

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 27, 2022



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

announcements

New Parishioner Welcome Sunday, March 27 11:45am-2:30pm

Welcome to St. Mary's! Fr. Mosimann and a few members of our Welcoming Committee are looking forward to spending some time with you, to get to know you a bit and see how you (and your family) might be interested in sharing your gifts and talents with your new parish family.

Please sign-up for a time slot for yourself and/or family to spend time with our Welcome Committee Team and with your new pastor.

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St. Mary Parish Synodal Listening Session

Please join Fr. Mosimann and your fellow parishioners on Monday, March 28 at 6pm in the church for a prayerful listening and dialogue session.

All are invited
English, Spanish, French

contact us

stmaryfred.org

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

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

540-286-1600
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234
Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry,
sfry@holycrossweb.com

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL

540-373-7553
Director, Sheri Castellarin

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. Thanks!

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

from our pastor

pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

Singing Latin at Mass? What are we to think?

Since I have had two folks ask me about singing in Latin in our Sunday Masses, that means that many of you are asking yourself the same questions.

Four principles: First, having hired a qualified director of Sacred Music, I do not micromanage the selections that he makes. He has earned my trust and yours. Second, I do and will continue to give feedback, just as you do, and to enunciate principles for the parish celebration of the Liturgy. Third, I do not believe that Latin is the answer to all that ails the Catholic Church. Fourth: full and active participation is an external and internal conformity to the Mass; not a matter of 'what I am doing.' Prayer and singing is a both/and principle, not either/or.

We have been doing the Latin responses during the penitential seasons (Lent and Advent) for a little while now (three years). There are a couple of reasons why the Latin Mass parts are appropriate for penitential seasons:

1. The penitential seasons of Lent and Advent call for limited use of the organ and musical instruments. We try to limit their use as much as reasonably possible. Previous music directors here have chosen to have no recessional hymn, and to have priests exit in silence as an expression of the penitential nature of the season. I have found this silence stilted and awkward, and thus gave permission to have a simple chant serve the same purpose because it is ideal for acappella singing for those who wish to join, and a pleasant ear wash for those who prefer otherwise.

2. The second Vatican Council explicitly asked that all of the faithful know the Latin Mass parts that correspond to them: "Nevertheless steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them" (Sacrosanctum Concilium 54). This pertains to the Confiteor, Gloria, Creed, Holy Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation, and the Our Father.

This has been sadly and widely ignored. So in trying to gently keep this alive, the parish is faithfully trying to be a part of the universal church. However, I understand that some/many folks do not know this, nor do they have a desire for this. This is why I have put this into the penitential seasons, and why we have done mostly the three shortest of those seven prayers.

3. I understand that learning these Latin chants requires stretching our comfort zones. Because of this, I have not suggested, nor do I have plans to suggest, that the Latin parts be used all year. It seems reasonable and appropriate that 10 Sundays a year (6 Lent, and 4 Advent) during penitential seasons we try to stretch our comfort zone.

4. One parishioner suggested I ask the majority what they want? Don't worry! Folks express their desires frequently to me, the priests, and the music director as she did kindly by email this week. Moreover the selection of music is delegated to the director of music, who tries to have a wide variety of music so that there is some comfort for everyone. Honestly, there are even times when I think, "I really hate this song." But I offer that up for whomever it is in the parish who loves it.

5. Translations of Latin? After the second Sunday with the same Latin recessional chant, I did ask the music director to provide a translation for us. That should appear in the next music program. Unfortunately, at the time I asked him, previous versions had already been printed. But I agree with the folks who requested this as an help in understanding. Again, thank you to the kind parishioner who requested this respectfully.

6. Ok, that covers the penitential seasons. But since the Second Vatican Council asked that all the faithful know the parts that apply to them, that includes the Gloria and the Creed. Because there is no Gloria in Lent, I have permitted the Gloria in Latin for the feasts of: Christmas /Holy Family/Mary Mother of God / Baptism of the Lord and Pentecost. That is 3 Sundays and 2 Holy Days.

