

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 11, 2022



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

capital campaign

# Growing Our Legacy of Faith

## Saint Mary Parish Needs

2022 Capital Campaign

### PARISH LIFE CENTER

Moving the preschool to HCA allows all ministries to use the building as needed for meetings and gatherings. Updating kitchen appliances is crucial to providing support for parish life and community outreach.

### AN ADORATION CHAPEL

To facilitate prayer and the celebration of the sacraments, small weddings, convalidations, and baptisms.

### ADULT EDUCATION

The "special exemption" permit for the St. Joseph House will allow us to offer adult education and bible studies in a beautiful new environment.

### SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS

Will provide proper seating for the priest and altar servers during the celebration of Mass.

### RECTORY REMODEL

Expand rectory so there is sufficient space for our assigned priests, seminarians and guest clergy.

### CONFESSIONALS

Improve the ventilation in the confessionals.

## 2022 Capital Campaign

*Growing Our Legacy of Faith*

### CONTACT US:

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions about the "Growing Our Legacy of Faith" Capital Campaign

540-735-4506

[capitalcampaign@stmaryfred.org](mailto:capitalcampaign@stmaryfred.org)



*"To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the Greatest Gift of Love - the tender love of Our Father in Heaven."*

Mother Teresa

The concept sketch above is under review and not approved.



# capital campaign from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Thanks for the gracious feedback and response to our Capital Campaign announcement last weekend! Once again St. Mary's radiates warmth and kindness! Also, we cleared \$3 Million pledged! And lots of folks are setting up times to meet with me or a visitor! Thank you!

Advent and flowers: so this week, someone asked me, "what happened to the flowers I left in the church?" And that led to the conversation that because advent is a penitential season, there are not supposed to be flowers in the church. Thus when people bring flowers, we will have to remove them, in keeping with liturgical law.

But wait, are there exceptions? Of course, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a solemnity and can have flowers and Our Lady of Guadalupe is a unstoppable parade of folks bringing flowers! However, you will notice that the day after, we return the church to it's advent flower-free state. Our usual custom is to place the flowers outside by the statue of Our Lady, or sometimes at the feet of the Guadalupe image in the narthex.

One other exception to the 'no flower' rule is Christmas setup. Because volunteers set up the Christmas flowers, I try to be understanding of their schedules and allow the flowers to go up a day or two early if necessary. That is a pastoral exception in gratitude for the work of volunteers.

A Blessed Advent to you!

pax,



Fr. Mosimann

## New Parishioner Welcome

Welcome to St. Mary's! Sign-up TODAY for a visit and a chat with your pastor, Fr. Mosimann and members of our Welcoming Committee. Sunday, December 18th 9:30am-12:30pm. Sign-up using this link [bit.ly/3Ml3RnB](https://bit.ly/3Ml3RnB) for a special time set aside for just you (and your family). Meetings will take place in the Courtyard Meeting Room (Fr. Rooney Room) behind the church - the room with all the crucifix's on the wall! Questions, email Elena at [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org)

## WELCOME!!!



# The Advent Season 2022 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, and 12 noon | Saturday 9am

## Candlelight Masses

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

## Regular Confession Schedule

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

*Saturdays in the Church 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

*Wednesday, December 14 at 11:30am-12pm and 6:30-7:30pm*

*Friday, December 16 at 11:30am-12pm and 6:30-7:30pm*

*Monday, December 19 - Friday, December 23 at 11:30am-12pm and 6:30-7:30pm*



# The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2022



## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

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

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

*7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, and 2:30pm (Spanish) at Saint Mary Church  
No Evening or Holy Cross Academy Masses*

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

### SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

*Vigil Mass 5pm, 7pm, and 12am (midnight) at Saint Mary Church*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

### SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

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

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

### FEAST of the EPIPHANY of the LORD

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

# announcements

## St. Mary Giving Tree

Please consider taking a tag or two from the tree and purchasing the item requested. We will be supporting the good work of local ministries and a few members of our parish in need of assistance. Thank you!

