima, July 13, 1917).





# our parish st nicholas visit

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus who warmly welcomed and hosted parish families this past weekend, as we celebrated The Feast of St. Nicholas! Children and parents alike were greeted by St. Nicholas who posed for pictures with kiddos! Donuts and hot chocolate were enjoyed by all and children were given a little stocking filled with chocolate coins and a rosary. What a wonderful treat!



## Los Primeros Sábados en ST. Mary's, I.C.

Venga y únase al Diacono Alberto en Diciembre Iro. o, el 15 para una presentación de los Primeros Sábados Comunitarios y el Mensaje de Fátima.

Hora: 8pm

Lugar: Courtyard Room (Father Rooney Room)

Jesús y Su Madre han hecho un pedido especial por los Primeros Sábados. La Devoción del Primer Sábado, También conocida como: "Los Primeros Cinco Sábados, es un pedido especial de nuestro Señor y Nuestra Señora de hacer reparación por todos los pecados en contra del inmaculado Corazón de María. Nuestra Señora prometió salvación personal si cumplimos con los primeros cinco sábados, consecutivos, del mes. Sin embargo, debemos de continuar a cumplirlos de lleno, todos los meses, para, consolar los corazones de Jesús y María y hacer reparación por los pecados de otros. La continua practica de los primeros sábados traerá un período de paz y salvación a muchas almas, como, Nuestra Señora nos ha prometido (FATIMA, Julio 13, 1917).





# The Advent Season 2021 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 **December 23 at 7:30pm**

## Daily Mass

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

## Immaculate Conception, December 7 & 8

*Tuesday, December 7: 6pm & 7:30pm*

*Wednesday, December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation): 6:30am, 9am, 12pm, 4pm Latin, 6pm, 7:30pm Bilingual*

## Candlelight Mass

*Every Sunday of Advent at 7pm in the Church*

## Advent Lessons & Carols

*December 17 at 7:30pm*

## Regular Confession Schedule

*Wednesdays in the Church from 11:30am-12pm & 6:30-8:30pm*

*Saturdays in the Parish Life Center from 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm*

*Due to the sheer volume of Confessions, please be patient.  
The priests will try to finish the line in a timely manner. Thank you.*

## Additional Advent Confessions

*December 12 at 8-8:30am and 12-12:30pm*

*December 13 and 17 at 6:30-7pm*

*December 19 at 10-10:30am and 2-2:30pm*

*December 20-23 at 11:30am-12pm and 6:30-7:30pm*

# The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2021



## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

*4pm, 6:30pm (Spanish), 8:30pm, 12am (midnight) at Saint Mary Church  
4pm & 6:30pm at Holy Cross Academy*

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

*7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm at Saint Mary Church  
No Saturday Confessions & No Evening Masses*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

### FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

*7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm at Saint Mary Church  
8:30am (High Risk Covid Mass) & 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy*

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

*Vigil Mass 6pm | 12am (midnight) at Saint Mary Church*

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

### SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD (Not a Day of Obligation)

*7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30 (Bilingual) at Saint Mary Church | No Saturday Confessions*

### VIGIL for the EPIPHANY

*5pm & 7pm at Saint Mary Church*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

### FEAST of the EPIPHANY

*7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm at Saint Mary Church  
8:30am (High Risk Covid Mass) & 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy*



# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

### Donations Received

#### November 9 - November 15

Sunday Offertory	\$22,224
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$9,158
Parish Debt Reduction Fund	\$935
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$546

### Donations Received

#### November 16 - November 23

Sunday Offertory	\$28,230.40
Catholic Campaign Human Development	\$6,594
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,206
Parish Debt Reduction	\$580
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$356

### Donations Received

#### November 24 - November 30

Sunday Offertory	\$22,701
Catholic Campaign Human Development	\$131
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$150
Parish Debt Reduction	\$330
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$633

### Faith Direct Donations 11/15/21

Sunday Offertory	\$17,749
All Saints Day	\$325
Parish Debt Reduction	41,005
Catholic Campaign Human Development	\$190
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$315

*The second collection on December 18 & 19 is for  
Parish Debt Reduction.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Masses were offered in November for the  
following unscheduled intentions:**

+Isabel Avalos, +Marguerite Cauley, +Pat Canning,  
+Michelle Diane Jones, +Gertrude Ivany, +Guillermo  
Ramsay, +Dorothy O'Keefe-Diana, +David Spellman,  
Cappello Children, +Edward Pietruszka, Sr., and  
+Theresa Denk.

