

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025



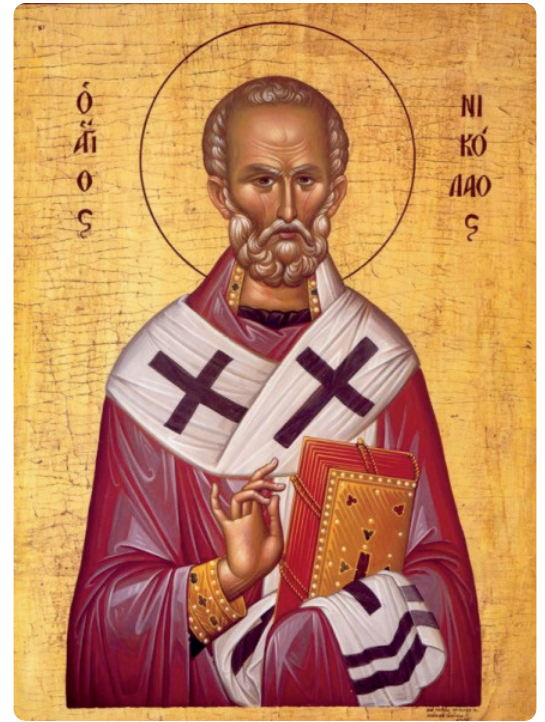
Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church
1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

capital campaign

grow our legacy in faith

St Nicholas of Myra: A Life of Obedience

Nicholas was born at Patara, a seaside town in Licia, in southern Turkey, in the third century. He came from a good family that raised him as a Christian. His life, from his earliest days, was marked by obedience. When he was orphaned at a young age, Nicholas, remembering the rich young man in the Gospel, used his inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the poor. He was elected Bishop of Myra, and under the emperor Diocletian was exiled and imprisoned. After being freed, he attended the Council of Nicea in 325. He died in Myra on 6 December 343. Many stories have been handed down about Nicholas, all testifying to a life spent in service to the poor and defenseless. What about those traditions always associated with Saint Nick, such as oranges and candy canes? The oranges are a symbol of the bag of gold that Nicholas threw into three young women's stockings for their dowries. The candy canes represent croziers, or bishop's staves, as bishops are the shepherds for God's people. St. Nicholas performed many generous acts in secret, and had a special affinity for children, sailors and those who were falsely accused.



St Nicholas House: Ready for Ministry!

The renovation of St Nicholas House is officially complete! We held the final walk-through with Wack Construction on Wednesday, December 3rd. We look forward to utilizing this beautiful space for ministry meetings and small social gatherings.



from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Three topics, two possible job openings and a Holy Day of Obligation!

Assistant Director of Youth Ministry — Full-Time

We are now accepting applications for this position. Please follow the instructions in the bulletin and send your materials to edoyle@stmaryfred.org. Be sure to indicate your interest in the Youth Ministry role in your cover letter.

Assistant Bookkeeper — Full-time or Part-time (TBD)

Okay, this one isn't in the bulletin—other than right here! Due to the ever-growing size of the parish, the capital campaign, and ongoing construction, we could really use more help with bookkeeping, payroll processing, and budgeting tasks for parish operations.

Don't let that list scare you off! Do you love numbers, spreadsheets, attention to detail, and have a willingness to learn? Then this may be a great fit! There will be room to grow and learn in this job.

Now, I do have a brother retiring from government service who would be perfect for this position—but alas, he's not eligible because nepotism is bad!

Maybe you are looking for a change—and the rewards are heavenly! Email a letter of interest and your resume to edoyle@stmaryfred.org. I hope to begin conversations shortly after the holidays.

If the job details seem fuzzy, that's because they are! I'm hoping to find the right person and shape the role around your skills to match the parish's bookkeeping needs.

Immaculate Conception — I'll see you tomorrow for the great feast of our parish — the schedule is below. It's a deeply consoling truth that the Lord prepared Mary, from the first moment of her conception, with everything she would need to be His mother. Jesus will always give you what you need to accomplish His holy will.

