

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



**PALM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 24, 2024**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM** (*Father Muddu's Birthday*)

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM** (*+David Phillips requested by Jennifer Kost-Phillips*)

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM** (*People of the Parish*)

**BIENVENIDOS**

ALL ARE WELCOME  
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS  
VŠETCI SÚ VÍTANÍ

**VITANI**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 25	OFFICE CLOSED; 8:45 AM CCM Coop - Homeschoolers
Tuesday, March 26	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM Mass</b> ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 27	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b>
Thursday, March 28	<b>Holy Thursday MASS at 7:00 PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight</b>
Friday, March 29	Church closed for cleaning in AM; <b>2:15 PM Stations of the Cross; 3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross</b>
Saturday, March 30	<b>Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM</b>
Sunday, March 31	<b>Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM</b> ( <i>+Delia Flores requested by The Flores Family</i> ); <b>Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00 AM Mass</b>



The Holy Week liturgies present us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. These liturgies enable us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own lifetime of dying and rising in Him, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others, and transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. In this way, we will be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgies will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. During this week of the Passion — passionate suffering, passionate grace, passionate love, and passionate forgiving — each of us is called to remember the Christ of Calvary and then to embrace and lighten the burden of the Christ Whose passion continues to be experienced in the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the aged, the lonely, and the outcast. Today's liturgy combines two moments seen in contrast: one of glory, with other of suffering — the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem, with the drama of His trial which ended in His condemnation, crucifixion, and death. Let us rejoice and sing as Jesus comes into our life today. Let us also weep and mourn as His death confronts us with our sin. The African American song asks the question, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they nailed Him to a tree?" The answer is yes, a definite yes. Yes, we were there in the crowd on both days, shouting, "Hosanna!" and later "Crucify Him!"

LET'S ALL WISH FATHER MUDDU A VERY ....

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**Saturday & Sunday, March 23rd & 24th** - Palm Sunday Mass-Saturday at 5:00 PM, Sunday -8:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
**Monday, March 25th** - no services scheduled  
**Tuesday, March 26th** - Adoration at 9:00 AM; Mass at 10:00AM  
**Wednesday, March 27th** - Adoration at 9:00 AM; Mass at 10:00AM  
**Thursday, March 28th** - Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 PM; Eucharistic Adoration immediately following Mass until Midnight  
**Friday, March 29th** - Good Friday - Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence—Stations of the Cross - 2:15 PM (outside weather permitting); Veneration of the Cross - 3:00 PM  
**Saturday, March 30th** - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 PM  
**Sunday, March 31st** - Easter Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM ; Easter Egg Hunt at Noon

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**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.



Dear Families and Friends of St. Mary's,

It's been on my heart to share a little about our Confirmation Class and teaching at St. Mary's for a while now.

First I want to say what an amazing parish we have! For example - our five, wonderful confirmation students wanted to do something to help with landscaping at St. Mary's. As a result, a bake sale was born. These students, along with their families, and a few other parishioners from St Mary's made so many wonderful and delicious treats! I was so delighted! As a result of that and YOUR generosity, we were able to contribute \$518 to landscaping and prepping our gardens for spring and Easter. I am so proud of these young people, so if you see them, feel free to say GREAT JOB to Ryleigh Arnold, Kaly Alvarado, Larry Flores, Eamon Kittle and Shane Tyrrell!

I also wanted to talk to you about teaching in general. I started teaching when our youngest son, Jack, was four. I wasn't very confident but I started as an aid. I was raised Catholic but didn't think I knew enough to teach. Jack is 19 now and I have had my own class, no longer an aid, for many years and the one thing I know now is that I will never know everything. I am always learning and these young people are always teaching me through their questions. The good news was and is if I don't know, I can find out. It's okay not to know everything. However, when I reflect on all the amazing young people that I have gotten to know and love over the years, I would not have missed these experiences for anything. So I am glad I jumped in and gave teaching a try. I have to say that I have learned as my kids have learned and we (David and I) have grown together (with our boys) as a family and that has been one of the best gifts. I want to add though, if you don't have children, it doesn't mean that you cannot teach. You will show our students how a devout Catholic will grow and learn by being an active participant in his/her faith. One of my greatest joys is seeing some of my former confirmation students volunteering to be class aids, giving back, and learning as they go and being a model to our younger children and passing on the faith.

