

Saint Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church August 8th – 9th, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM

(+Jancie Morris requested by Rolly and Merry Babcock)

Sunday 8:30 AM

Sunday 11:00 AM



Saint Mary Online Sundays 8:30am!

Live Streaming of the Mass is being offered via the [St. Mary Public Facebook](#) page. Have you visited? Please note that you don't need a Facebook account to participate.

This week look for the following:

Daily: Readings, Weekly Mass Times & Homily Fr. Muddu - sent via St. Mary Flocknote and on Facebook

Phase 3 in Effect

- Social distancing (a perimeter of six (6) feet from other people who are not from your household) must be observed in all worship spaces.
- For public Masses, social distancing applies to periods of time when individuals are seated for 15 minutes or longer.

- Social distancing does not apply when passing others, such as when people are coming forward to receive Communion. In this case, a six (6) foot perimeter is recommended but not required from aisles or walkways; however, the first pew in all worship spaces should always remain empty.
- Collecting contact information is no longer required for Mass but still required for gatherings and the same process remains.
- Online signups will continue.
- Health Screening Questions may be posted at the entrance to the church and on line. They no longer need to be asked by the ushers.
 - Do you or anyone in your household have a new cough or new shortness of breath?
 - In the past two (2) weeks, have you or anyone in your household had a fever?
 - In the past two (2) weeks, have you been exposed less than six (6) feet for greater than 15 minutes to anyone who has tested positive for COVID 19 without wearing the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention?
- More detailed information will be posted to the [Parish Website](#)

WEEKLY ADORATION AND MASS TIMES

Tuesdays - Adoration 9:00 - 9:30 AM; Mass 10 - 11 AM

Wednesdays - Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 AM; Mass 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Thursdays - Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 AM; Mass 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Daily Readings

2020 Aug 10 Mon: 2 Cor 9: 6-10/ Ps 112: 1-2. 5-6. 7-8. 9/ Jn 12: 24-26

2020 Aug 11 Tue: Ez 2: 8 – 3: 4/ Ps 119: 14. 24. 72. 103. 111. 131/ Mt 18: 1-5. 10. 12-14

2020 Aug 12 Wed: Ez 9: 1-7; 10: 18-22/ Ps 113: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mt 18: 15-20

2020 Aug 13 Thu: Ez 12: 1-12/ Ps 78: 56-57. 58-59. 61-62/ Mt 18: 21 – 19: 1

2020 Aug 14 Fri: Ez 16: 1-15. 60. 63/ Is 12: 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6/ Mt 19: 3-12

2020 Aug 15 Sat: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - No obligation this year to attend Mass.

Vigil: 1 Chr 15: 3-4. 15-16; 16: 1-2/ Ps 132: 6-7. 9-10. 13-14/ 1 Cor 15: 54b-57/ Lk 11: 27-28.

Day: Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a. 10ab/ Ps 45: 10. 11. 12. 16/ 1 Cor 15: 20-27/ Lk 1: 39-56

2020 Aug 16 SUN: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 56: 1. 6-7/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (4)/ Rom 11: 13-15. 29-32/ Mt 15: 21-28

Church Financials' & Giving

Our Offertory has remained steady after the initial decline seen after the Covid-19 lockdowns. However, we are noticing a trending down over the last month. We pray that the financial hardships everyone is facing will soon be relieved with the ending of the Covid-19 crisis and the full reopening of the economy. If you have been fortunate enough not to have been financially impacted by the current economics, please consider increasing your donations if possible. As always, thank you for your continued support of our community. If you have any questions, please email Sue at sbrim@saintmarycc.org. To give on line go to the [St Mary Online Giving website](#). God Bless you all!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY GIFTS		
	July 19-July 25	YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 383	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,559	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 2,942	\$ 11,117
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,500	\$ 13,500
Over/Under	\$ (1,558)	\$ (2,383)



Catholic Diocese of Richmond

Office of the Bishop

August 3, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With so much happening this year and all that we've encountered as a faith community, I write this letter to connect and communicate with you on an important announcement from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The matter centers on the issue that remains of utmost importance – the universal Church's ongoing responsibility to address the protection of children.

As a new pastoral year approaches in the fall, this responsibility necessitates we consistently review our efforts in our promise to provide a safe environment through transparency, accountability and enforcement of rigorous policies and procedures especially in our diocese. By God's grace and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we continue to do all we can at restoring the trust of our faithful.

As part of that effort to rebuild trust, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) on July 16, 2020, published a [Vademecum](#), or instruction manual, which provides specific guidance and procedural steps to bishops, religious superiors and others when governing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by clergy.

Why is this manual significant? The document provides best practices and step-by-step guidelines to dioceses worldwide. This handbook does not alter Church law. However, it is a critical tool and a substantial step forward in the universal Church's responsibility to protect our most vulnerable members.

This initiative is a follow-up to the Vatican summit held in February 2019 regarding the protection of minors and the need for further stringent procedures of accountability, especially for bishops, resulting from the grave sins of the actions and inactions of Church leaders. As we await the report from the Vatican on Theodore McCarrick, we recognize the importance of putting such measures into effect.

As you are aware, Pope Francis promulgated Vatican norms for the Church's handling of sex abuse in May 2019 by a *motu proprio*, titled, "*Vos estis lux mundi*" ("You are the light of the world"). Within that apostolic letter, one of the measures called for the establishment of a "[metropolitan model](#)" for the investigation of accusations of sexual misconduct against bishops and their peers.