7. Having looked at music sheets from the prior music director: I see that we did occasionally sing the Our Father in Latin and in Spanish too. Hmmm.... not a bad idea. Know that we are members of the Latin Rite Church because it is the mother tongue of our divine liturgy. But getting to the point where we could pray the Confiteor or Creed in the mother tongue? We are not there yet.

Thanks for your prayers and kindness,



Fr Mosimann

holy cross academy



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Father Daughter Dance

Fathers and their daughters enjoyed the first Father/Daughter dance in two years. Young ladies dressed in their finest and donned corsages, twirled and danced with their fathers. Thank you to our wonderful PTO and parent volunteers for providing a special night for dads and their daughters.

Mardi Gras Parade

Life is a parade - at least for HCA Kindergarten students. HCA students, teachers and staff wore Mardi Gras accessories to commemorate the day. Kindergarten students participated in a parade through the hallways and down the sidewalk to include their parents.

Best of the Burg

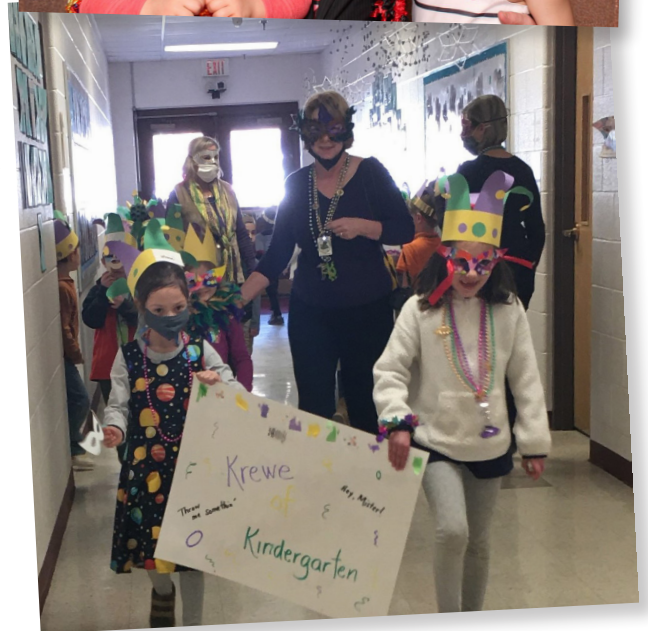
Holy Cross Academy and Preschool have qualified for "Best of the Burg". We are honored to be selected for the qualifying round. Now the voting competition begins. Voting will be open until Thursday, March 31. We would appreciate your support by placing votes each day at <https://bit.ly/3ttg7uP> and get an extra daily vote by texting to phone number 540-516-4121 and using code 459 for the message.

2022-2023 Applications/Tours

Holy Cross Academy is currently accepting 2022-2023 applications. Some of the grades will have a waitlist for next year. Application information is available on the school website at holycrossweb.com/admissions.

For K-8, please contact Mrs. Deena Lanier, Admissions Coordinator, at dlanier@holycrossweb.com or 540-286-1600 if you have any questions. If you are interested in a tour, please complete the online form at <https://bit.ly/3B3sb8s> to be scheduled.

If you are interested in HCA Preschool at St. Mary, please contact Mrs. Sheri Castellarin at HCAPreschool@holycrossweb.com or call 540-373-7553.



