

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Second Sunday of Advent

**December 10, 2023**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

*(+Dorothy Mimnaugh requested by Diane Dye)*

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

*People of the Parish*

## BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME  
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS  
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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(Office Hours 9 AM - 1 PM Tuesday - Thursday)

Monday, Dec. 11	<b>OFFICE CLOSED;</b> 7:00 PM Religious Education for 10th Grade
Tuesday, Dec. 12	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ( <i>All Souls in Purgatory requested by Yvette &amp; Bob Piper</i> ); 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry; <b>7:00 PM - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SPANISH MASS</b>
Wednesday, Dec. 13	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b>
Thursday, Dec. 14	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS;</b> 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry; <b>7:00 PM Reconciliation Service</b>
Friday, Dec. 15	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, Dec. 16	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM MASS</b>
Sunday, Dec. 17	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 8:30 AM MASS;</b> 9:30 AM Religious Education; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; <b>11:00 AM MASS</b>



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Advent reconciliation service will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month here at St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish at 7:00 pm. Two priests will hear confessions to help you make straight the paths to be ready to receive Jesus.

But it begins with a good examination of conscience. Miss Mass? Any sexual sins? Drink too much? Lie? Steal? Try to damage another's reputation? Fail to help, obey or take care of your parents? Encourage others to sin by setting bad example? Take God's name in vain? Fail to live as Christ would expect you to do in any circumstances? Fail to love? Fail to be faithful? Fail to have confidence in God?

When you honestly make an examination of conscience and come to confess your sins, even though there's a huge gap between where you are now and where God wants you to be, he starts building a bridge to you, so that he can carry you on that bridge with him to heaven.

Please prepare yourselves to make a good confession this Advent and to recommit yourself so that all your actions say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE, THURSDAY, DEC. 14th AT 7:00 PM

 <b>LITURGICAL SCHEDULE</b> <b>ADVENT (12/3/2023) TO NEW YEARS DAY (1/1/2024)</b> 	
Dec. 9-10	Second Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec. 12	<b>7:00 PM Spanish Mass— Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
Dec. 14	<b>7:00 PM—Reconciliation Service</b>
Dec. 16-17	Third Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec. 23-24	Fourth Sunday of Advent :
	<b>MASS—Saturday, 12/23, 5:00 PM</b> <b>MASS—Sunday, 12/24, 8:30 AM ONLY NO 11:00 AM MASS</b>
<b>Dec. 24 Christmas Eve</b>	<b>3:45 PM—4:00 PM Children's Pageant</b>
	<b>4:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity (Children's Mass)</b>
	<b>6:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity</b>
<b>Dec. 25 Christmas Day</b>	<b>10:00 AM The Nativity of the Lord</b>
<b>OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 26th THROUGH JANUARY 2</b>	
Dec. 30-31	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Regular Mass Schedule)
<b>Jan. 1 New Year's Day</b>	<b>10:00 AM - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY</b>
	<b>9:00 AM—Mass at Saint Ann's in Ashland</b>

## Angel Giving Tree

St. Mary of the Annunciation's Giving Tree program provides for opportunities to relieve some of the burden felt by local families in need and helps to provide a Christmas morning smile to children in our local community. This year, the Caroline County Department of Social Services has identified a few families in our county that have financial stress and need a little holiday help for their children. Please prayerfully consider helping these families by following these simple steps:

1. Select an ornament from the tree and sign it out on the clipboard located on the table by the T.V.
2. Purchase the item(s) identified on your ornament and please consider the stated gender, age, and clothing/shoe size (if applicable) when shopping.
3. For each item, clearly label your unwrapped gift with the item's Ornament containing the Child's Number . Masking/painter's tape, or envelopes (for any purchased gift card) works great. This will ensure the purchased gift gets to the right family/child.

Drop off your unwrapped gift or, if you prefer, in a gift bag no later than Noon on Wednesday, December 13th at the Church. There will be a bin labeled Angel Giving Tree or place it directly under the tree.