Immaculate Mary, strengthen us with the same certainty: that Jesus has prepared our souls for every good work He asks of us.

Pax,



Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, V.F.
Pastor

Immaculate Conception Feast Day Mass Schedule – Monday, December 8

Masses at St. Mary Church
7am, 9am, 12 noon, 4pm Latin
6pm, 7:30pm (Bilingual)

6pm Holy Cross Academy

announcements

St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses

Come and enjoy some
fellowship!

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.

contact us

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
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS

Adoration, Daily between 6:30am & 9am Mass,
Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am
Divine Mercy, Wednesday, 3pm
First Friday 7pm Novus Ordo (Latin Mass)
First Saturday 8:00am – Fatima Prayers & Rosary
followed by 9am Mass

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 - 9pm;
Students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays (Closed)

Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, Vicar Forane, Pastor
Reverend Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Kevin Dansereau, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Joseph Connor, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Alberto Bernaola

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski
Director of Operations, Chris Lanzarone
Facilities, Late-Lawson Drackey
Custodial Services, Carmen Sanchez
Parish Secretary, Lori Barlow & Gio Camacho

MUSIC

Joseph Ciskanik
Director of Music, musicdirector@stmaryfred.org
Assistant, Music Ministry, Emily D'Isidoro

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

Director, Allison Gardner
540-286-1600

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans
Associate Director, Amy MacKinnon
Administrative Assistant, Sonia Spencer

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran
Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans
kevans@stmaryfred.org

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 or Margaret Bereit
margaret@stmaryfred.org

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

holy cross academy

HCA Kinder Friendsgiving

In preparation for Thanksgiving, our Kindergarteners at Holy Cross Academy began the day with a festive parade. Dressed as Native Americans and Pilgrims, they joyfully marched in celebration of this season of gratitude, bringing history to life for classmates and families. Following the parade, the children gathered for their own "Friendsgiving," where they enjoyed breaking bread and sharing delicious treats together. This celebration was a joyful reminder of fellowship, gratitude, and the blessings we share as a faith-filled community.

Rooted in our mission to form saints, scholars, and leaders in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother, the day reflected the true spirit of Thanksgiving — faith, community, and joy.



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Excellence*



our parish religious education

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK FOR RE BAPTISM CLASSES AND PAPERWORK

Baptism Information forms and birth certificates are due to the parish office by December 8 for all Religious Education students who are not yet baptized. Also, parents and godparents must attend a baptism class prior to the January baptisms. Classes are available:

Monday, December 1, at 6:30pm (bilingual)
Saturday, December 6, at 10:30am (English)
Saturday, December 6, at 12:00pm (Spanish)

All classes are held in the JP2 House, and you do not need to sign up to attend.

YOUNG FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Young families gathered at the beautiful new HCA chapel for adoration on November 15. Parents and children prayed a decade of the Rosary, listened to a story from scripture, spent a few minutes in complete silence, and ended with benediction (special thanks to Fr. Dansereau!) After adoration, families enjoyed a picnic and time at the playground.

The next Young Family Ministry event is an Epiphany Party scheduled for January 3rd at 9:30am in the Parish Life Center.



For more info or to join the Young Family email list, contact Katherine Resendez at Katherine.m.resendez@gmail.com.



our parish youth ministry



Join us for Praise and Worship!

Once a month, high school youth ministry hosts an XLT night - an evening of Adoration, worship music, and prayer! We invite all high schoolers to join us this Sunday, November 23 as a great way to prepare our hearts for the start of advent! Come to the PLC from 6-8:30pm for:

- Free dinner!
- Games
- Small group time
- Adoration
- Confession
- Live music

All 9th-12th graders are welcome. We hope to see you there!

High School Youth Group (HSYG)

Sundays, 6:00 - 8:30pm in the PLC

Fun and faith formation for high schoolers, with free dinner!

YOUCAT

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the JP II House

A deeper dive into scripture and prayer for high schoolers

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

1st & 3rd Fridays, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the PLC

Fun and faith formation for middle schoolers, with free dinner!

