

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



February 3, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Music & Responses

Entrance Antiphon &
Scripture Readings: Page 66

Entrance Chant: #513 Christ in Me Arise

Gloria: #877

Responsorial Psalm: **I will sing of your salvation.**

Hymn of Preparation: #437 O God, You Search Me

Holy, Holy, Holy #878

Mystery of Faith: #880

Amen: #882

Lamb of God: #883

Communion Chant: #472 Endless is Your Love
#332 Song of the Body of Christ

Sending Forth: #499 Go make a Difference

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous." (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered".

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM (+Ann Bolecek reg. by Gloria Bolecek)
AND 11:00 AM

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Fran Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Ann Bateman, Kevin Bera, Jackie Boak, Maria Bridge, Lee Brooks, Adam Bullock, Daniel Clarke, Sue Collins, Cindy Cook, Robert Cook, James Eichholz, Levie Edmond, Lois Fazenbaker, Mike Fisher, Cathy Fullem, David Geary Jr., Donna Godsey, Diane Hollis, Jean Johnson, James Landry, Marie Lay, Richard Lay, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, Patrick Moore, Craig Norris, Donald Paradis, Therese Poirier, Marianna Porter, Anna Porter-Toure, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Sophis Rodriguez, Clare Roussel, Julie Sadowski, Marilyn Sherman, Claudia Sims, William Simulcik, Brandi Smith, Mary Smith, Peggy Sparks, Catherine Squires, Linda Stanton, Jeannie Sutts, Megan Toigo, George Tracey, Scott Trice, Lorraine VanWhy, Joan Williams



If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list, please call Sue Brim at 804-448-9064 or email her at office@saintmarycc.org. Thank you.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may live more "God-centered" lives and live less "self-centered" lives.

Upcoming Parish News/Events

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019—Year C

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 / 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 / Luke 4:21-30

Paul's exhortation to love should be understood as part of the apostle's appeal to the Corinthians (and to all believers) to live together in a harmonious union wherein the different gifts of each person are valued and respected (1 Corinthians 12-14). Paul inventoried the gifts of the Spirit and underscored the priority which love enjoys over and above all other gifts (vv. 1-3). No gift, however remarkable (e.g. tongues, prophecy, knowledge, faith, generosity to the poor, etc.) should be exercised unless it originates in and is motivated by love.

In verses 4-7, Paul gave form and character to love by describing it in personification. Notice that Paul does not say, the loving Christian does things patiently or kindly; rather, he says "love is. . .", "love does. . .", "love does not. . ." Paul would have his readers understand that by embodying love in their words and works, Christians learn to know God, albeit if only imperfectly in this life (13:9). But, unlike all the other gifts, love has a perduring quality which survives the grave and leads to full knowledge of God. . . "then I shall know even as I am known" (13:12).

By calling for an exercise of the virtues of patience, kindness, forbearance, trust and endurance, all of which are motivated by, and are an expression of love, Paul was probably referencing some of the difficulties which plagued the Corinthian church, e.g., (1) intolerance and impatience (8:1-13); (2) jealousy and rivalry (1:10-17); (3) rudeness and a lack of consideration of others (11:17-22); (4) refusal to deal with immorality and scandal (5:1-6), etc.

Because these sins and shortcomings continue to erode the shared union of believers, contemporary readers of Paul are challenged by him to accept and appropriate love as the highest and greatest of all God's gifts and to allow this gift to inspire and inform every thought, word and action whether it be singing God's praise or simply stirring-the-oatmeal.

VOCATIONS

"Before you were born, I consecrated you." Do you think that you may be called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2019
ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE
PRAYER NETWORK
(APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER)**

FEBRUARY

Universal: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(office hours 9 AM—1 PM Tuesday—Thursday)

Monday, February 4, 2019	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CCM Home Schoolers
Tuesday, February 5, 2019	9:00-10:00 Adoration 10:00 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, February 6, 2019	8:30-9:15 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 7:00 PM Scout Pack 1421
Thursday, February 7, 2019	8:30-9:15 AM Adoration, 9:30 AM Mass , 6:00 PM –7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, February 8, 2019	Church closed for cleaning.
Saturday, February 9, 2019	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, February 10, 2019	8:30 AM Mass , 11:00 AM Mass

NEEDED



Up to 10 able-bodied volunteers to move furniture in the rectory on Friday, Feb. 8 at 1900 (7:00 PM). The rectory (Fr Alex's house) is located in Lake Caroline. The furniture needs to be moved out of the bedrooms for re-painting. It will also need to be moved back after Feb. 17 (TBD). Please contact Ben Stinson, 804-925-5472.

