

# Saint Mary of the Annunciation

February 27-28, 2021, The Second Sunday of Lent

*RECONCILIATION - SATURDAYS STARTING AT 4:10 PM*

Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM (*Ava Demick requested by John and Holly*)

Sunday 8:30 AM (*+Paul Defibaugh requested by Gerry and Bette Moore*)

Sunday 11:00 AM



## WEEKLY ADORATION AND MASS TIMES

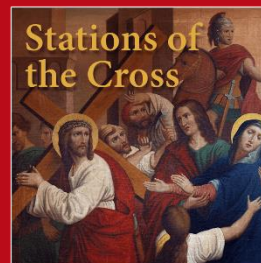
Tuesday - Adoration 9:00 AM; Mass 10:00 AM

Wednesday - Adoration 8:30 AM; Mass 9:30 AM

Thursday - Adoration 8:30 AM; Mass 9:30 AM

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 7:00 PM throughout Lent. Be sure to sign up and join us as we retrace the final journey of Christ to Calvary (this will be live streamed).

Sign ups will be located on our website



# COVID 19 Phase 3 is in Effect

For COVID 19 guidelines and Mass Sign Ups, please go to our [Parish Website](#) for more detailed information

## Saint Mary Online Sundays 8:30 AM!

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

### Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

The Word Among Us daily meditations for Lent 2021 can be picked up in the office during regular office hours which are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



### Join us for a Lenten Rosary!

Your Knights of Columbus Council will be saying the Rosary each Tuesday night during Lent at 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome so please join us! Gather your loved ones together as we pray for your intentions. To join visit the News & Events section of our website ([saintmarycc.org/lenten...](http://saintmarycc.org/lenten...))

Saint Mary of the Annunciation Weekly Offertory Summary		
Feb 7 to Feb 13		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,453	
On Line Giving	\$ 3,235	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,688	\$ 140,276
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,500	\$ 144,375
Over/Under	\$ 188	\$ (4,099)

### St. Mary's Weekly Giving Report

If you are of an age you must take minimum mandatory distributions from an IRA please consider donating some of these funds to St Mary's. You can avoid taxes and benefit your parish at the same time! To find out how to do this talk to your broker or contact Sue at [sbrim@saintmarycc.org](mailto:sbrim@saintmarycc.org).

Thank you for your continued support of our community.

To give on line go to the [St Mary Online Giving website](http://St Mary Online Giving website). God Bless you all!

The Joseph M. Johnson Council #7538 of the Knights of Columbus is now accepting applications for its Virgil S. Hicks, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Any St. Mary parishioner or their dependent is eligible. **Applications are due by April 30, 2021.** Award recipients may attend any Catholic high school or any college or university. Anyone interested in additional information or an application are asked to contact Ron Wisniewski at 804 307-1615 or any other member of the Council that they know.

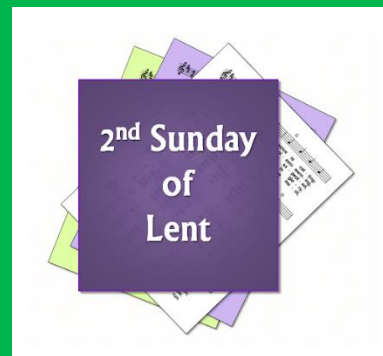


**WELCOME TO THE 2021 DIOCESAN APPEAL -  
BUILDING OUR FAMILY OF FAITH**

Today's readings are ALL about sacrifice and love. Love and sacrifice. In the first reading, Abraham wanted a son so badly and God gave him one through a wife that was supposed to be unable to get pregnant. God tested Abraham's love for him. Did he love his new son more or did he love God more? Abraham loved God and trusted in him, and Isaac was saved. Abraham sacrifices a ram in thanksgiving to God.

In the Gospel, God transfigures Jesus into dazzling white and says to all, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." God loves *US* so much he sacrifices his own son (the Lamb) for our sins.

How much do we listen to Jesus, as God asked us to? What sacrifices do we make, especially during Lent, in thanksgiving to God for all He gives to us? How much do we trust in God? Enough to give him control of our finances? Make the Annual Diocesan Appeal part of your Lenten almsgiving.

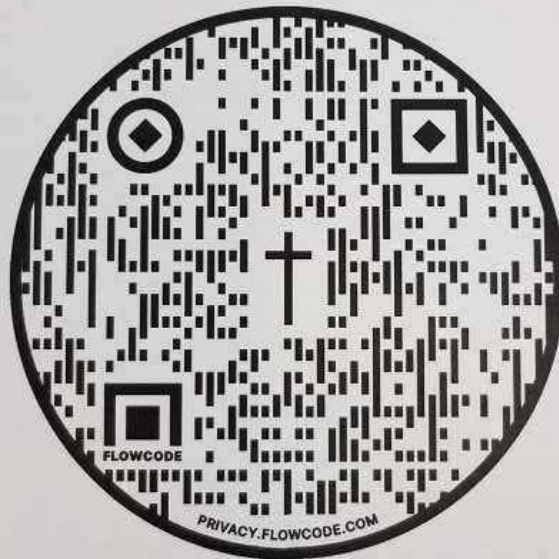


## Diocese of Richmond Annual Appeal 2021

We now have a secure and convenient way to make your 2021 Appeal commitment online.