Fight Club

Saturday mornings, 6:30 - 8:00am in the JP II House

A boys'-only group to grow in brotherhood and virtue for grades 7-12

Feminine Genius

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the St. Joseph House

A girls'-only group to grow in sisterhood and virtue for grades 6-12

Senior Ministry

2nd Fridays, 6:00 - 7:30pm (Location TBD)

A monthly potluck for all current 12th graders to discuss their faith deeper!



join us for

Daughters of the King

ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS' RETREAT



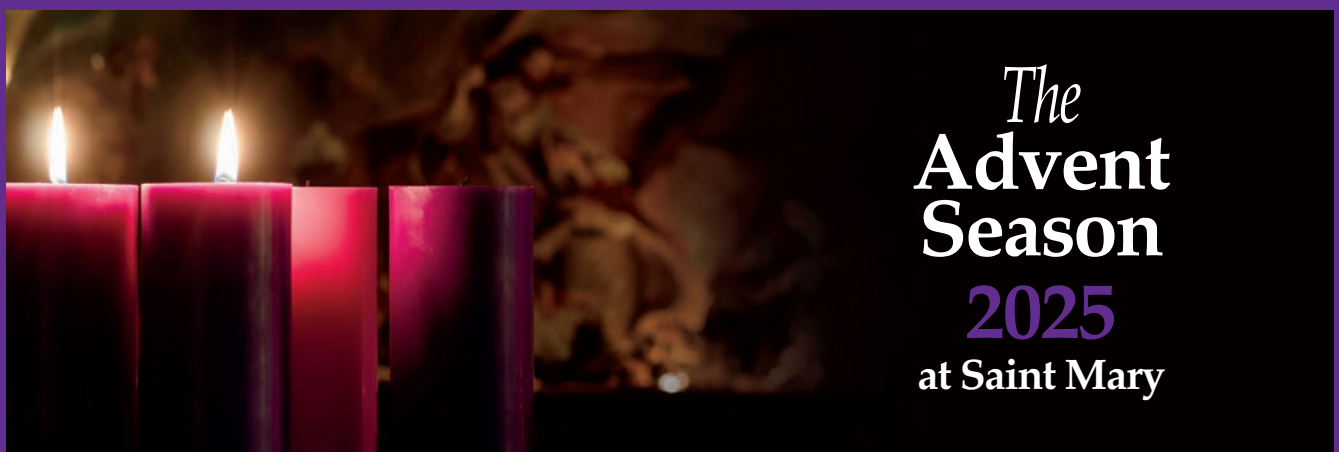
PRAYER
SISTERHOOD
CONFESSION
TALKS
DINNER
GIRLS' NIGHT

all high school girls welcome

Saturday, December 20
JOHN PAUL II HOUSE
1:00PM - 8:00PM

CONTACT YOUTH MINISTRY FOR A PERMISSION SLIP





Advent Confession Schedule

Monday, December 15: 11:30am-12pm and 6:30pm-7pm

Wednesday, December 17: 11:30am-12pm and 6:30pm-7pm

Friday, December 19: 11:30am-12pm and 6:30pm-7pm

Monday, December 22: 11:30am-12pm and 6:30pm-7pm

Tuesday, December 23: 11:30am-12pm and 6:30pm-7pm

7pm Sunday Candlelight Masses of Advent

December 7, 14 & 21

December 8: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Mass at 6:30am, 9am, 12pm, 4pm (Latin Novus Ordo), 6pm (St. Mary & HCA),
7:30pm (Bilingual)

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mañanitas at St. Mary at 4:30am

Mass at St. Mary at 6:30am, 9am, 12pm, and 7pm (Spanish/Español)

December 13: Advent Lessons & Carols

7:30pm in the Church

The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2025



December 24: Christmas Eve

Mass in English at 4pm, 6:30pm (Spanish/Español), 8:30pm and Midnight at St Mary

Mass in English at 4pm and 6:30pm at Holy Cross Academy

(No 12pm Daily Mass)

December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

Mass in English at 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm at St Mary

December 31: Mary, Mother of God Vigil

Mass in English at 5pm, 7pm, and 11:30pm at St. Mary

(No 12pm Daily Mass)

January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass in English at 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, and 2:30pm (Spanish/ Español)

Mass in English at 8:30am and 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

our parish happenings



ADOPT-A-SENIOR: Advent Outreach Opportunity

As we journey through the blessed season of Advent, we are called not only to wait with hope but to share the love and joy that Christ has so freely given to us.