Open Positions at Holy Cross Academy

Are you or someone you know thinking of a career as a Catholic educator? Holy Cross Academy has the following open positions for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Elementary Classroom Teacher
- Full Time Guidance Counselor
- Middle School Math Teacher
- Full Time Music/Drama Teacher
- Part Time Librarian
- Substitute Teachers

For more information on these positions and others in the Diocese of Arlington, please visit bit.ly/32w7x3T

education religious education

Religious Education Events

Monday to Wednesday, March 28-30

Religious Education Classes

Thursday, March 31

Confirmation Year 2 Formation Night in church 7-8pm

Monday to Wednesday, April 4-6

Religious Education Classes

Monday to Wednesday, April 11-13

No Religious Education Classes - Easter Break

Palm Sunday to Good Friday, April 10-16

Holy Week | Sunday, April 17, Easter Sunday

Monday to Wednesday, April 18-20

No Religious Education Classes - Easter Break

Monday to Wednesday, April 25-27

Religious Education Classes

Monday, April 25

Two Confirmation 2022 Rehearsals

Saturday, April 30, Two Confirmation 2022 Masses:

Mass at 10am for Holy Cross Academy students, RE students who attend class at 4:45pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Mass at 2pm for RE students who attend class at 6:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and for RE students who attend class on Tuesdays at 6pm at Holy Cross Academy

CRS Rice Bowl

Driven by a dream to send their three children to a good school, Gloriose sells vegetables and water in a kiosk and Karekezi sells vegetables at a market. It's a full day's work but they are thankful for the blessings they have. They faced many challenges. Their daughter was malnourished—like many other children in their village.

Then Gloriose joined Gikuriro, a project funded by the U.S. government and led by Catholic Relief Services to support the Rwandan government's efforts to combat malnutrition.

Gloriose learned how to prepare balanced meals for her children. She also learned about the importance of good hygiene. She shared these and other skills—like how to grow a kitchen garden—with her husband.

She later joined a CRS-led micro-savings group and learned how loans could help her grow her business and make more money. Now she earns enough to support her family. She and Karekezi can also afford to fulfill their dream of sending their kids to school.

"It wasn't a thing before for a woman to speak up... or borrow a certain amount of money and use it to make profit and pay it back," she says. "That is something to be thankful for."

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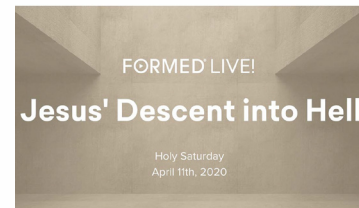
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 27, 2022

WATCH

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.



FORMED NOW! HOLY SATURDAY— JESUS' DESCENT INTO HELL

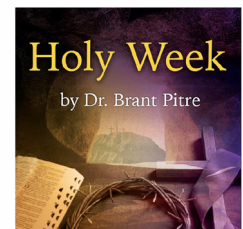
What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into Hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.

LEARN

LISTEN

HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.



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English – 10am
bit.ly/10ammiracles

Spanish – 3pm
bit.ly/3pmmiracles

Group Tickets (20 or more)
emiracles2022@gmail.com

Visit stmaryfred.org or call
540-373-6491 for more information

Tickets are also available at the
St. Mary Parish Office

In 1996, then atheist, scientist Dr. Ricardo Castañón Gómez, was asked to lead the scientific investigation of the Eucharistic Miracle in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Come and hear how his investigations into Eucharistic Miracles led him to convert to the Catholic faith and conclude that there is scientific proof of Jesus' REAL PRESENCE in the Eucharist!

Saturday, April 2

10AM | PRESENTATION IN ENGLISH

3PM | PRESENTACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

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our parish happenings

Stained Glass Windows Repair

The stained glass windows above the sanctuary are going to be removed for repair work. The mold the glass sits in is being bowed out and is in danger of falling into the sanctuary. A professional firm will remove the stained glass panels, reset and reinforce them, and replace them over the course of 2 months. In the meantime, plywood will cover the open windows. At reinstallation, proper glass panels will cover the area on the outside to protect from the temperature changes that caused the bowing in the first place. The glass will be replaced exactly as it is now. Thanks for your patience while this necessary work is done.

Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Services

Join our Micah Church Congregations for Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Services.

- April 4 at 6:01: Martin Luther King Observance: A recognition of the anniversary of MLK's assassination at Shiloh New Site | Program by Shiloh Old Site and friends
- April 15 at 2pm: Good Friday walking stations of the cross | Starting and ending at Micah, 1013 Princess Anne St.