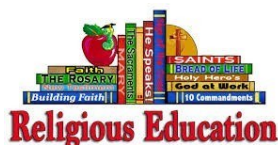
I really could go on and on about this but suffice it to say that I believe teaching has been one of the best things I have done at St. Mary's. I haven't known all the answers but I have figured it out and have learned so much in the process and more importantly I have met so many wonderful young people and they have enriched my life!

We are always in need of Catechists. If you have a family, think about what you would be modeling. You will be meeting the children that your children are friends with and they will see you practicing what you preach and you will both learn. If you are single, be a model to others and grow and learn your faith and your community. You can be an aid (if you're a little nervous) or a teacher. You will not know everything but you will learn so much and you will be a wonderful addition to our program. Please consider volunteering. If you think you might be interested, feel free to talk to Kari Campbell ([religioused@saintmaryc](mailto:religioused@saintmaryc)) or ask a teacher or ask me ([debbietavikfrank@aol.c](mailto:debbietavikfrank@aol.c)).

We would be happy to answer any questions.

God Bless,

Debbie Frank



## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

25 MARCH 2024 : **Monday of Holy Week**

**Isaiah 42:** 1-7; **Psalms 27:** 1, 2, 3, 13-14; **John 12:** 1-11

26 MARCH 2024 : **Tuesday of Holy Week**

**Isaiah 49:** 1-6; **Psalms 71:** 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; **John 13:** 21-33, 36-38

27 MARCH 2024 : **Wednesday of Holy Week**

**Isaiah 50:** 4-9a; **Psalms 69:** 8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; **Matthew 26:** 14-25

28 MARCH 2024 : **Holy Thursday, At Evening, Begin Easter Triduum of the Lord' Solemnity Passion, Death and Resurrection**

**Exodus 12:** 1-8, 11-14; **Psalms 116:** 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; **First Corinthians 11:** 23-26; **John 13:** 1-15

29 MARCH 2024 : **Good Friday, Day of Fast (Ages 18-59) and Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)**

**Isaiah 52:** 13 - 53: 102; **Psalms 31:** 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; **Hebrews 4:** 14-16; 5: 7-9; **John 18:** 1 - 19: 42

30 MARCH 2024 : **Holy Saturday**

First: **Genesis 1:** 1 - 2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a; **Psalms 104:** 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or **Psalms 33:** 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22

Second: **Genesis 22:** 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; **Psalms 16:** 5, 8, 9-10, 11

Third: **Exodus 14:** 15 - 15: 1; **Exodus 15:** 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Fourth: **Isaiah 54:** 5-14; **Psalms 30:** 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Fifth: **Isaiah 55:** 1-11; **Isaiah 12:** 2-3, 4, 5-6

Sixth: **Baruch 3:** 9-15, 32 - 4: 4; **Psalms 19:** 8, 9, 10, 11

Seventh: **Ezekiel 36:** 16-17a, 18-28; **Psalms 42:** 3, 5; 43: 3, 4 or **Isaiah 12:** 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or **Psalms 51:** 12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Gospel: **Mark 16:** 1-7

31 MARCH 2024 : **Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

**Acts 10:** 34a, 37-43; **Psalms 118:** 1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

**Colossians 3:** 1-4 or **First Corinthians 5:** 6b-8;

**John 20:** 1-9 or **Mark 16:** 1-7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, **Luke 24:** 13-35

# Community/Diocesan Events

## PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES WITH FR. CHARLES & 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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## FOOD PANTRY IS STILL IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



**MAC & CHEESE and INSTANT POTATOES**



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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## 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](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.