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations at St. Mary

Monday, December 12

### 4am Mañanitas a la Virgen

All are invited to attend this musical serenade to Our Blessed Virgin Mary – a beautiful Mexican tradition

**Mass schedule 6:30am, 9:00am, 12 and 7:00pm (Spanish)**

## contact us

[stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org)

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm  
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30,  
2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm  
8:30 & 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am, & 12pm  
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](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org)  
[stmaryfred.org](http://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. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Robert Renner, 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, Giovanni Camacho

### MUSIC

Director of Music, David Uschold  
Assistant to the Music Ministry, Malinda Jones

### HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

540-286-1600  
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234  
Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry,  
[sfry@holycrossweb.com](mailto:sfry@holycrossweb.com)

### HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL

540-373-7553  
Director, Sheri Castellarin

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Aristides Lucas  
Associate Director, Mary Buer  
Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran  
Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

### 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



# holy cross academy

## Dodgeball Tournament

Holy Cross Academy students enjoyed the first HCA Middle School Dodgeball Tournament. Students were tentative at first but it didn't take long to get the hang of the game. Teachers, parents and Father Renner enjoyed the final consolation game.

## Feast of St. Nicholas

O good holy Nicholas,  
you who brought joy to children,  
put in my heart the spirit of childhood  
about which the Gospel speaks.  
Teach me how to sow  
happiness around me. Amen.

Elementary students left their shoes out the evening of December 5 in anticipation of a visit from St. Nicholas. The celebration of Saint Nicholas feast day is a sweet tradition that continues each year. Not one student received coal or a switch for misbehavior.

## Next Open House

**January 29, 2023, 1-3pm**

Holy Cross Academy will be hosting an open house on January 29 from 1pm until 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 school community. The online application link will open for new families at the end of January.

## Open Positions at HCA

Interest in joining our team? Holy Cross Academy is looking for a Middle School Science teacher beginning January 2, 2023. For more information on this position and others in the Diocese of Arlington, please visit [bit.ly/32w7x3T](https://bit.ly/32w7x3T).



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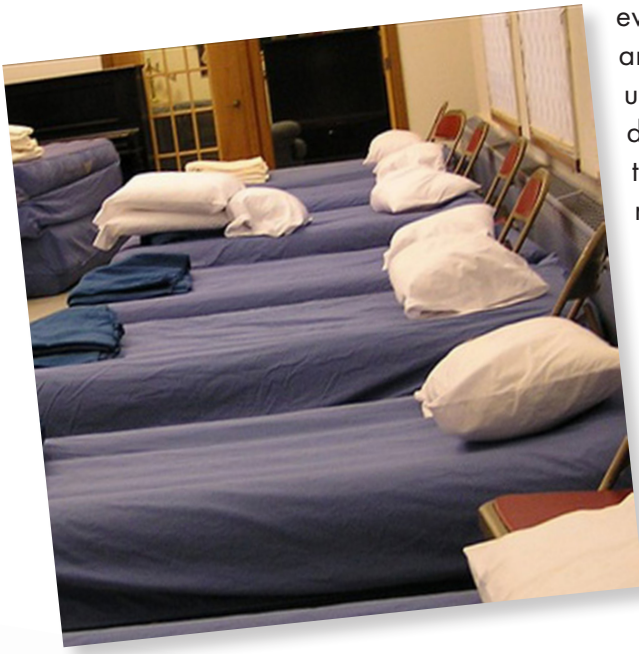


# our parish ministry highlight

**Join One of Our St. Mary Teams  
Serving on Tuesday Evenings!**

## **Micah Cold Weather Shelter**

The Micah Cold Weather Shelter opened for the winter season on November 14 and will remain in operation until mid- to late-March. Teams of St. Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings by greeting and checking in clients, setting up sleeping areas, and providing hospitality for the 30+ individuals that utilize the facility. Each participating church is asked to bring 3 dozen items (white socks, thermal underwear, boxer briefs and t-shirts). Please consider how you might be able to support this need—all donations are gratefully accepted at our Parish Office. Although it is a good thing that the temporary shelter is available during the harsh winter months, it highlights the continuing need for sustainable housing and support mechanisms in our community. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit Micah Ecumenical Ministries, [dolovewalk.net](http://dolovewalk.net) or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, [thurmanbrisbencenter.org](http://thurmanbrisbencenter.org).



## **VOLUNTEER TO BE AN USHER**



## **Ushers Needed**

**Christmas Masses Require More Help! Please consider serving in this most needed way!**

Providing assistance to your fellow parishioners during Sunday Masses and Holy Days of Obligation.

Assistance includes a variety of tasks such as greeting all who enter, seating, offertory, assisting during Communion and distributing the bulletin at the conclusion of Mass.