## 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 Offertory Envelopes 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 [arlingtondiocese.org/mrs](http://arlingtondiocese.org/mrs).

## Pro-Life Reflection

Christmas, for which we are now preparing, is not simply the feast of the birth of Christ; it is the feast of His becoming human, the reality called the Incarnation. Jesus was an embryo, a fetus. Life in the womb, which was already sacred because it comes from God, is now made even more holy and worthy of our every sacrifice. *Lord Jesus, You lived for nine months within the body of the Virgin Mary. Give success to the efforts of all who believe in Your Incarnation to protect every life in the womb.*

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

# liturgy daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List - December

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:**

Jason Stoker, Paul A. Lombardy, Agnes Lombardy, Courtney Kirby, Jorge Felix, Shirley Bozicevic, Mary Ullmer, Nancy Conley, Joy Zerby, Mary Farrell Bennett, Thomas Moeller, Carol Smoller, Jim Mann, Cheryl Keiser, Joy & Dave Zerby, William Lewis, Shirley Bozicevic, Joanne O'Brien, Paul Lysher, Eileen Geary, Michael Vasquez, Philip Haas, Jim Mann, Joyce Fonda, Maria Pierce, Cathleen Mihalaki, Edward Bohnenberger

**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, 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 Jobs, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, Daniel Algert, Jason King, Lieutenant Ashton Briganti, 2nd Lieutenant Tazman Briganti, Davon Bare, John Fartro, Michael Fedowitz Jr., Eric Menser, Sean Penczak, Will Atkins

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

## St. Mary Prayer List

As a reminder, we will update our prayer list in the bulletin as a monthly listing. If you would like to include a person on the prayer list, please email [stmary@stmaryfred.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org) or call the office at 540-373-6491.

Your intention will be included for the month. If you would like your intention to remain, please reach back out and we will happily include it for an additional month.

Thank you.

## Are You Affected By A Loved Ones' Addiction to Drugs?

If you are, please be aware that there is a program at St Mary that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with this problem. The program is called Nar-Anon.

One of the best benefits of Nar-Anon is that you will find compassion and support from others who are experiencing similar problems and struggles as well as people who have made it through these struggles. You will have the opportunity to hear stories from other members who have addicts in their families as well and see what coping mechanisms worked for them.

All information and discussion at the meetings are non-judgmental, informative, and strictly confidential. The meetings are in Room 100 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8 pm and are open to the community at large. For more information, contact Wayne at [cushingwr@gmail.com](mailto:cushingwr@gmail.com)/540-840-5230 or Wanda at [wandasj823@gmail.com](mailto:wandasj823@gmail.com)/540-538-6978.

## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

### December

#### 13 MONDAY

6:30am Evelyn and Glen Derouin+  
9:00am Theodora Woods+  
12:00pm Harris Lucas, Jr.+  
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

#### 14 TUESDAY

6:30am Oscar Gulmatico+  
9:00am John Wright Prohaska  
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

#### 15 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Gonzalo Guacena  
8:15am\* Mary Brighanti+  
9:00am Ruth Stellino+  
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

#### 16 THURSDAY

6:30am Roberty Hanichak+  
9:00am Theodora Woods+  
Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30

#### 17 FRIDAY

6:30am Late Lawson-Drackey  
9:00am Mary Brighanti  
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

#### 18 SATURDAY

9:00am Pierre Charbonet  
5:00pm Raymond Corpe+  
7:00pm Nathan P. O'Brien  
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

#### 19 SUNDAY

7:00am For Our Parish  
8:30am Mary Tankersley Thomas+  
10:30am Catherine Sturtevant  
10:30am\* Gary Lohman+  
12:30pm Vicki Sangiovese  
2:30pm Ana Gloria Salazar  
5:00pm Michael and Rachel Luciani  
7:00pm Ismael Colin+  
Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

*\* 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.*