

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 28, 2024**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**

*(+Ann Bolecek requested by Gloria Bolecek)*

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Jan. 29	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, Jan. 30	<b>NO MASS OR ADORATION; 10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry</b>
Wednesday, Jan. 31	<b>NO MASS OR ADORATION</b>
Thursday, Feb. 1	<b>NO MASS OR ADORATION; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry</b>
Friday, Feb. 2	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, Feb. 3	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM MASS</b> <i>(+William Nonamaker requested by George &amp; Lee Rung)</i>
Sunday, Feb. 4	<b>8:30 AM MASS</b> <i>(+George Rung, Sr. requested by George &amp; Lee Rung); 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS</i> <i>(+Jane Cotter requested by Christina Fisher)</i>



### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1: 21-28

Jesus defines authority as the exercise of God’s life-giving and liberating power, the power that raises the lowly and fills the hungry with good things, the power that includes within the community those who have been living on the edge, the power that forgives those who have done nothing to deserve forgiveness.

This is the power of the good Samaritan who took care of his fellow traveler even though he was a Jew; it is the power of the Father who welcomed his returning son, the prodigal, who had messed up; it is the power of the widow who in giving two copper coins to the temple treasury gave everything she had.

For us as Christians, Jesus remains the ultimate authority. Like the people of Capernaum, we recognize his authority, the authority of his teaching and his deeds, the authority of his life, death and resurrection.

That is why we confess Jesus not just as our teacher but as our Lord. We are happy to submit to his authority, to his lordship, because we recognize that in doing so we will have life to the full, and, like the man in the gospel, be freed of those spirits that prevent us from becoming the person God intends us to be.

There can be great reluctance today to submit to anyone. The value of personal autonomy is highly prized and sought after. Yet, it is not possible to live without submitting to some authority even if it is the authority of the self. What matters is to submit to the right authority and this Sunday’s gospel suggests that such authority is to be found in the person of Jesus.

### VOCATIONS

*“I will raise up for them a prophet like you.”*

If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

JANUARY 28— RESPECT HUMAN LIFE

### MONTH OF FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 4—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE  
FEBRUARY 11—CATHOLIC VIRGINIAN (\$12.50)

### Social Activities Committee of St. Mary’s upcoming events:

**March 16-Saturday, after 5 pm Mass -ST PATRICK’S DAY FAMILY DINNER AND DANCE!! Music by our fabulous Leprechaun DJ Ron & Annette!** Bring your family and an Irish dish to share. Start planning your Wearin’ of the Green! Space is limited. Signups will begin Jan 20/21.

**Late in APRIL (date TBD) Spring Meet & Greet Cookout.** Stop by the tables set up by various committees in the parish, and find out more about our parish life, on your way to the cookout in the pavilion. We will also have fun activities!

**Please mark your calendars to save these dates, and plan to join us!**

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The **Social Activities Committee** would like to start a weekday gathering for adults of all ages. The purpose would be to do fun activities together with other parishioners, get to know each other, and foster a feeling of community.

For starters, we would like to meet once a month, at the church, on a Wednesday or Thursday, for about 2 hours. While we are in the planning stages, we would value your input in helping us determine a day and time most convenient for you.

If this sounds like something you would like to attend, please call or text Bette Moore 703-371-9400.



### Chili Cook Off is TODAY, Sunday, January 28th after the 11:00 AM Mass

Winners bragging rights will include a reserved, designated PARKING SPOT with your name on it, for the month of February!!

If you really can't make Chili, you can still help out by attending, sampling, and voting for your favorites!

All are welcome!

Brought to you by The Social Activities Committee

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY, January 28th**

**Sunday, January 28th, is Respect Life Sunday!** Every year, parishes in the Diocese of Richmond celebrate Respect Life Sunday on the Sunday nearest to January 22 (the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision) to pray for and to promote a greater Respect for the Sanctity of Human Life from conception to natural death. There will be a second collection taken on January 28th to support ministries and programs of the Diocese that serve the defense and promotion of the dignity of human life – please give generously. Visit the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life website for more details and Respect Life resources at [www.cdrcmfl.org](http://www.cdrcmfl.org).



