

Saint Mary

of the Annunciation Catholic Church



BIENVENIDOS

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TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+Arlene Flower requested by Carolyn Clarke)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+William Bolecek requested by Gloria Bolecek)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 18	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, March 19	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 20	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS
Thursday, March 21	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 22	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross; 7:00 PM Lenten Reconciliation Service (<i>Obligatory day of abstinence</i>)
Saturday, March 23	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday - 8:30 AM MASS (<i>+David Phillips requested by Jennifer Kost -Phillips</i>); 9:30 AM Religious Education; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS



Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving: The Three Pillars

Three key pillars characterize the Lenten season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity).

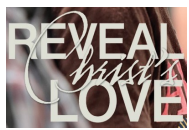
The [USCCB tells us](#) that during Lent, “we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting.”

While most Catholics are familiar with “no meat on Fridays” during Lent, fasting and abstinence are important components throughout Lent. This may look like giving up things like gossip, your favorite coffee order, or forgoing music in the car and replacing it with prayer.

Almsgiving reminds us of Jesus’s call to serve and connects us in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. This past vacation I visited Saint Joseph’s Aid Society in Uganda which takes care of the poor, abandoned, neglected and orphans. It was so touching to see that the home lacks beds, mattresses, blankets, and sheets for many of these children. How about giving alms for this cause? If you want to donate, make out a check to Saint Mary’s and put St. Joseph Aid Society Kigando Uganda in the memo line.



And lastly: Prayer. Formed is a great resource available free of charge for the parishioners to explore. Click on “FORMATION” on our website.



Thank you for your generous for the Catholic Relief Fund collection last weekend. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



We received a generous donation from J. Hamilton Lambert, through the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, for

\$15,000. The donation was requested to be distributed as follows: \$8,000 for general repair/maintenance including the stove repair/replacement; \$2,000 for general cemetery maintenance; \$3,000 for Food Pantry equipment; and \$2,000 for Prayer Shawl Ministry. Mr. Lambert also mentioned a special thank you to the Sinlock Family and their daughter, Anna, for their guidance and the Prayer Shawl Ministry for their gifts.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11:00 AM Mass on Easter Sunday. Donations of candy are needed. In the Narthex, there is a bin of Easter eggs. Please take some eggs to fill with candy and return filled eggs to the bin.

Assistance is also needed to set up on Easter morning around 10:00 AM. If you can help or if you have questions, contact Valerie Sparks at 804-572-1768.



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“Thank You”

to All Volunteers
Who Worked Through the Rain
for Last Week's Spring Clean-Up.
We Appreciate You So Much!



Remember Your Offerings

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

MARCH 17—EASTER FLOWERS
MARCH 29—GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 31—EASTER

Lenten Schedule



Every Friday, Feb 16th– March 22nd
Obligatory day of abstinence
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22nd—**Lenten Reconciliation Service**
****6:00 PM Stations of the Cross****
7:00 PM Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 24th - **Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord**
Regular Mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday

Thursday, March 28th -**Holy Thursday**
7:00 PM Mass
8:00 PM to Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, March 29th -**Good Friday**
Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence
2:15 PM Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, March 30th - **Easter Vigil**
8:00 PM Mass

Sunday, March 31st - **Easter—The Resurrection of the Lord**
8:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

FOOD PANTRY IS STILL IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



MAC & CHEESE and INSTANT POTATOES



BE RECONCILED TO GOD!



The Season of Lent is a traditional time when Catholics experience the Lord's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Here at Saint Mary of the Annunciation church, this Sacrament is available each Saturday from 4:00 PM to 4:50 PM.

On Friday, March 22nd, we will gather in our church at 7:00 PM for a Lenten Reconciliation celebration.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM ON MARCH 22nd

We begin with a brief Liturgy of the Word, and Father Gerald will be available for individual confessions in both English and Spanish. Please join us during this holy season as we proclaim God's mercy!

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get ready for an exciting lineup of events brought to you by the Social Activities Committee at St. Mary's. Here's what's coming up:

International Family Picnic:

Date: Sunday, April 28

Time: 12 PM

Details: Celebrate our diverse community with international dishes, meet and greet tables, games, and a door prize drawing. Volunteer sign-ups are open to help make this event memorable!

Mother's Day Tea Party:

Date: Sunday, May 12

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM & 12 PM - 1 PM

Details: Pamper and celebrate mothers with tea sessions, snacks, camaraderie, and heartwarming conversations. Don't miss out on this special occasion!

Save the Date:

Spring Yard sale on Saturday, May 4th - Details to follow.

Your participation and support make these events extraordinary. Let's come together, celebrate, and strengthen our community bonds. Thank you in advance for being a part of these special occasions. We can't wait to see you there!



WEEKLY MASS READINGS

18 MARCH 2024 : **Daniel 13:** 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or **Daniel 13:** 41c-62; **Psalms 23:** 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; **John 8:** 1-11

19 MARCH 2024 : **2 Samuel 7:** 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; **Psalms 89:** 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; **Matthew 1:** 16, 18-21, 24 or **Luke 2:** 41-51a

20 MARCH 2024 : **Daniel 3:** 14-20, 91-92, 95; **Daniel 3:** 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; **John 8:** 31-42

21 MARCH 2024 : **Genesis 17:** 3-9; **Psalms 105:** 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; **John 8:** 51-59

22 MARCH 2024 : **Day of Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)**
Jeremiah 20: 10-13; **Psalms 18:** 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; **John 10:** 31-42

23 MARCH 2024 : **Ezekiel 37:** 21-28; **Jeremiah 31:** 10, 11-12, 13; **John 11:** 45-56

24 MARCH 2024 : **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
Isaiah 50: 4-7; **Ps 22:** 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; **Philippians 2:** 6-11; **Mark 14:** 1 - 15: 47

Community/Diocesan Events

PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES WITH FR. CHARLES & FR. JOHN BOSCO
Lisbon, Fatima, Spain and Lourdes



September 23 – October 2, 2024

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Jan Barger



Fred Barger



Fr. John Bosco

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- † 8 nights at centrally located Hotels as follows (or similar):
- † 1 night: Sep 24 – Sep 25: Hotel Lumen, Lisbon, Portugal
- † 2 nights: Sep 25 – Sep 27: Hotel Santa Maria Jardim, Fatima, Portugal
- † 1 night: Sep 27 – Sep 28: Hotel Abba Fonseca, Salamanca, Spain
- † 1 night: Sep 28 – Sep 29: Hotel Abba, Burgos, Spain
- † 3 nights: Sep 29 – Oct 02: Hotel Chapelle et Parc, Lourdes, France
- † Breakfast and dinner daily
- † Transfers as per itinerary
- † Wireless headsets where needed
- † Transportation by air-conditioned private motor coach with free Wi-Fi
- † Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- † Assistance of a professional local Catholic Guide(s)
- † Mass daily & Spiritual Activities



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SPRING OPEN HOUSE: Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting its final Open House on Tuesday, March 19th, from 6pm-7:30pm. Come meet the teachers, take a tour and find out what it means to be a Warrior! www.saintmichaelhs.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, Jack Cook, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Eleanor Elletson, Jack Frank, 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, 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, Diane Sinlock, 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 Yanas

As always, prayer is an important way Catholics can respond to any crisis as we express our dependence on God. 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

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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.