How to Participate:

1. Sign Up: Click the link below to "adopt-a-senior" <https://bit.ly/47PVQTr>

2. Receive Assignment: You will be contacted with the name and address of the senior parishioner you will visit (for privacy).

3. Pick Up Kit: Visit the Parish Office to pick up your gift basket.

- The basket contains a Crucifix, a Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary plaque, command hooks and an Enthronement prayer.
- **\$35 Donation:** A suggested donation is requested to cover the cost of the sacred items.

4. Visit & Enthronement:

- Visit your senior.
- Offer companionship (listen, pray, sit with them).
- Hang up the Crucifix and plaque in their room, where they can see these sacred items from their bed.
- Lead them through the **Enthronement** using the provided prayers.

Notes:

- The Legion of Mary noticed that many seniors lacked crucifixes and sacred pictures in their room and worked individually with each one to confirm they would welcome this gift.
- **Know a Homebound Senior?** If you know a homebound parishioner who would welcome a visit, please reach out.
- Questions? Contact Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org.

And in the end it is we who are the recipients of this greatest gift – the gift of human connection and the deep peace that comes from sharing God's love.



Adopt a Senior

Volunteers are busy creating the 110 baskets that our "Adopt-A-Senior" volunteers will be taking to our friends in local nursing homes. We need lots of help! Please considering sharing your precious gift of time and self with one of our beloved elderly parishioners.

We are hopeful baskets will be ready beginning Tuesday.

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Christmas TREE SALES

NOVEMBER 29 - 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 9am-6:30pm and weekdays (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) from 3-8pm through December 21 or until we sell out.

Interested in volunteering or have questions? Please email Joe Cralle at jacralle@gmail.com

Full-Time Asst. Director of Youth Ministry

As was announced a few weeks ago, our beloved Catie Espiritu is expecting her second child in early 2026. She has decided to be a full-time mom and thankfully will volunteer at St. Mary's! Please keep Catie and her baby in your prayers.

We are seeking a full-time Assistant Director of Youth Ministry. The position requires close collaboration with the Director of Youth Ministry in guiding teens 6th-12th grade, including the coordination of weekly and bi-weekly activities, retreats for middle and high school students, Diocesan WorkCamp and other annual events, and assistance with the youth Confirmation program. The position includes administrative tasks, event planning, and coordination of schedules. Most importantly this position requires a love of Jesus Christ and a strong desire to joyfully lead teens towards a relationship with Him.

For a full description and information on how to apply, please visit the St. Mary website at stmaryfred.org.

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.

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St. Mary's Giving Trees are now in place in the narthex and at Holy Cross Academy.

Please consider supporting one of the many ministries in need of help this Christmas Season by taking a tag and purchasing the item requested and returning it where indicated on the tag.

This year we are supporting: several area nursing homes, Catholic Charities Migration Refugee Services, Birthright, Mary's Shelter, Hope House, Micah, UMW Catholic Campus Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, Spotsylvania Social Services/ Foster Care Teens, and parish outreach to families in need.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

Welcome to St. Mary's! Fr. Mosimann, and a few members of our Welcoming Committee, are looking forward to spending some time with you, (and your family) to introduce you to the many ways in which you might share 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 Team and with your new pastor Sunday, December 14. See link below. Meetings will take place in the Parish Office (located directly behind the church).