Please reach out to Tom Fish  
[fishtbrx@gmail.com](mailto:fishtbrx@gmail.com)



# education religious education

## Religious Education Upcoming Events:

### Monday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Monday to Wednesday, December 12 - 14

Religious Education Classes

### Saturday, December 17

Catechist Certification Classes in the PLC

### Monday to Wednesday, December 19 - 21

Religious Education Classes

### Monday to Wednesday, December 26 - 28

No Religious Education Classes Christmas Break

### Saturday, January 7

Baptism of Religious Education students at 10am in the church  
SPRED class in the Main Hall of the PLC from 10am to 12 noon

### Monday, January 9

Eucharistic Adoration in Spanish at 7pm in the church

### Monday to Wednesday, January 9 - 11

Religious Education Classes, Parents attend class with their children

## Advent Reflection

An Advent activity that would benefit us is to spend time thinking about **Sunday, as the Lord's Day**. **YOUCAT**, Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church, can assist us by reflecting on its answer to two questions on Sunday.

**"47. Why did God rest on Sunday?"** God's rest from his work points toward the completion of creation, which is beyond all human efforts. [349]

Although man in his work is the junior partner of his creation (Gen 2:15), he can by no means redeem the world by his toil. The goal of creation is "new heaven and a new earth" (Is 65:17) through a redemption that is given to us as a gift. Thus Sunday rest, which is a foretaste of heavenly rest, is superior to the work that prepares us for it."

**"187. How important is Sunday?"** Sunday is the center of Christian time, for on Sunday we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and every Sunday is a miniature Easter. [1163-176, 1193]  
If Sunday is disregarded or abolished, only workdays are left in the week. Man, who was created for joy, degenerates into a workhorse and a mindless consumer. We must learn on earth how to celebrate properly, or else we will not know what to do in heaven. Heaven is an endless Sunday. » 104-107

THIS WEEK ON  
**FORMED**

Week of December 11, 2022



#### I Am Who I Am Lectio: God Episode 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.



#### True Reformers

**Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance**  
Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



#### The Mystery of Christmas

by Fr. Larry Richards

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift: his Son.

**SIGN UP FOR FREE AT [FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP](https://formed.org/signup)  
CLICK REGISTER THEN ENTER PARISH CODE: F6F228**

# 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.

## 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.

## CCW's Carol Sing Along

Please join your friends in the St. Mary Council of Catholic Women for a Christmas Concert and Sing-along, gathered around the organ in the church on Tuesday, December 13, after the 9am Mass. Our Music Director David Uschold and superb cantor Malinda Jones will treat us to seasonal selections and lead us in song. Refreshments will follow in the Rooney Room. Everyone is welcome! Learn more about your CCW at [stmaryccw.org](http://stmaryccw.org) and follow us at [facebook.com/StMaryCCW](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryCCW).

## 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, and they don't expire. Check out the retailer list at [raiseright.com](http://raiseright.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 and support HCA!

To set up an account at [raiseright.com](http://raiseright.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.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's**  
**EVERY Wednesday following the 12 noon Mass**  
**ALL DAY – ALL NIGHT Wednesday & Thursday**  
**Concluding on Friday Mornings at the 9am Mass.**

*"To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the GREATEST GIFT OF LOVE – the tender love of Our Father in Heaven"*  
- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



**Contact: Serena Nguyen, Coordinator — [Adoration@stmaryfred.org](mailto:Adoration@stmaryfred.org)**

# our parish happenings

## CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS 4th GRADE AND UP!

It's a special honor and privilege to serve as an Altar Server

### Join the team! ~ Altar Serving Training

Tuesday January 3rd 4-7PM (week 1)

Tuesday January 10th 4-7PM (week 2)

Tuesday January 17th 4-7PM (week 3)

Tuesday January 24th 4-7PM (week 4)

### Installation Mass:

Sunday, February 5th at 8:30am Mass

To register for the training or if you have any questions, please email Lara Traylor [stmaryfxbg@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryfxbg@gmail.com).

## Adult Confirmation

There will be an Adult Confirmation class led by Deacon Dick beginning in the new year. The class is for anyone who has been baptized and received First Holy Communion but not had the opportunity to be Confirmed. The Class will run about 8 weeks. It is also open to anyone who would like a refresher on the Catholic Faith. Please call the parish office if you wish to be part of the class.

## Parish Book Club

The parish book club will meet on Tuesday, December 13, and will begin with a brief discussion of *The Canticle of the Creatures*, written by St. Francis of Assisi. Also known as *The Canticle of the Sun*, the short work is widely available on the Internet. Attendees will next choose books for the 2023 year from the recommended titles submitted previously by members and supportive parishioners. After the selection process, the group will socialize and enjoy a cooperative luncheon. Reservations for lunch are required by December 10. For more details, including directions, contact Kathleen Mahoney at [bmah761569@aol.com](mailto:bmah761569@aol.com) or 540-371-2073.

## Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Join fellow parishioners for Bishop Robert Barron's six-part DVD series on *The Mass*. Classes will be held on Mondays beginning **January 9 at 12:45pm** in the Father Rooney Room at St. Mary and on Wednesdays beginning **January 11 at 6:30pm** at Holy Cross Academy library. The cost of the **workbook with the answers is \$30-40. Register by December 20 at the Parish Office**; fees may be paid at the time of registration or at the first class. Class sizes will be limited to 20 each session.

Join us for **Epic: A Journey through Church History**, beginning **Wednesday, January 11 or Thursday, January 12, at 9:45am**, meeting in the Father Rooney Community Room. **The cost for materials is \$25-30. Register by December 20 at the Parish Office**; fees may be paid at the time of registration or at the first class. Class sizes will be limited to 20 each session. Beginning with the lives of the apostles, continuing to the present day, *Epic* simplifies the immense history of the Church into 12 color-coded time periods. In the course of **20 sessions**, learn about the major people, places, and events that comprise the captivating story of Christianity. Participants gain an understanding of Church history, giving them a greater sense of meaning and identity as Catholics.

## Tuition Discount Available

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School early enrollment discount available through December 31. Fully accredited, diocesan approved, faithful to the Magisterium. Learn more at [saintmichaelhs.org](http://saintmichaelhs.org).



# Christmas TREE SALE

## 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 through Friday, but not Monday or Tuesday) from 3-8pm.

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





# our parish happenings

## SAINT MARY'S **Supports Life**

**VSHL**  
Virginia Society for Human Life  
Political Action Committee

### **What's Next for Virginia After Roe — There is Much Work to be Done!**

The presentation will educate and encourage pro-life supporters to find the best ways they can participate in building a true Culture of Life at every level. Turner will cover facts about the impact of abortion on the health and well-being of women, the social damage done, and the way forward legislatively.

Now is the moment for faith communities to know the facts, where we stand in Virginia after Roe and how to respond to the current conversations in our community with truth and compassion. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions following the presentation.

VSHL is a non-sectarian statewide organization defending human life from fertilization to natural death. VSHL opposes abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia.



**Olivia Turner**

**President**

Virginia Society for Human Life

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 | 7PM | PARISH LIFE CENTER**

# our parish youth ministry



## December

Advent & Christmas

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2 MS CYM	3 FIGHT CLUB
4 HS CYM	5	6	7 YOUCAT	8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	9	10 FIGHT CLUB
11 HS CYM	12 SENIOR MINISTRY	13	14 YOUCAT	15	16 MS CYM	17
18 HS CYM	19	20	21	22	23	24
MERRY CHRISTMAS						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! NO CYM ACTIVITIES						

LEADERSHIP  
MINISTRY

UGLY  
SWEATER  
PARTY!

**HS CYM**  
**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (9th-12th)**  
Every Sunday, 6:00 - 8:30pm  
Parish Life Center  
Dinner, friends, and faith formation for high school!

**MS CYM**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (6th-8th)**  
1st and 3rd Fridays, 6:30 - 8:00pm  
Parish Life Center  
Dinner, friends, and faith formation for middle school!

**YOUCAT (9th-12th)**  
Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00pm  
John Paul II House  
Dive deeper into your Catholic faith!

NOTE: There will be no youth group activities December 21-  
January 1 due to the celebration of Christmas and New  
Years

**FIGHT CLUB (7th-12th BOYS)**  
Every Saturday, 6:30-8:00am  
Parish Life Center  
Explore what it means to be a Man of God!

**FEMININE GENIUS (6th-12th GIRLS)**  
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm  
John Paul II House  
Explore what it means to be a Woman of God!

**SENIOR MINISTRY (12th)**  
Monthly Potluck Dinner & Discussion  
John Paul II House (5:30-7:00pm)  
Prepare to live out your faith beyond high school!

**LEADERSHIP MINISTRY (9th-12th)**  
Monthly Sunday Meetings, 4:00-5:00pm  
Parish Life Center  
Build your confidence and peer leadership skills!

# vida parroquial

# noticias en español

## Mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe

LUNES  
**12**  
DE DICIEMBRE

**4:00.AM**

St. Mary Catholic



Church

No  
temas,  
¿no  
estoy  
yo aquí  
que soy  
tu  
Madre?



La comunidad hispana de la parroquia  
St. Mary te invita a su

## ¡TRADICIONAL POSADA NAVIDEÑA!



Ven y preparémosle un lugar especial a Jesús en nuestro  
corazón y en nuestra comunidad para que nazca en esta  
Navidad.

