

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**DECEMBER 21ST—22ND, 2019**

### MASS

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM** (*The deceased members of the Ho Family req. by Holly Nguyen*)

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM and SUNDAY 11:00 AM** (*+Alex Owen req. by Cyndy Straub*)

#### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday, December 23, 2019:** MALACHI 3: 1-4. 23-24/ PSALM 25: 4-5ab. 8-9. 10 and 14/ LUKE 1: 57-66

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019:** 2 SAMUEL 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16/ PSALM 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27 and 29/ LUKE 1: 67-79

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019: Vigil:** ISAIAH 62: 1-5/ PSALM 89: 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2a)/ ACTS 13: 16-17. 22-25/ MATTHEW 1: 1-25. **During the Night:** ISAIAH 9: 1-6/ PSALM 96: 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/ TITUS 2: 11-14/ LUKE 2: 1-14. **Dawn:** ISAIAH 62: 11-12/ PSALM 97: 1. 6. 11-12/ TITUS 3: 4-7/ LUKE 2: 15-20. **Day:** ISAIAH 52: 7-10/ PSALM 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3c)/ HEBREWS 1: 1-6/ JOHN 1: 1-18

**Thursday, December 26, 2019:** ACTS 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59/ PSALM 31: 3cd-4. 6 and 8ab. 16bc and 17/ MATTHEW 10: 17-22

**Friday, December 27, 2019:** 1 JOHN 1: 1-4/ PSALM 97: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ JOHN 20: 1a and 2-8

**Saturday, December 28, 2019:** 1 JOHN 1: 5 -- 2: 2/ PSALM 124: 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8/ MATTHEW 2: 13-18

**Sunday, December 29, 2019:** SIRACH 3: 2-6. 12-14/ PSALM 128: 1-2. 3. 4-5/ COLOSSIANS 3: 12-21/ MATTHEW 2: 13-15. 19-23

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE—OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday, December 23, 2019    |  |
| Tuesday, December 24, 2019   | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED / FOOD PANTRY CLOSED;<br><b>4:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity (Children's Mass)</b><br><b>8:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity</b> (+Harvey C. Eckert req. by the Nowark Family) |
| Wednesday, December 25, 2019 | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED<br><b>10:00 AM The Nativity of the Lord</b> ( <i>All Souls in Purgatory</i> )   |
| Thursday, December 26, 2019  | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED   |
| Friday, December 27, 2019    | Church closed for cleaning in AM   |
| Saturday, December 28, 2019  | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Triple Crown Equine 4-H Club; 4:10 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b>   |
| Sunday, December 29, 2019    | <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - 8:30 AM Mass</b> (+James Fulcherino req. by Theresa Fulcherino); <b>11:00 AM Mass</b>   |

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## 4th Sunday of Advent, Year A

Isaiah 7:10-14 ; Romans 1:1-7 ; Matthew 1:18-24

The child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas is:

A child **“who was descended from David according to the flesh”** We must never forget that God acts through human beings to fulfil His purpose. The story of Christmas, therefore, is not just the story about God and Jesus but also the story about Mary and Joseph, about the shepherds and the magi, the story of how human beings cooperate with God.

A child whom God Himself declared to be God’s beloved Son especially by raising him from the dead. He is the one who speaks God’s word, the one to whom we must listen.

A child through whom we receive grace G-R-A-C-E stands for God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense. **“The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ”** (John 1:17). This is the child through whom we receive God’s abundant blessings much more than we ever deserve.

A child through whom we receive our apostleship, that is, our calling as God’s servants. In Jesus we receive divine riches and privileges (grace), but we also receive a divine calling to serve God in our neighbor (apostleship).

**G-R-A-C-E = God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense**

### Christmas Decorations

Come and help decorate  
for Christmas  
9:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Monday, December 23rd



The Diocese of Richmond has created a beautiful commemorative book which highlights our two-hundred-year history with text, pictures, and profiles of our nearly 150 parishes. **THEY WERE DELAYED DURING SHIPPING AND WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON, FOR \$35.**



### Christmas Pageant

We are looking for help with our Children’s Christmas Pageant this year. Sign ups are in the Narthex. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Milagros Rodriguez at [shaky-morena@gmail.com](mailto:shaky-morena@gmail.com).