<https://bit.ly/4ij7v20>

If you have any questions, please email Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org or call 540-373-6491



**St. Mary Parish invites you
to the celebration of
Las Mañanitas in honor of**

**OUR LADY
OF GUADALUPE**

**Friday, December 12th
4:00 a.m. Early Morning
Serenade
7:00 p.m. - Solemn
Evening Mass**

**Come with your family and
friends to offer flowers,
songs, and prayers to our
Heavenly Mother.
Don't miss it!**

Las Mañanitas to the Virgin of Guadalupe is a beloved tradition celebrated very early on the morning of December 12th, before sunrise, on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It honors the Virgin Mary's 1531 appearance to Juan Diego, a humble indigenous Mexican. In this celebration, the faithful gather before dawn to offer serenades—especially the song “Las Mañanitas”—as a birthday-style tribute to the Virgin. The day is marked by early-morning singing, special Masses, flowers, and other devotional activities that express deep love and gratitude to the Virgin Mary.



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Have a Scrip kind of Christmas

Christmas is coming! Have you placed your Scrip order yet?? The last day to order Scrip cards is December 15 to ensure Christmas delivery. The last weekend for Scrip sales after masses will be December 20/21. 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**. 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! Shop early and support HCA! Scrip sales will resume on January 6/7.

To set up an account at **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 **scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com**. Thanks for using Scrip and supporting Holy Cross Academy.

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 at **arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife**.



Public Rosary

Please join other parish members to pray the public Holy Rosary in front of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church (inside if inclement weather) at noon Saturday December 20.

Please RSVP **michaelgkasey@verizon.net** or (540)760-3885.

The Guadalupe Free Clinic of Colonial Beach Needs Volunteers

The Clinic is a 100% free medical clinic opened in 2005 by Fr. Jerome Magat and serves the indigent and medically uninsured population of Colonial Beach, King George and Westmoreland Counties. The Clinic is the first Free Clinic established in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Guided by Catholic principles for health care, the Clinic seeks to assist in the total healing of all patients. The Clinic is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9am to 2pm, and every other Monday from 4pm to 8pm. The Clinic is looking for volunteers to join our Ministry. The Clinic needs medical and non-medical volunteers but is in dire need of Spanish Interpreters. Almost 90% of the Clinic's patients speak Spanish. For more information, please visit our website at **guadalupefreeclinic.org**, or contact us via email **lcarrington@guadalupefreeclinic.org**, or by phone at (804)-224-0571.

Thank You from SVdP, Conference of St. Mary and St. Jude

On Saturday, September 27th, approximately 75 walkers and volunteers gathered in fellowship for the St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), Friends of the Poor walk around the track at John Lee Pratt Park. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to parishioners, families and friends that donated to this effort. Over \$11,000 was raised in support of the conference's mission to help neighbors in need. Your generosity will support countless families in our community.

our parish happenings

Father Dansereau Will Be CCW's Upcoming Guest

Please join your St. Mary Council of Catholic Women on Tuesday, December 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Life Center main hall. Father Kevin Dansereau will present a program about Advent! Following Father's talk we will enjoy refreshments, have a 50/50 \$\$ drawing, and some lucky person will win this year's "big raffle"—just in time for Christmas! You don't have to be present to win as long as you have bought a ticket, but we surely hope you can be with us. Don't forget our "Christmas Cookie Extravaganza" when we will be selling cookie assortments outside the PLC before and after Sunday Masses on December 7. And please keep in touch through our website, stmaryccw.org, our Facebook page (you need not belong to Facebook to view it) [facebook.com/StMaryCCW](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryCCW) and our email, stmaryccwnews@aol.com.

The Significance & Science of Our Lady of Guadalupe

This multimedia presentation by Steve Hemler and Tony Gibert of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) covers the history of Our Lady's apparitions at Guadalupe, Mexico, and presents the amazing results of modern scientific analysis of the cloak (tilma) of St. Juan Diego.

