



# St. Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH EST. 1938

**DECEMBER 25, 2022**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
(CHRISTMAS)**

## MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 AM\* & 11:30 AM  
Monday: No Daily Mass  
Tuesday: 9:00 AM  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM\*  
Thursday: 6:30 AM  
Friday: 11:15 AM\*  
\* Livestreamed


## RECONCILIATION


Friday: 12:00-1:00 PM  
Saturday: 3:30-4:15 PM




## OUR LOCATION

### St. Mary's Catholic Church


 1205 Old Mill Road  
Blacksburg, VA 24060


 540-552-1091

 [officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org](mailto:officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org)

### Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

 [www.stmarysblacksburg.org](http://www.stmarysblacksburg.org)

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### Mass Intention at St. Mary's

Would you like to offer Mass for a special intention, thanksgiving, healing or for a beloved departed? Our Mass intention schedule has plenty of opportunity to do so. For more information or to offer a Mass, contact the Church office at 540-552-1091. Suggested donation is \$10 per intention.

Saturday, December 24	4:00 pm	Louis Cotroneo †
	7:00 pm	Joseph & Eula Fontenot †
	11:00 pm	Tom Anthony †
		Marylou †
Sunday, December 18	9:00 am	Salvatore Natarelli †
Tuesday, December 20	9:00 am	No Daily Mass
Wednesday, December 21	9:00 am	No Daily Mass
Thursday, December 22	6:30am	No Daily Mass
Friday, December 23	11:15 am	No Daily Mass

### Upcoming Events

Online: [stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1](http://stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1)

Dec 23-27 - Parish Office Closed - Merry Christmas!  
 Dec 24 - Christmas Masses - 4:00, 7:00 & 11:00pm  
 Dec 24 - Second Collection Catholic Charities - 4pm  
 Dec 25 - Christmas Mass - 9:00am  
 Dec 26-30 - No Daily Mass  
 Jan 6 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 9-11am



Janice Bennett	Becky Meisner
Corey Blake	Stephen Orr
Nelson Carey & Family	Betty Jo Prater
The Coleman Family	The Wheeler Family
Renee Gambon	West Vaughn

Families may submit prayer requests to  
[officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org](mailto:officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org)

### Weekly Offering December 11

#### Regular Collection

Offertory	\$3,260.30
Debt Reduction	\$165.00

#### Immaculate Conception

Offertory	1,115.01
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#### eGiving

Offertory	\$2,485.00
Debt Reduction	\$50.00

#### Faith Direct - December 4

Offertory	\$9832.63
Debt Reduction	\$1145.00

*Thank you for your continued  
generosity and support!*

Through **Faith Direct** you can make all of your contributions to St. Mary's via online giving from your checking account or credit card.



**We are looking for volunteers to help shovel St. Mary's sidewalks when it snows.** For more information or to sign-up please contact Matt Wheeler,

[businessmanager@stmarysblacksburg.org](mailto:businessmanager@stmarysblacksburg.org)

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.

### YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Merry Christmas to All!!

To keep up with middle school and high school events throughout the year, sign up for our Flocknote at [nrwym.flocknote.com](http://nrwym.flocknote.com).



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**RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS FOR BENCHES AT ST. MARY'S**  
**THANK YOU TO ALL** for helping St. Mary's acquire two new benches through your plastic donations! We are still collecting so be sure to bring your used plastic bags to the Parish Hall.

**Year to Date: 1,513.20 lbs. of 2000 lbs.**



### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Eve

**Saturday, December 24**

**4:00pm - Kid's Pageant**

**7:00pm\***

**11:00pm**

#### Christmas Day

**Sunday, December 25**

**9:00am\***

**\*The 7pm and 9am Masses will be livestreamed**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## RCIA

### **Next Session**

January 10, 2023

Watch for 2023 calendar of sessions.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

[rcia@stmarysblackburg.org](mailto:rcia@stmarysblackburg.org)

See schedule at:

[stmarysblacksburg.org/rcia](http://stmarysblacksburg.org/rcia)

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped make Advent and Christmas wonderful for the St. Mary's community!!

Special thanks to:

\*Entertainment & Art

Committee

\*Christmas Pageant

participants and their parents

\*Liturgical Ministers

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**December 25 No RE Classes - Merry Christmas!**

**January 1 No RE Classes - Happy New Year!**

**January 8 No RE Classes - Happy New Year!**

**January 15 Regular RE Classes resume**



## THURSDAY DAILY MASSES

**Thursday daily Masses will be at 6:30am only.** There will no longer be a 9:00am daily Mass on Thursdays.

## ANGEL TREE

We'd like to thank all the families who participated in this years Angel Tree program. As you could see by the amount of gifts under the tree, it was a tremendous success. The gifts have been delivered and we have heard from both The Valley Interfaith Child Care Center and Catholic Charities of Virginia and they were very thankful for the love and generosity of St. Mary's parish and our parishioners. Many thanks for your support and we wish you and your families a very blessed holiday season.

Bob and Teresa Bolger



## WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Jesus is born: and then what happened? Why does it matter, to you, now? Let 2023 be the year when you discover why Jesus has been so loved by so many through time, by joining the Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays, 9:30-11am in the Parish Hall, resuming January 11, 2023. Each week a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, (written by a tax collector who discovered God's merciful love when no one else cared), is explored! For info, contact Glenda Canfield at 540-951-1298.

## PRISON MINISTRY UPDATE

There has been a superb response to the request for surplus Christmas cards for inmates at state prisons in Virginia. Since October, we have collected and mailed 102 lbs of cards to two prison ministry organizations and to chaplains at 4 state prisons in Virginia. Several chaplains have requested that greeting cards of various types to be sent to them during the year, to be made available to inmates for special occasions. The chaplains thank you for your generosity to those facing long separations from families back home.

## **SECOND COLLECTION CHRISTMAS EVE 4PM MASS**

### *Second Collection*

Your gift to  
Commonwealth Catholic Charities  
shelters a neighbor living outside,  
secures a loving home for a child,  
supports a pregnant mom,  
settles a refugee family,  
and so much more.



The Diocesan Christmas Collection supports  
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Change lives. Give today.  
*Merry Christmas!*

To make a gift directly to CCC visit  
[www.ccofva.org/adventgiving](http://www.ccofva.org/adventgiving)



## **ST. MARY'S MINISTRY CORNER**

**This week: WELCOME MINISTRY**

**Looking for friendly, smiling faces!  
Join the Welcome Ministry as a Greeter!**

Welcome Ministers create a friendly, inviting and helpful environment for all who gather during weekend masses. "Welcome Greeters" greet people in the Narthex before and after each Mass and are at the ready with information about ongoing and upcoming events, parish registration packets, and ministry opportunities at St. Mary's. Ministers serve on a convenient rotating schedule for a Mass of their preference.

Join us! We need Greeters for all weekend Masses. Training provided at your convenience. Please contact Phyllis & Mike Quinn ([mpquinn84@comcast.net](mailto:mpquinn84@comcast.net)) for more information.

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