New Organ Bench



You may have noticed we have not been playing the organ in the Masses as usual. The organ bench broke and we have been unable to find a new one. We are looking for a talented parish member who could possibly build us a new one. Please contact the office at 804-448-9064 or Sue Brim at 443-939-0936 if you would be willing to build the bench or know someone who could do it for us. We would like to thank the Jose Lugo Family who donated money for this purpose.



WORLD
YOUTH
DAY
PANAMA 2019

PANAMA CITY — Serving God and his mission is not a passing thing, but can and should be pursued in the present, with one's entire life, Pope Francis said Sunday at the closing Mass

for World Youth Day in Panama City.

"Brothers and sisters, the Lord and his mission are not a 'meantime' in our life, something temporary; they are our life!" the pope said Jan. 27. "Not tomorrow but now, for wherever your treasure is, there will your heart also be."

Jesus "wants to be our treasure, because he is not a 'meantime,' an interval in life or a passing fad; he is generous love that invites us to entrust ourselves," he continued. "You, dear young people, are not the future but the now of God."

At the end of the Mass, which officially closed World Youth Day 2019 in Panama, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life, announced that the next international youth gathering will be in Lisbon, Portugal, in 2022.

"At the conclusion of this celebration," Pope Francis said, "I thank God for having given us the opportunity to share these days together and to experience once more this World Youth Day," adding that the "faith and joy" of the young people present "made Panama, America and the entire world shake!"

"I ask you not to let the fervor of these days grow cold. Go back to your parishes and communities, to your families and your friends, and share this experience, so that others can resonate with the strength and enthusiasm that is yours."

Mass Readings For Next Week

Monday, February 4, 2019: Psalm 56; 1 Kings 17:8-16; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Tuesday, February 5, 2019: Psalm 56; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25

Wednesday, February 6, 2019: Psalm 56; Jeremiah 1:11-19; Luke 19:41-44

Thursday, February 7, 2019: Psalm 138; Numbers 20:22-29; Acts 9:19b-25

Friday, February 8, 2019: Psalm 138; Numbers 27:12-23; Acts 9:26-31

National Catholic Schools Week

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

NCEA has created a new theme to celebrate Catholic schools. "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

The official CSW logo brings the theme to life. The open book made up of multi-colored pages symbolizes how all areas of Catholic schools blend together, with faith — symbolized by the cross — at the forefront. Catholic schools are vibrant, dynamic and excellent. Nearly 1,000 members of Catholic schools — including pastors, presidents, principals, teachers, parents, superintendents, board members, consultants, partners and friends of our common mission — voted to select the new theme. This collaborative decision truly showcases that CSW is made possible by the participation of the entire Catholic school community.

FUTURE DATES FOR
NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK:

- 2019 - Jan. 27 – Feb. 2
- 2020 - Jan. 26 – Feb. 1



Community/Diocesan Events



Give your spouse the gift of a special Valentine. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend teaches a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Mar 1-3, 2019 in Hickory, NC and Mar 22-24, 2019 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

Bicentennial Prayer

Father of lights,
the radiance of your Son has guided
the advance of the Gospel
across the Diocese of Richmond for two centuries,
strengthening our Church
from the waters of the Eastern Shore to the moun-
tains of the Blue Ridge.
Grant that the nearness of your Son may dispel
the darkness of our sins,
so that as our love increases more and more,
we may dare more than ever to proclaim the word
fearlessly.
Holding fast to the word of life,
may we shine like stars in the world.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

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ADORATION

Adoration is when we go to the church and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. You can go any time into the church to privately pray before the tabernacle, like a private adoration. But when people speak of adoration, they usually mean going to church during the time when the parish has Adoration with Exposition scheduled. This is when the priest takes a consecrated Host out of the tabernacle and puts it in a special holder called a "monstrance" that is placed on the altar. The monstrance has a round glass window that the Host is placed in, so that it is exposed, or visible, to the people. Parishioners (or anyone, really) are encouraged to come during Adoration with Exposition. The people are "adoring," or worshipping, Christ in His Real Presence in the Eucharist. While you are there sitting quietly in the pew before the Real Presence, you can pray, read spiritual books, meditate on a mystery of the faith, ponder God's will for us, etc.

Here at St. Mary's parish, we have Adoration with Exposition every Wednesday and Thursdays between 8:30am to 9:30am before mass. Starting next Tuesday January 8th, 2018 an hour of adoration will be officially added between 9:00am to 10:00am before mass.

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

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