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know Him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is He at the center of your life as He should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for **Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life**, a 8-9-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. St. Mary's will begin the Jesus study on Wednesday, April 20 or Thursday, April 21st at 9:45am. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a group discussion and fellowship. The cost for the materials (a book, workbook, and a timeline type chart) is on a scale between \$20-\$30. For more information, contact Suzette at agingcoastrkid1@yahoo.com or sign up at the Parish Office. Both classes will be limited to 25 each. Please sign up and pay before March 30 as materials need to be ordered.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception is Seeking

Full-Time Assistant Director of Religious of Education

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- A love of our Catholic faith and a desire to draw children and families to Christ with joy!
- BA in Theology/Religious Education or a related educational field and/or a certificate in ministry or theology from a Catholic institution of higher learning.
- Be a practicing Catholic of good standing and faithful to the teachings of the Church
- Flexible work schedule which includes evenings and weekends
- Demonstrate ability to work well under pressure in a multi-task environment with time and resource constraints.
- Pass a background check

PRIMARY DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Provide administrative support and assistance to DRE for Religious Education programs

Full-Time Assistant Director of Youth Ministry

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION

- Be a fully-initiated and practicing Roman Catholic, able to participate in the full sacramental life of the Church and with a commitment to live a life that gives witness to the joy of a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Faithful to the magisterial teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
- Hands-on understanding of catechesis and evangelization with the ability to articulate and teach the Catholic faith in a compelling manner.
- Able to inspire teens to go out and bring souls to Christ through the Roman Catholic Church, by developing a culture of discipleship within the parish community.
- Willing to receive the required training in youth ministry by enrolling in the Certificate of Youth Ministry program provided by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The candidate will be under the supervision of the Pastor and Youth Director and would assist the Youth Director in the overall ministry to teens in 7th-12th grade. The candidate will collaborate in the execution of administrative tasks, programing, and coordination of schedules, volunteers, spiritual formation, catechetical, and evangelization

For more information on each position, visit the parish website at stmaryfred.org. If interested, email your cover letter and resume to frmosimann@stmaryfred.org. **Closing date Friday, April 1, 2022**

our parish happenings

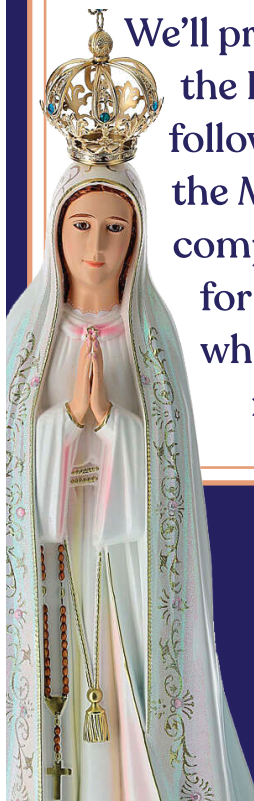
Easter Baskets for Our Seniors

The Outreach Ministry is collecting items to create sweet Easter baskets for our seniors in nursing homes and/or those wishing to receive one. Please consider dropping off your donations to the parish office by April 10th. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a basket and/or visit please email Torie Baldwin at keetongirl2@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Items need for the baskets (any of these items happily accepted)

- Baskets (medium size)
- Tissues (small purse size)
- Hand sanitizer
- Lotion
- Lip balm
- Playing cards
- Sudoku/Crossword puzzle/coloring books/
memory games/small puzzles
- Pencils/ colored pencils
- Sugar free mints
- Granola bars (soft)
- Easter Eggs with chocolate treats
(like Hershey Kisses)
- Prayer cards

Join Us for Communal First Saturdays Devotion at St. Mary's



We'll pray the Fatima Prayers, with the Rosary immediately, then followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 9am Then we'll keep company to the Blessed Mother for 15 minutes after the Mass, while meditating in one of the mysteries of the Rosary.

