

Saint Mary of the Annunciation

March 20-21, 2021, The Fifth Sunday of Lent

RECONCILIATION - SATURDAYS STARTING AT 4:10 PM

Mass Times:

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

Sunday 8:30 AM (*+William Bolecek requested by Gloria Bolecek*)

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



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

******Thursday - Annunciation of the Lord (live streamed) - 9:30 AM******

Lenten Communal Penance Schedule

(no appointment needed)

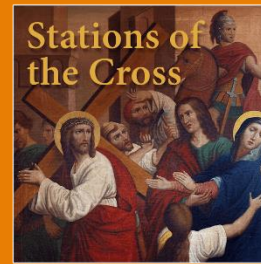
Holy Thursday: April 1st 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM

Good Friday: April 2nd 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Reconciliation still takes place every Saturday from 4:10 PM to 4:50 PM

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



Sunday, March 28th - Palm Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Monday, March 29th - no services scheduled

Tuesday, March 30th - Adoration at 9:00 AM; Mass at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 31st - Adoration at 8:30 AM; Mass at 9:30 AM

Thursday, April 1st - Penance starting at 6:00 PM; Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 PM; Eucharistic Adoration immediately following Mass until Midnight

Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - 2:00 PM; Veneration of the Cross - 3:00 PM; Penance starting at 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 3rd - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 PM

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

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

Join us on **Thursday, March 25th, at 9:30 AM** for
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The feast of the Annunciation marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is celebrated on March 25th each year. More importantly, since it occurs 9 months before the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the Annunciation marks the actual incarnation of Jesus Christ - the moment that Jesus was conceived and that the Son of God became the son of the Virgin. The festival has been celebrated since the 5th century AD.



The festival celebrates two things:

- God's action in entering the human world as Jesus in order to save humanity
- Humanity's willing acceptance of God's action in Mary's freely given acceptance of the task of being the Mother of God

The Annunciation and the liturgy

The story of the Annunciation has produced three important liturgical texts, the Ave Maria, the Angelus, and the Magnificat.

- The angel's greeting to Mary, which is traditionally translated as "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee," (in Latin Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum) is the opening of the Ave Maria, and a part of the Rosary prayers.
- The Angelus consists of three Ave Marias, together with some additional material. It is said three times a day in the Roman Catholic Church.
- The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) is the poem with which Mary responds to the Annunciation and celebrates the power of God.

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.

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...)



Second Collections for March

3/21 - Easter Flowers

Saint Mary of the Annunciation Weekly Offertory Summary		
Feb 28 to March 6		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,055	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,652	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,707	\$ 152,408
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,500	\$ 157,875
Over/Under	\$ (793)	\$ (5,467)

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. 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!

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.



Lets Face the Facts and Tell the Truth about Abortion (Part I)

"Don't look for applause, but look to obey the truth. Speaking just to find applause or to tell people what they want to hear is like prostitution". - Pope Benedict XVI

The truth about abortion is repugnant and abhorrent. It is therefore not easy and requires courage to speak out about abortion. However, as Catholics,

We must boldly speak the truth and contradict the untruths and misleading rhetoric which surrounds the issue.



Some of the myths are discussed below:

* "The government should not interfere with someone's personal choice." This is neither practical" desirable or correct. If there is only one legitimate function of government, it is the protection of innocent human life and to prevent one individual victimizing another. The word "choice" might sound good, but the reality is that some "choices" are crimes and all crimes are "choices".

* Abortion advocates try to use smokescreen language to conceal the truth about abortion. A good example is the term "women's reproductive rights". The biological reality is that when a woman is pregnant, reproduction has already occurred. If that were not true, there would be nothing for the abortionist to abort.

* Another deliberately misleading term is "woman's access to healthcare". Healthcare relates to the treatment of diseases, injuries or illnesses. Since pregnancy is none of these, abortion is definitely not "healthcare".

Pro-Life Articles

**Knights of Columbus
Brunswick Stew Sale coming
in April**

More details to follow



Daily Readings

22 MARCH 2021 - MONDAY: **Daniel 13:** 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13: 41c-62; **Psalms 23:** 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; **John 8:** 1-11

23 MARCH 2021 - TUESDAY: **Numbers 21:** 4-9; **Psalms 102:** 2-3, 16-18, 19-21; **John 8:** 21-30

24 MARCH 2021 - WEDNESDAY: **Daniel 3:** 14-20, 91-92, 95; **Daniel 3:** 52, 53, 54,55, 56; **John 8:** 31-42

25 MARCH 2021 - THURSDAY: **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10; **Psalms 40:** 7-8a,8b-9, 10, 11; **Hebrews 10:** 4-10; **Luke 1:** 26-38

26 MARCH 2021 - FRIDAY: **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

27 MARCH 2021 - SATURDAY: **Ezekiel 37:** 21-28; **Jeremiah 31:** 10, 11-12abcd, 13; **John 11:** 45-56

28 MARCH 2021 - SUNDAY: **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Isaiah 50: 4-7; **Psalms 22:** 8-9, 17-18, 19-20,23-24; **Philippians 2:** 6-11; **Mark 14:** 1 - 15: 47

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That, as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent and treasure with others.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

VOCATIONS

"He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him."

The gift of a vocation to the priesthood requires an obedient response through prayer and action. Call Father Brian W.

Capuano at (804)359-5661, or write: 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, Deborah Brooks, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Levie Edmond, Arlene Flower, Deacon Dave Geary, Paula Hass, Maureen Ketrick, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Barbara Litten, Eugene Mimnaugh, Bette Moore, Bella Paradis, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Mary Rudy, Laurie Snowman, The Tate Family, Ralph Watermeier, Joan Williams, 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!](#)