- You can go to our website, [www.saintmarycc.org](http://www.saintmarycc.org), and click on the Annual Appeal link.
- You can go directly to the Annual Appeal website by clicking on the following link, [richmondcatholicfounda...](http://richmondcatholicfounda...)
- You can use your cell phone and scan the code below:

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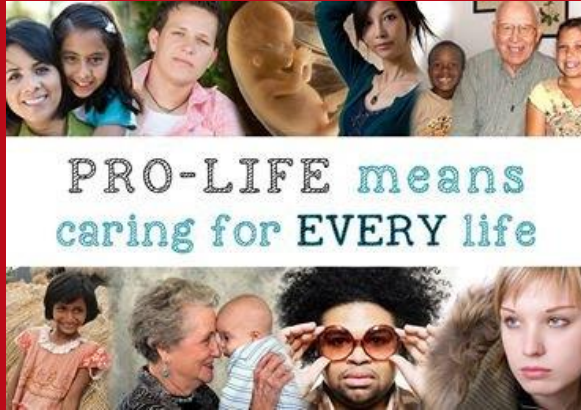


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## The Most Important Lesson of American History

In the modern world, virtually everyone everywhere condemns slavery. Yet, it is not long ago in our nation's history that this was not the case and human beings were deprived of their "inalienable rights" including the rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."



This provides the most important lesson of American history and the continuing battle against contemporary forms of slavery and exploitation. First, we must oppose all forms of modern relativism, which attempt to establish "no absolutes." If a practice (such as slavery) is morally wrong, it is wrong and unacceptable under all conditions in any society. In other words, a moral evil does not become good simply because sociological or political views might change, or even if it is the prevailing law at a particular time.

Slavery is just one offence against human dignity. Today, abortion is the most heinous and extensive violation of human rights.

Abortion like slavery refuses to recognize the fact that a human being is precisely that, a human being and instead, reduces human beings to "things" or chattels. The moral of the story is that we must always vigorously oppose any measure which undermines the dignity of any human being and reduces them to the status of means rather than ends.

This is precisely what abortion-on-demand and the culture of death does and why it is so vitally important that we work unceasingly to oppose it!

*Pro-Life Articles*

## Daily Readings

1 MARCH 2021 - MONDAY: **Daniel 9:** 4b-10; **Psalms 79:** 8, 9, 11 and 13; **Luke 6:** 36-38

2 MARCH 2021 - TUESDAY: **Isaiah 1:** 10, 16-20; **Psalms 50:** 8-9,16bc-17, 21 and 23; **Matthew 23:** 1-12

3 MARCH 2021 - WEDNESDAY: **Jeremiah 18:** 18-20; **Psalms 31:** 5-6, 14,15-16; **Matthew 20:** 17-28

4 MARCH 2021 - THURSDAY: **Jeremiah 17:** 5-10; **Psalms 1:** 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; **Luke 16:** 19-31

5 MARCH 2021 - FRIDAY: **Day of abstinence from meat (age14 and up):** **Genesis 37:** 3-4, 12-13a,17b-28a; **Psalms 105:** 16-17,18-19, 20-21; **Matthew 21:** 33-43, 45-46

6 MARCH 2021 - SATURDAY: **Micah 7:** 14-15, 18-20; **Psalms 103:** 1-2, 3-4,9-10, 11-12; **Luke 15:** 1-3, 11-32

7 MARCH 2021 - SUNDAY: **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT:** **Exodus 20:** 1-17; **Psalms 19:** 8, 9, 10,11; **First Corinthians 1:** 22-25; **John 2:** 13-25

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may answer, "Here I am, Lord," whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve Him.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

*"Here I am!" he answered.* - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

## VOCATIONS

"If God is with us, who can be against us?"

Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood? Call Father Brian W. Capuano at (804)359-5661 or write: [bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org).

## Prayers for the Sick

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

**\*\*\*\*\* NAMES WILL BE REMOVED AFTER 6 MONTHS \*\*\*\*\***

*The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Nancy Coffield, Levie Edmond, Deacon Dave Geary, Maureen Ketrick, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Barbara Litten, Eugene Mimnaugh, Bette Moore, Marge Polivka, Duane Riden, Mary Rudy, The Tate Family, The Wheeler Family*

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!](#)