Pray the Rosary with Our 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.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Have the Blessed Mother to visit your home? Contact Mary Lou Felts, 571-723-3333 or maryloufelts@gmail.com.

vida parroquial

noticias en español

Requisitos para recibir los Sacramentos

BAUTISMO

- Debe ser miembro de la Parroquia 90 días antes de solicitar el Bautismo
- Tomar las clases previo al bautizo
- Las clases son el primer sábado del mes a las 12 del mediodía

Llame a Jachebel a la oficina parroquial al (540) 373-6491, para programar la fecha del Bautismo al menos cuatro semanas por adelantado.

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

- Niños de 1ro y 2do grado
- Preparación de 2 años

Inscripciones abiertas julio 2022 llamar a la oficina parroquial

CONFIRMACIÓN

- Jóvenes de 6to -8vo grado
- y Secundaria (High School)
- Preparación de 3 años

Inscripciones en la oficina julio 2022

MATRIMONIO

- Debe ser miembro de la Parroquia
- Contactar a la Parroquia seis meses antes para iniciar la preparación

RECONCILIACIÓN

- Miércoles 11:30 am - 12:00 pm, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Sábados 8:00 - 8:30 am y 3:30 - 4:30 pm

QUINCEAÑERA

- La quinceañera necesita tener el Sacramento de la Confirmación
- No hay misas privadas
- Sólo hacemos una Misa de quinceañera al mes

Para más información comunicarse con la oficina parroquial al (540) 373-6491

LA CIENCIA HA DEMOSTRADO LA PRESENCIA REAL EN

Milagros Eucarísticos

DR. RICARDO CASTAÑÓN GÓMEZ

Adquiera su entrada gratis en línea:

2 de abril, 3pm
bit.ly/3pmmiracles

Grupos de 20 o más:
emiracles2022@gmail.com

Más información comuníquese a:
540-373-6491 o stmaryfred.org

También podrá adquirir boletos en la oficina parroquial de St. Mary

Sábado 2 de abril
3PM | PRESENTACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

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Noche con YouCAT

Jóvenes de escuela secundaria

¡Ven a pasarla bien en un ambiente de fraternidad y oración!
Prepárate para defender tu fe, aprendiendo las Sagradas Escrituras.

REUNIÓN

miércoles, 6:30-8 pm en la casa Juan Pablo II

lent & holy week

calendar

Confession Schedule Lent and Holy Week



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



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

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
March		1	2 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7:30pm	3	4	5 8:00am - 8:30am & 3:30pm - 4:30pm
2nd SUN						
6 3rd SUN	7	8	9 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7:30pm	10	11	12 8:00am - 8:30am & 3:30pm - 4:30pm
13 4th SUN	14	15	16 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7:30pm	17	18	19 8:00am - 8:30am & 3:30pm - 4:30pm
20	21	22	23 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7:30pm	24	25	26 8:00am - 8:30am & 3:30pm - 4:30pm
27 5th SUN	28	29	30 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7:30pm	31	April 1	2 8:00am - 8:30am & 3:30pm - 4:30pm
3	4 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7pm	5	6 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7pm	7	8 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7pm	9 8:00am - 8:30am & 3:30pm - 4:30pm
10 PALM SUNDAY	11 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 8:30pm	12 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 8:30pm	13 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 8:30pm	14 HOLY THURS	15 GOOD FRIDAY	16
17 EASTER SUNDAY	18	19	20 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 8:30pm	21	22	23

The discipline of the Church includes abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent (solid purple days) and fasting 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.



Holy Thursday

APRIL 14
(No 6:30am or 9am Masses)

8AM - St. Mary Church
Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

7:30PM - St. Mary Church
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
Adoration in the Parish Life Center
Followed by Night Prayer beginning at 11:45pm. (Liturgy of the Hours)

Good Friday

APRIL 15
(No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

8AM - St. Mary Church
Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

12 - 3PM - St. Mary Church
Confessions

12 - 3PM - St. Mary Church
"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.