**While Father Muddu is away, please welcome**

**Father Christian Haydinger on January 27th & 28th and February 3rd & 4th**

**THERE WILL ONLY BE COMMUNION SERVICE ON TUESDAYS AT 10:00 AM FROM JANUARY 2ND THROUGH FEBRUARY 6TH**

**Saint Mary's Weekly Giving Report**

**Thank you for your continued support of our community. To give on line go to the St Mary Online Giving website. God Bless You All**

**FOOD PANTRY IS STILL IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:**



**MAC & CHEESE and SOUP**



**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2**



**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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**Saint Mary of the Annunciation**

**Weekly Offertory Summary**

Dec 31 to Jan 6		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 2,850	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,935	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,785	\$ 106,138
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 120,150
Over/Under	\$ 335	\$ (14,012)

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

That we may open our hearts to receive more fully all of God's simple and abundant blessings.

**POLAR BEAR PLUNGE**

**We are running out of time!** We have only 1 week left to reach our goal of \$8000. We have currently raised \$3833. We will be 'freezing for a reason' on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lake Land'Or to benefit our food pantry. Please consider taking to plunge and supporting our plungers. Use the QR code below or contact Kelly Kirtley at 804-761-7533. Thanks in advance to all that have already contributed.



**WEEKLY MASS READINGS**

29 JANUARY 2024 : **Second Samuel 15: 13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Psalms 3: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mark 5: 1-20**

30 JANUARY 2024 : **Second Samuel 18: 9-10, 14, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Psalms 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mark 5: 21-43**

31 JANUARY 2024 : **Second Samuel 24: 2, 9-17; Psalms 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mark 6: 1-6**

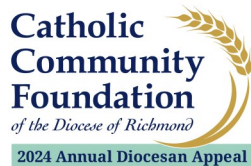
1 FEBRUARY 2024 : **First Kings 2: 1-4, 10-12; First Chronicles 29: 10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mark 6: 7-13**

2 FEBRUARY 2024 : **Presentation of the Lord Feast Malachi 3: 1-4; Psalms 24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40 or Luke 2: 22-32**

3 FEBRUARY 2024 : **First Kings 3: 4-13; Psalms 119: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mark 6: 30-34**

4 FEBRUARY 2024 : **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; Psalms 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; First Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39**

# Community/Diocesan Events



Welcome to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *Sharing His Love with Others*

The 2024 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities. In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected through the parish sharing formula. In previous years we have received grants from the Fuel and Hunger Fund which directly supported our parish Food Pantry. The 2024 Appeal also benefits us by making available funds to support other ministries and programs including youth and young adult ministry, international priests who serve the diocese, funding seminarians, Campus Ministries, and many other activities. The Campaign will continue for the next several weeks and in February we will have an in pew solicitation.

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting its Winter Open House for prospective families on Tuesday, February 6, from 6pm-7:30pm. Come meet our faculty, tour the school, review curricula, and get a \$250 enrollment discount for attending!  
[www.saintmichaels.org/open-house](http://www.saintmichaels.org/open-house)



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.



Pray for the Sick of our Parish



*Amber Wilber Anderson, David Arnold, Rosemary Baez, Thad (Pete) Beach, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., Emily Bolecek, John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Theresa Buchanan, Emilynn Butler, Barry Carrington, Aiden Christensen, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Eleanor Elletson, Jessica French, Andrew Fresler, Deacon Dave Geary, The Hannick Family, Laura Harris, Paula Hass, The Jayger Family, Alice Karkutt, Tony Ketrick, J. & Sketter Lambert, Deacon Frank Leaming, Nina Leaming, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Vikki Mahoney, Carly Max, Luke McFadden, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Edgar & Rhonda Parks, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Shirley Riden, Chole Rochester, Ritchie Rodebaugh, Christina Russell, Victoria Russell, 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, The Townsend Family, Janie Wagner, Pedro Welsh, Bethany Wheaton, The Wheeler Family, Joan Williams, 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](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org). Thank you. **GOD BLESS***

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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.