Monday, Dec. 15, 7:00 pm
St. Jude Activity Center

St. Jude Catholic Church,
9600 Caritas St., Fredericksburg, VA

Everyone welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4034 PRESENT

Holiday Parish Dinner

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20 | 5:30-8PM

PARISH LIFE CENTER



Cost

ADULTS/TEENS - \$12
SENIORS (60+) - \$10
CHILDREN (7 - 12) - \$8
MAXIMUM FAMILY
COST: \$40

Menu

BAKED HAM,
MASHED POTATOES,
CANDIED YAMS,
GREEN BEANS,
DESSERT

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO UPGRADE THE PARISH
LIFE CENTER KITCHEN EQUIPMENT



noticias en español

Únete a los

GRUPO DE ESTUDIO de FÁTIMA Y LOS PRIMEROS SÁBADOS



El Grupo de Estudio abarca lo siguiente:

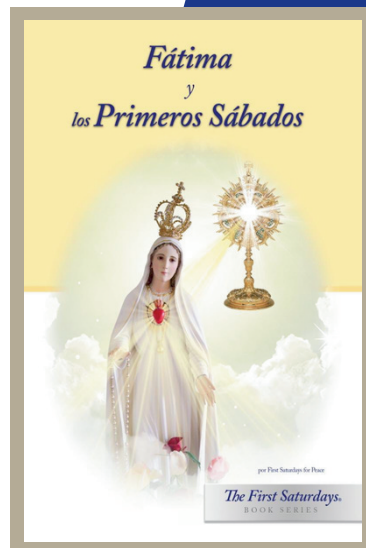
- 1) Las apariciones del **Ángel de la Paz**.
- 2) Las **seis apariciones de Nuestra Señora en Fátima**.
- 3) Las **tres importantes apariciones después de Fátima**.
- 4) Información esencial y adicional de las **cartas y locuciones de la Hermana Lucía hasta 1945**.
- 5) Cómo es que todo este contenido está relacionado con los **Primeros Sábados**.

Conoce la importancia única de los Primeros Sábados en el contexto de todo el mensaje de Fátima.

Regístrate aquí:



www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org/es/gruposdeestudio-usa



El Significado y La Ciencia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Esta presentación multimedia por Tony Gibert del Instituto de Apologética Católica de América del Norte (CAINA) abarca la historia de las apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, México y presenta los asombrosos resultados del análisis científico moderno de la tilma de San Juan Diego.

**Viernes, Dic. 19,
7:00 pm
St. Jude – Centro de
Actividades**

Iglesia Católica St. Jude,
9600 Caritas St.,
Fredericksburg, VA

**¡Todos Están
Invitados!**

Comienza la semana del 18 al 22 de Enero del 2026.

operations given in love

The next Financial Report will be published in the
December 14 Bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

2025 Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities is Coming Up!

Your Generosity is Deeply Appreciated!

As you think about the many blessings you and your family have received, please consider making a special sacrificial gift to support those in dire need in our diocese by making a gift to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington the weekend of December 13/14. Please put a check, payable to the parish, in the collection basket and note Christmas Collection Catholic Charities on the memo line or make a gift online at ccda.net/donate

Children's Charity - December

Children's Offertory Contributions in December will be used for the Brisben Center Shelter for homeless families with children. A significant focus by the shelter is placed on children, ensuring a safe and supportive environment while their families work toward stability, and all donations will help support the needs of the homeless children at the Shelter. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office, and all proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month. These envelopes are a way of teaching children the importance of almsgiving and helping those in need, and we encourage you to please consider having your children participate in this very important outreach.

Pro Life Reflection

Mary was full of grace from the first moment of her conception. She was not exempt from the need of a Savior; He simply shared with her in a unique way the victory over sin that He offers all of us. For those tempted to abort, there is always sufficient grace to do what is right. *Mary, pray for us and for all tempted to abort, that they may say yes to life.*

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God!