3PM - St. Mary Church
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.

7:00PM - St. Mary Church
Stations of the Cross

7:30PM - St. Mary Church
El Via Crucis (En Español)

10PM - St. Mary Church
Night Prayer

Holy Saturday

APRIL 16
(No 9am, 5pm or 7pm Masses or Confessions)

8AM - St. Mary Church
Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

11AM - St. Mary Church
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 - St. Mary Church
The Easter Vigil

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 17
8AM, 10:15AM, 12:30PM (BILINGUAL)

The Resurrection of the Lord

ALL Easter Masses will be celebrated 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

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Donations Received

March 15 - March 21

Sunday Offertory	\$27,109.42
Parish Debt Reduction	\$9,921.52
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$118
Black & Indian Missions	\$206
Arlington Catholic Herald	\$24
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul	\$431

Faith Direct Donations March 15

Sunday Offertory	\$16,478
Parish Debt Reduction	\$3,720
Black & Indian Missions	\$170
Catholic Relief Services	\$240
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$310

Thank you for your generosity.

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/.

Pro-Life Reflection

Lent is a season of life. The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ have brought us the new life we now live. We commit ourselves to join all our suffering to His for our own salvation and that of the whole world. *Jesus, I offer You all my sufferings, that they may be borne in union with Your Cross and may help bring about a Culture of Life starting with me.*

Easter Flowers

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.

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 payments 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.

Seeking Volunteers!

Our SPRED Program (Special Needs Religious Education Program) is in need of volunteers!

What a wonderful way to interact with those parishioners whom our Lord has given a very special vocation ~ to draw happiness and joy out of each one of us!

The program meets on Saturday's 10-12 in the Parish Life Center on the following dates: April 9 & 23, May 21 and June 4 & 11.

If you are interested in helping please contact Karen Sturtevant at ksturtevant@stmaryfred.org or call the office 540-373-6491 for more information.

Highschool students are welcome and encouraged to assist!

Campus for Life

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School cordially invites YOU to our "Hope for the Future Capital" Campaign reception on Tuesday, April 12 from 6-7:30pm. Learn about our planned 26 acre campus with an expanded school, new chapel, library, and athletic center. We're building the next generation of Pro-Life Warriors! Learn more at campusforlife.org.

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Saint Mary Prayer List - March

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

Jessica Belomme, Adam Burgh, Alberta Rienzo, Amalia Perez, Anne Habiger, Bernie Mahoney, Chris Breth, Edward Burgh, Gemma Anglin, Gerry Konczyk, Jason Stoker, Jessica Belomme, Joanne O'Brien, Joe Trippi, Luke Robert Harring, Mary Farrell Bennett, Nancy Conley, Natalie Smith, Paul Lysher, Robert Derouin, Shirley Bozicevic, David Tignor, Berry Barker, Lawrence Witucki

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:

Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, 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, LT Scott C. Boyd

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 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/540-840-5230 or Wanda at wandasj823@gmail.com/540-538-6978.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

March

28 MONDAY

6:30am Christine and George McWhirt+
9:00am John Lucas
Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

29 TUESDAY

6:30am Donn Hart
9:00am Frank Sergi+
Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

30 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Socorro Dutra+
8:15am* Donald Dutra
9:00am Bobbie Thompson+
Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

31 THURSDAY

6:30am Rebecca Delphia
9:00am Patricia Kilbourne+
Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

April

1 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation
9:00am In Reparation
12:00pm In Reparation
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

2 SATURDAY

9:00am Rosa Maria Mercado Villanueva
5:00pm Eugene Wingert+
7:00pm Nancy Ronckovitz+
Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

3 SUNDAY

7:00am Frances Wildman+
8:30am For Our Parish
10:30am All Those Who Died in March
10:30am* Salvatore Kiwall+
12:30pm James McGill
2:30pm Damaris Judith Mela Gonzalez
5:00pm John Cocho+
7:00pm Anne Donovan+
Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

** 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.*