

# Saint Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH of BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

*Established 1938*



*We are a sacramental people, serving as the visible presence of Christ in our community.*



{SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD}

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.

They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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### CLERGY

Rev. John Asare, Pastor  
Deacon Mike Ellerbrock  
Deacon Rick Furman

### RECONCILIATION

Friday: 12:00 PM

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM  
Monday: No Daily Mass  
Tuesday: No Daily Mass  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM  
Thursday: No Daily Mass  
Friday: 11:15 AM



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# This Week's Announcements



## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

This Sunday, January 24, is a day devoted to the Bible to help us grow in our knowledge and love of the scriptures!

## 2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal is fast approaching. This year, the parish target for St. Mary's has been set at \$32,130. We can only reach this goal with all of us working together, so please join us for this offering on the weekend of February 20/21, 2021.



## AFFIRM THURSDAYS ARE RETURNING

Beginning on Thursday, Jan. 28th, we will begin a 3 night Zoom series on Pope Francis' Encyclical letter, *Fratelli Tutti on Fraternity and Social Friendship*. Deacon Mike will lead our discussions that will begin at 7pm on the evenings of Jan. 20th, Feb. 11th and Feb. 25th. Sue will send out the Zoom invite the week before to those who have signed up. This Adult Faith offering will include parishioners from St. Mary's and St. Jude parishes. Please register with Sue Ellerbrock at [formation@stmarysblacksburg.org](mailto:formation@stmarysblacksburg.org). Books will be available to purchase after Jan. 19th for \$10 each and available through Sue at the office of St. Mary's. You may purchase your own book as well.

## SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

St. Mary's Catholic Church has five small Christian communities but only four are active at the moment. These are groups of parishioners that come together twice per month for prayer, Scripture reading, book studies, catechesis, and discussion on human and ecclesial problems with a view to a common commitment. You can find your group's contact below!

Name of Small Christian Community	Location	Meeting Days and Time	Leaders and Contact Details
Our Lady of the Transfiguration	Mt. Tabor Blacksburg	2nd and last Thursday of the month, 7 pm – 8 pm	Jennifer Fenrich, <a href="mailto:fenrich@comcast.net">fenrich@comcast.net</a> Ginny Coluni, <a href="mailto:vcoluni@aol.com">vcoluni@aol.com</a>
Breaking Bread	Foxridge, Blacksburg	2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm	Minerva San Juan <a href="mailto:minervasanjuan15@gmail.com">minervasanjuan15@gmail.com</a>
Our Lady of Victory	120 Tula Circle Christiansburg	1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7-8pm	Carolyn Sandberg <a href="mailto:carolyn412@yahoo.com">carolyn412@yahoo.com</a>
Holy Family	Blacksburg	1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, from 4 to 5pm.	Marvin Addison <a href="mailto:marvin.addison@gmail.com">marvin.addison@gmail.com</a>



# Mass INTENTIONS

“We have a Lord who is capable of crying with us, capable of walking with us in the most difficult moments of life.”

— Pope Francis

Saturday, January 23	5:00 PM	The Community of St. Mary's
Sunday, January 24	8:30 AM	Michael Overstreet †
Sunday, January 24	11:30 AM	Mary Watson †
Wednesday, January 27	9:00 AM	Maureen Cummings †
Friday, January 29	11:15 AM	Vincent Ciccone †

## COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS



### ARRIVE TO MASS EARLY

Arrive 30 minutes early to mass to allow time for seating and screening.

### DOORS LOCK PROMPTLY

To ensure proper socially-distant seating, the doors will lock at the start of mass, so arrive on time.



### WORSHIP AREA CLEANED

The worship area is cleaned after the celebration of every Mass, in accordance with CDC guidelines.

### COLLECTION IN NARTHEX

Offerories can be placed in the collection baskets in the Narthex, or given through Faith Direct.



### MASKS ARE MANDATORY

Face coverings must be worn by everyone older than 5, but they may be removed briefly to take communion.

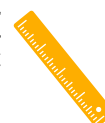


### NO PHYSICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Worship aids and Father John's homily can be found online at [stmarysblcksburg.org](http://stmarysblcksburg.org)

### MAINTAIN 6 FEET OF DISTANCE

Ushers will seat you and your family 6 feet away from others. Please maintain this distance after mass.



### STAY HOME IF YOU'RE ILL

The Bishop has granted all Catholics in the diocese a dispensation from the obligation to attend mass.

### CHECK YOUR TEMPERATURE

If your temperature is above 100.4°F, please stay home to protect your fellow parishioners.



### MASS FOR HIGH-RISK GROUPS

Reserved for 65+ and immunocompromised parishioners on Friday at 11:15 AM.

# Latest Ministry and Group Updates

## SEEKING NEW MENTAL HEALTH LEAD

The St. Mary's Mental Health group is in need of a new lead! If you are interested in filling this role, please send an email to Liam Watson at: [officestaff@stmarysblacksburg](mailto:officestaff@stmarysblacksburg).

## DOES YOUR MINISTRY OR GROUP HAVE AN UPDATE?

If so, please send your announcement of approximately 100 words to Liam Watson at: [officestaff@stmarysblacksburg](mailto:officestaff@stmarysblacksburg).

**Faith Direct** is St. Mary's online offertory program that allows parishioners to conveniently and consistently make church contributions, with a credit/debit card, or a direct debit from a checking/savings account. Online giving provides an easy opportunity to support St. Mary's, even when not attending Mass.

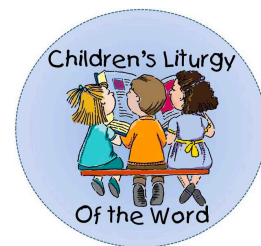
### **Here's how you can enroll:**

- Visit [faith.direct/VA969](http://faith.direct/VA969) in any web browser
- Call Faith Direct at **1-866-507-8757**
- Text **"ENROLL"** to (540) 274-2005
- Visit **St. Mary's website** click Faith Direct



## HELP FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

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 at 1-877-887-9603.



### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Our virtual CLOW can be used in several ways to help your children learn more about the Gospel each week. We envision you either watching as a family after Mass or having your children view the Virtual CLOW during Mass online. View the CLOW presentation online at: [bit.ly/StMarysCLOW](http://bit.ly/StMarysCLOW)