O Virgin Immaculate, who, after the Ascension of thy Divine Son, didst console thy exile on earth by the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament, and didst spend before the Tabernacle the greater part of thy days and even thy nights, make us comprehend the treasure we possess on the altar. Inspire us to visit often the God of Love in the Sacrament in which He abides to receive the homage that He deserves by so many titles, and to guide, protect, and console us in this exile! Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day December 12

*Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of Holiness,
teach me your ways of gentleness and strength.
Hear my prayer, offered with deep-felt confidence
to beg this favor . . .*

*O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace
to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children
who call to thee under the glorious Aztec title of "Guadalupe" –
the Virgin who crushed the serpent.*

*Queen of Martyrs, whose Immaculate Heart was pierced
by seven swords of grief, help me to walk valiantly
amid the sharp thorns strewn across my pathway.*

*Invoke the Holy Spirit of Wisdom to fortify my will
to frequent the Sacraments so that, thus enlightened and
strengthened,*

*I may prefer God to all creatures
and shun every occasion of sin.*

*Help me, as a living branch of the Vine that is Jesus Christ,
to exemplify His divine charity always seeking the good of others.*

*Queen of Apostles, aid me to win souls
for the Sacred Heart of my Savior.*

*Keep my apostolate fearless, dynamic and articulate,
to proclaim the loving solicitude of Our Father in Heaven,
so that the wayward may heed His pleading and obtain pardon,
through the merits of your merciful Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Amen.



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - December

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Audrey Boron, Bruce Bornschein, Chris Breth, Drew LoRusso, Eric Weber, Eric Williams, Gregory Ruth, Jack Smith, Jacob Moser, JoAnne O'Brien, Joe Sullivan, Jose Rene Benavides, Joseph Krieg, Keith & Theresa Kovalefsky, Keith Richardson, Laverne Ruth, Linda Yednock, Mary Ann Gragan, Mary Ann Seidlinger, Mary Quinn, Maryann Carroll, Michael Fedowitz III, Shirley Bozicevic, Sue Moorefield, Susan Harvin, Tamlin Leaf

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

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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.

Did you know.... Our parishioners gather every Wednesday at 3pm – The Hour of Great Mercy - to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

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Mass Intentions

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.

Daily Mass Intentions

December

8 MONDAY

6:30am Fermina and Ambrosio Patoltol+
8:15am* Clara Canque+
9:00am Louis Farrell
12:00pm For Our Parish
4:00pm Raymond Gill
6:00pm Arthur Rohlf
6:00pm* Ariyon Xhaferi+
7:30pm Luis Pacheco+
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

9 TUESDAY

6:30am Donald Funai+
9:00am Harry and Agnes Noon+
12:00pm Patricia Canning+
Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

10 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Sue Pennino+
9:00am Alan Cascio+
12:00pm Abigail Ibarra
Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

11 THURSDAY

6:30am Renee Buchley
9:00am Margaret Ann Atnip+
Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

12 FRIDAY

6:30am Lucy and Yeoquina Taylor
9:00am Fr. Joseph Morgan
12:00pm Franklin And Eugene Bailey
Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38

13 SATURDAY

9:00am Andrew Mullady+
5:00pm Benito DeRose+
7:00pm For Our Parish
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

14 SUNDAY

7:00am Bob Ezersky+
8:30am Keiry Beltran
8:30am* George and Ann Graff
10:30am Hazel O'Toole+
10:30am* Elizabeth Tracy+
12:30pm Alfredo and Corzaon Catolico+
2:30pm Jose Oscar Valle+
5:00pm Alicia Miranda+
7:00pm Ismael Granados+
Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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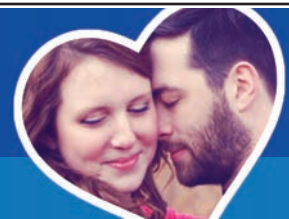
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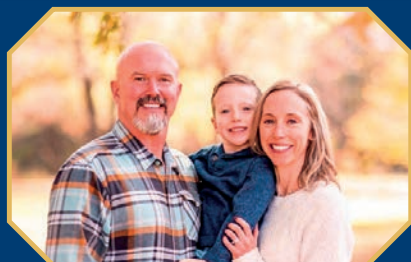


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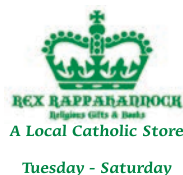
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