Please contact Gina Holewa @ 804 982-8841 or ([holewaq@gmail.com](mailto:holewaq@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

Note: If you have already taken a tag please do not forget to sign it out! Thank you



## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

11 DECEMBER 2023 - MONDAY : **Isaiah 35:** 1-10; **Psalms 85:** 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; **Luke 5:** 17-26

12 DECEMBER 2023 - TUESDAY : **Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast**  
**Zechariah 2:** 14-17 or **Revelation 11:** 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; **Judith 13:** 18bcde, 19; **Luke 1:** 26-38 or **Luke 1:** 39-47

13 DECEMBER 2023 - WEDNESDAY : **Isaiah 40:** 25-31; **Psalms 103:** 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; **Matthew 11:** 28-30

14 DECEMBER 2023 - THURSDAY : **Isaiah 41:** 13-20; **Psalms 145:** 1 and 9, 10-11, 12- 13ab; **Matthew 11:** 11-15

15 DECEMBER 2023 - FRIDAY : **Isaiah 48:** 17-19; **Psalms 1:** 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; **Matthew 11:** 16-19

16 DECEMBER 2023 - SATURDAY : **Sirach 48:** 1-4, 9-11; **Psalms 80:** 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; **Matthew 17:** 9a, 10-13

17 DECEMBER 2023 - SUNDAY : **Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Isaiah 61:** 1-2a, 10-11; **Luke 1:** 46-48, 49-50, 53-54; **First Thesalonians 5:** 16-24; **John 1:** 6-8, 19-28

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE



All bulletin announcements need to be submitted to the office by **Tuesdays**.

All bulletin announcements will then be reviewed before approval.

All announcements will appear as they are submitted to the office so **PLEASE** proofread what you send.

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Any activities that will take place in the Parish Hall or Narthex needs Father Muddu's approval as well.

Please go to our website and fill out a Parish Facilities Request form before making plans for any activity.

Any questions, please contact the office at [office@saintmarycc.org](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org) or 804-448-9064



## SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

DECEMBER 25—CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
DECEMBER 25—THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Advent is a traditional season when Catholics celebrate the Lord's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, our parish reconciliation service will take place on **December 14 at 7:00 PM**. We will begin with a brief Liturgy of the Word, followed by the opportunity for individuals to go to Confession.

Confessions are also available each Saturday afternoon from 4:10-4:50 PM

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES



Be a part of the Advent Celebration by signing up to light Advent Candles at the beginning of Mass during Advent. Signup sheets are in the Narthex. You may call the office at 804-448-9064 or email [office@saintmarycc.org](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org) to sign up.

# Community/Diocesan Events

## Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Tuesday 12 December

7:00 pm

St. Mary of the Annunciation  
Catholic Church

All are Welcome

Rosary at 6:15 pm

Mass in Spanish at 7:00 pm

For more information call 804-450-2977 or  
Email: JMJClugo@gmail.com



Pray for the Sick of our Parish



*Amber Wilber Anderson, David Arnold, Rosemary Baez, Thad (Pete) Beach, Monica Bell, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Theresa Buchanan, Emilynn Butler, Barry Carrington, Aiden Christensen, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Eleanor Elletson, Michael Fisher, Jessica French, Andrew Fresler, Deacon Dave Geary, The Hannick Family, Laura Harris, Paula Hass, The Jayger Family, Alice Karkutt, Tony Ketrick, Deacon Frank Leaming, Nina Leaming, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Carly Max, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Edgar & Rhonda Parks, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Anna Porter, Shirley Riden, Chole Rochester, Ritchie Rodebaugh, Beverly Schnarrs, Cindy Schwind, Marjie Schwind, Helen Simulcik, William Simulcik, Isabel Sipe, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, Linda Stanton, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, The Taylor Family, Julian Thomas, The Townsend Family, Janie Wagner, Pedro Welsh, Bethany Wheaton, The Wheeler Family, Joan Williams, Ron Wisniewski, Judy Yanes*

As always, prayer is an important way Catholics can respond to any crisis as we express our dependence on God. We continue to stand in solidarity with all those affected by the COVID disease as well as those health care professionals who care for them. We ask parishioners to keep these people in mind in your daily prayers.

*Names will be removed after 6 months. 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. Thank you. **GOD BLESS***

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.

### PARISH OFFICE

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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. Call the office at 804-448-9064.

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