### VOCATIONS

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S

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| Dec 24 Christmas Eve  | <b>4:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity (Children’s Mass)</b><br><b>8:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity</b> |
| Dec 25 Christmas Day  | <b>10:00 AM The Nativity of the Lord</b>   |
| Dec 28-29             | Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Regular Mass Schedule)   |
| Dec 31 New Year's Eve | <b>5:00 PM Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>                                      |
| Jan 1 New Year's Day  | <b>10:00 AM Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>  |

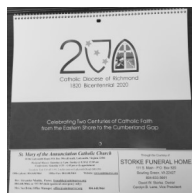


## St. Mary's Detainee Center Ministry

The St. Mary's Detainee Center Ministry is looking for volunteers to minister to detainees, primarily on Sundays, by sharing the liturgy with them. Both male and female volunteers are needed, as there are both male and female detainees at the center. Volunteers must pass a background investigation and attend training provided by the center before actively joining the ministry. A training session is tentatively scheduled February 8, 2020. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office at [office@saintmarycc.org](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org).



2020 Calendars now available in the Narthex.



Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are still available for pickup/purchase in the Narthex after all Masses.

The money and stubs can be placed in an envelope (one was provided) and dropped in the collection basket before the deadline of **12/31/19**



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### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."* MATTHEW 1:24  
Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



### Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, The Biddulph Family, Maria Bridge, Shonnie Carroll, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Levie Edmond, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, Antionette Hilyard, Diane Hollis, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, Matekenya Family, Patrick Moore, Mary Lou O'Leary, Donald Paradis, Marianna Porter, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, Mary Stella Summers, Scott Trice, Richard Wassels, Jonathan Webb, Joan Williams

If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list, please call Chris Nowark at 804-448-9064 or email her at [office@saintmarycc.org](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org). All prayer requests will remain in place for 6 months and then be removed. Thank you.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we can put our complete trust in God and become a model of discipleship like Joseph.



Give your spouse a special gift this Christmas by signing up for the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on Feb 21-23, 2020 in VIRGINIA BEACH, VA and Mar 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX, 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](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-690-1369.

Thank you to all who contributed toward helping our 10 Caroline county families. Our angel tree ministry could not happen without your generous support. It has been a great honor to have been a part of this special cause. A special thank you to all my helpers and the Christmas elf.



### VBS Director needed for Summer of 2020

We are looking for someone with some new ideas to take over VBS for Summer 2020. VBS kits are ready to order, you just need to pick the theme. If you have any questions or are interested in being the VBS Director of Summer 2020, please email Gina Stargel at [gcip81@yahoo.com](mailto:gcip81@yahoo.com) or Deacon Dave Geary at [djgeary4531@comcast.net](mailto:djgeary4531@comcast.net)

### Second Collection: December 24-25, 2019



**A special time to give** - You can support Commonwealth Catholic Charities' programs through the Second Collection Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Your gift will help feed, house and provide hope to our neighbors in need. We greatly appreciate the ways you support us in changing peoples' lives across the Commonwealth. Simply make your check out to St. Mary's with "CCC" in the memo section.

### BREAKING BREAD

**LAST CALL** for dinner reservation slips. First dinner being served on Jan. 11, 2020. New reservation slips in Narthex. Please return filled out applications to basket in Narthex. People who tried it last year have signed up for this year. Time to really get to know your fellow parishioners. Where did Jesus meet most of His disciples? At a meal! All are welcome. Families want to meet with other families too. Text me 540-710-3368 or email me at . Thank you, Penny Geary



### Polar Bear Plunge is February 1, 2020

The Polar Bear Plunge is our biggest fundraiser of the year for the Food Pantry/Homeless Ministry. We will have applications in the Narthex for anyone who might like to "take the plunge". We won the trophy for raising the most money for the last two years. Let's keep it going for another year!



# Community/Diocesan Events

The Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care at the Well House in Caroline County offers pastoral counseling services open to everyone.

There is a place for you here—whether you practice a faith tradition or are searching, whether you are looking for support as you take the next steps in your life or you feel sad, stuck or unhappy.

Our counselors are trained mental health professionals, many of whom are also practicing clergy.

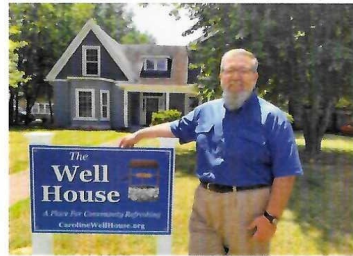
But we don't preach: we listen.

We offer counseling for children, families, couples, and adults including seniors.

Group therapy services are also available.

VIPCare counselors believe counseling is a form of community—sitting with another person and sharing stories—the good, the sad and the painful.

We believe listening heals.



Call us if we can help.

804.282.8332

www.vipcare.org

## Clinical Staff At the Well House in Caroline County

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**Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony** (a minimum of 6 months preparation is typical), and **Anointing of the Sick**, or to receive a home visit or home blessing, Fr Muddu.....804.448.9064.

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