I joined my brother bishops in approving the U.S. implementation of the directive in June 2019. Our diocesan website contains more information on the [protocols](#) for reporting abuse against bishops and about the nationwide service. I remind you that ANY report of child sexual abuse must be reported immediately to law enforcement and then to our [diocese](#).

So where are we within our diocese concerning response and actions of accountability? I promised you, the faithful, of my commitment to address this wound in our local Church and to further our journey of spiritual renewal and reform. Please allow me to update you on the various mechanisms put into place within the last 18 months in our diocese:

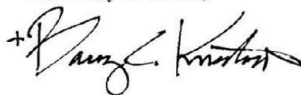
- In June 2019, the Richmond Diocese established and began using a third-party, independent, hotline system called [EthicsPoint](#). This independent reporting service allows clergy, religious, employees, volunteers, parishioners, vendors and other interested parties confidentially to report concerns about suspected financial or ethical misconduct and misuse of resources.

- High standards of professional behavior from our clergy, employees and volunteers are always expected. Effective March 28, 2020, I promulgated the [Code of Ethical Conduct](#) to strengthen and set a clear expectation of the core values and behavior that is consistent with Catholic Church teachings and required of all clergy, religious, employees and volunteers.
- In the ongoing promise in our local Church to help survivors with their healing, I directed a full audit of our clergy files by an independent entity and in February 2019, published the [names of clergy](#) with a credible and substantiated accusation of sexual abuse of a minor. This is be updated as required and includes the past assignments of our named diocesan clergy.
- One of the aspects to reconcile the sins in our local Church and repair the damage that has been done is the establishment of the [Independent Reconciliation Program \(IRP\)](#). It was established to assist victim survivors who were sexually abused as minors by Catholic clergy. The program, announced in February 2020, is independently administered and remains ongoing.
- Our [Diocesan Review Board](#), which consists of lay individuals, religious and clergy, continues to review all allegations of child sexual abuse by Church personnel and recommends actions to be taken.
- In my continuous commitment for greater involvement of the laity and co-responsibility of the care of our Church, the [Diocesan Pastoral Council](#) was formed and met for the first time in August 2019. The council is one of several advisory bodies that provides valuable counsel to me and reflects the voice of the lay faithful on important matters of policy, pastoral initiatives and pastoral planning. The council is composed of nine men and nine women selected for their parish experience and leadership. They are representative of the diocese's 15 deaneries.
- Our seminarians have the opportunity of studying at some of the best seminaries in order to prepare themselves academically, pastorally and spiritually for their [life of ministry](#). They undergo careful psychological assessments, training on child protection and reporting policies in our diocese, establishing expectations and guidelines for reporting sexual harassment as well as management courses in order to develop skills to serve as effective leaders in the Church.
- Through the [VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children for Adults](#) Program, all clergy, religious and employees are required to receive preventative and educational training that provides proactive measures on the issue of child sexual abuse. Volunteers who regularly work with children and youth are also required to take this training.

Please know I continue to hold in my heart the hurt and pain victim survivors have shared with me about the enormously profound impact these grave violations of sacred trust have had on their lives, and I will always do so. I continue to emphasize that our response will always be about what we are doing, not simply about what we have done. As we tend to the wound still healing in our Church, please join me in continuous prayer.

May the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of God grant me and all in leadership understanding and strength as we continue to rebuild the sacred trust of our faithful.

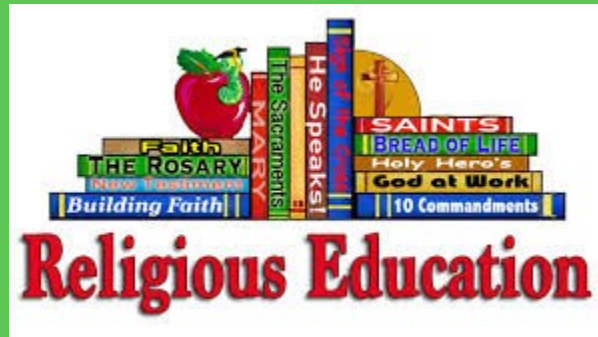
Faithfully in Christ,



Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2020-2021

Saint Mary 's is finalizing the plans for starting Religious Education in September initiating the guidelines pertaining to Covid 19. More information will follow within the next couple of weeks. If you have children you would like to register for classes please email Gina Stargel at gstargel81@gmail.com.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we respond obediently to God's call and have the confidence to walk on water.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"He said, "Come". Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.



The feast of the Assumption is on Saturday August the 15th.

Mass will be livestreamed at 9:30am. This does not replace the Saturday vigil mass which is at 5:00pm that same day.

Prayers for the Sick

Please feel free to reply to this Flocknote to add or remove anyone from this list.

Eli Ames, Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Larry Azzopardi, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, The Biddulph Family, Annemarie Bockman, Maria Bridge, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Brandon Dineff, Levie Edmond, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, Paula Jane Hass, Celeste Henkel, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Deborah Landsnes, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, The Matekenya Family, Ed Miskin, Patrick Moore, Donald Paradis, Marianna Porter, Mary Ann Pressman, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Susan Smith, Gary Smoller, Hadley Spacht, Faye Spartz, David Stanion, Kathleen Waites, Joan Williams

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 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.

God Bless!

Sign up for the [FORMED](#) platform and join our Parish Community for fantastic faith-based movies, books and more! A great way to share the faith with your families at home.



If you know of someone in the Parish that hasn't subscribed to Flocknote let them know they can sign up via our [Website!](#)