EN EL CENTRO DE  
VIDA PARROQUIAL  
(PLC)

VIERNES  
23 DE DICIEMBRE  
7:00 PM

¡Te invitamos a traer algún platillo que  
desees compartir con los demás asistentes!

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

¿QUIERES LA BENDICIÓN DE UN MATRIMONIO SACRAMENTAL?



Inicia el camino de preparación en las

## clases de convalidación

FORMACIÓN PARA EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO PARA  
PAREJAS CASADAS CIVILMENTE O EN UNIÓN LIBRE

Las clases comienzan el  
domingo 8 de enero de 2023  
para registrarse o mayor información  
comunicarse con:

Leticia Gonzales (703)473-7218  
o llamar a la oficina parroquial (540)373-6491



El sacramento del matrimonio proporciona a la pareja las gracias  
necesarias para vivir en una relación según el corazón de Dios y la  
pareja se convierte en un signo del amor de Dios para el mundo por  
la forma en que Dios obra en ellos, entre ellos y por medio de ellos.



vida parroquial

# noticias en español

LA IGLESIA CATOLICA ST. MARY TE INVITA A



## Un paseo Biblico a través de La Misa

### DESCUBRIRAS

*La belleza, las riquezas y el  
profundo significado de la Misa*

### EXPLORA

*Las raíces bíblicas de la liturgia y  
lo que significan las palabras, los gestos  
y los rituales de la Misa.*

### COMIENZA

**9 DE ENERO  
DE 2023**



**TODOS LOS LUNES**

**4:45 pm y 6:30 pm**

**En el centro de vida parroquial (PLC)**

**para mas información o para  
inscribirse:**  
*comunicarse con Tony Gibert:*  
**Tel: (540) 287-6067**  
**e-mail: [tonygibert61@gmail](mailto:tonygibert61@gmail.com)**

# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

*The next financial report will be in the December 18th Bulletin*

*The Second Collection on December 17 & 18 is for Parish Debt Reduction. Thank you for your generosity.*

## 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.*

## Children's Offertory Envelopes - 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).

## 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).

## Thank you to our Knights of Columbus who hosted "Breakfast with St. Nicholas" this past Sunday!

Over 50 families enjoyed a delicious breakfast. Kids and adults alike enjoyed meeting St. Nick who generously gave bags of gold coins (chocolates) to those on the "good" list and posed for photos with Aletha DeMaio. A wonderful event!





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## Saint Mary Prayer List - December

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

Chris Breth, Chris Meeks, Elizabeth Kelley, Gary Rolla, George Dwyer, Jason Stoker Mark & David Smetek, Joanne O'Brien, John Zarcone, Joseph Krieg, Kelly McNichol Hargreaves, Larry & Linda Dillman, Linda Schmidt, MAJ Sean Fessenden, Marion Skinner, Maureen Bunn, Michael Fedowitz III, Peggy Denué, Richard Shearer, Sean Smith, Shirley Bozicevic, Stefanie Fell, Teresa Bui, Theresa & Keith Kovlefsky, Robert & Margaret Hein, Beth Rivera, Joe Clay, George Dwyer, Justin Thacker, Eileen Geary

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

Joseph Gardner, 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, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, David Oechslein, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins, Greg Feroldi, Tyler Wood, Frank Spatt Jr., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser, Sean Jobes, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, 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](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

### December

#### 12 MONDAY

6:30am Molly Leavitt  
9:00am Harris Lucas, Jr.+  
Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38

#### 13 TUESDAY

6:30am Mauricio Vasquez+  
9:00am Lucille Kehoe+  
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

#### 14 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Joseph Rinaldi+  
8:15am\* Genevieve McQuade  
9:00am Michael Fedowitz III  
Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

#### 15 THURSDAY

6:30am Jordan Steve Guzman+  
9:00am Gutierrez Family  
Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30

#### 16 FRIDAY

6:30am Ana M. Cabanas+  
9:00am Mary Briganti  
Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36

#### 17 SATURDAY

9:00am Laté Lawson Drake  
5:00pm Catherine Sturtevant  
7:00pm Theodore Squires+  
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

#### 18 SUNDAY

7:00am Raymond Corpe+  
8:30am Matthew Payne+  
10:30am Charlene Bartman+  
10:30am\* Megan Hawthorn  
12:30pm Fr. Sunny Joseph  
2:30pm Ana Gloria Salazar  
5:00pm Charles Michadick  
7:00pm Alan Cascio+  
Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

*\* 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.*