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The Church of St. Mary, Alexandria

5th Sunday of Lent | MARCH 17, 2024

Luke's Latest Liturgics

Holy Week is around the corner! There are special

ministries unique to Holy Week that could still use some sign-ups. They can be found on the hospitality desk. You may have noticed that one of the Masses on Palm Sunday at St. Mary's will be at 10:30 a.m. instead of the usual 10:00 am. The reason for this has to do with the longer Mass. With the longer opening procession and the Passion reading during Mass, this would only leave about a 30-minute gap between the two Masses. This is quite a short gap to be able to prepare for and transition

to the next Mass. The parking lot by the parish office and chapel will become a completely handicapaccessible lot for our parishioners and guests on Palm Sunday morning, Holy Thursday, and Easter Sunday. This is something we would like to try this year to be more hospitable towards those who might otherwise find it very difficult to attend due to crowded lots and streets. Please be aware of this. The Art/Environment Committee could also use some help with decorating the church for the Easter season. This will take place immediately following the morning prayer on Holy Saturday, about 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's is hosting ValLimar Jansen this weekend for a fun-filled Lenten mission. Be warned: with ValLimar you won't just be sitting around and observing! The spirit will really be a-movin' this weekend. The mission takes place each evening from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.



Would you and your family be interested in being gift bearers? We are still looking for a few families willing to be scheduled monthly to bring up the gifts at Mass for all weekend Masses---especially the 5:00 pm and 8:00 am Masses. Reach out to me if you are interested in being a part of this great opportunity.

During Holy Week, we are not simply remembering events of the past; we are celebrating them as still

happening today. Christ's death and resurrection is the victory that extends even to our time today. Only because he is God can this be true. God always invites us back each week in our liturgies, through the Eucharist especially.

May you experience God's presence the remainder of this Lent and during Holy Week. God is always near, closer than we realize.

~Luke VanOverbeke Director of Liturgy & Music

Mass Schedules and Intentions



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3/20	Wednesday	8:30 am	Intention of Olive Barlow	
3/23	Saturday	9 am	No Mass	
3/24 Sunday 8:30 am		8:30 am	Intention of Curt Emmert	



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3/19	Tuesday	10 am	at Galeon
3/21	Thursday	9 am	Intention of Jim Morrissette
3/22	5/22 Friday 8 a		No Mass
3/23	Saturday	4 pm	For the People of our Parishes
3/24	Sunday	10:30 am	† Greg Niehaus



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3/18	Monday	5:30 pm	† Fran Didier
3/19	Tuesday	8:30 am	† Pat Roers
3/20	Wednesday	8:30 am 1:30 pm	† Char Berglin at Nelson Gables
3/21	Thursday	1:30 pm	at Windmill Ponds, † Tony Strasser
3/22	Friday	8:30 am	† John Scheller
3/23	Saturday	5 pm	† Laverne Woidylla
3/24	Sunday	8 am 10 am	For the People of our Parishes † Marian Pappenfus

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

By appointment at St. Nicholas.

Saturdays at 3 pm before Mass or by appointment at Immaculate Conception. Saturdays from 3–4:30 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at The Church of St. Mary.

BAPTISM

All parents must take the Baptism Preparation Course. Call Laurie Bienias at 320-460-5325 to sign up and to schedule a baptism date.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Members of the parish (or children of members) must arrange for marriage at least six months in advance. Contact your parish office for more information.

ALL OTHER SACRAMENTS

Please contact your parish office.

Announcements

Bulletin submissions due by Tuesday at noon. Please send submissions to stmary@stmaryalexandria.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Mary's Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm in St. Mary's Great Hall.

Immaculate Conception

Stations of the Cross schedule: Wednesday, March 20, 7 pm Good Friday, March 29, 12:15 pm

St. Nicholas

Stations of the Cross schedule: Friday, March 22, 6:30 pm

ACC-WIDE PARISH DIRECTORY

Sign up to get your photo taken for the ACC-wide parish directory! Sign up after Mass, or go to cometothewater.org.

YOUNG COUPLES/YOUNG FAMILIES

All young couples and young families of our ACC are invited for fellowship in this newly formed group on Sunday, March 17, 2-4:30 pm in the St. Mary's School lounge. For questions or child care, call Samantha at 320-808-5850.

ACC PASTORAL COUNCIL

ACC Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm, Immaculate Conception.

RECEIVE GOD'S MERCY

Join the youth of St. Nicholas for an evening of *Receiving God's Mercy*, Wednesday, March 20, 6:30–8 pm at St. Nicholas. We will begin with prayer and a youth presentation, followed by individual reconciliation. There will be a light supper available either before or after your individual confession. All are welcome!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella will meet Thursday, March 21 at 1 pm for Rosary and meeting in the St. Mary's Commons Area. Lunch will follow in the Great Hall. All Catholic women are invited to join us for fellowship. Contact Maxine at 320-815-4296 for info.

NO MASS

There will not be Mass at St. Mary's on Thursday, March 21.

PALM SUNDAY TIME CHANGE

Please note that Mass on **Sunday**, **March 24** at St. Mary's will be at **10:30 am** instead of 10 am.

MISSION QUILTING

Mission Quilting Monday, March 25, 12:30-3:30 pm in the St. Mary's Great Hall. Questions, call Joyce, 320-219-0055 or Gwen, 218-791-3768. Thank you to all who donated quilt tops and fabric!

ST. MARY'S PARKING LOT

The chapel/parish office parking lot will be completely reserved for handicap parishioners and guests on the following upcoming Holy Week Masses:

Palm Sunday, 8 am & 10:30 am Holy Thursday, 7 pm Easter Sunday, 8 am & 10 am

THANK YOU

Huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the ICC Fish Fry an awesome success!! Many hands make the load light!

PARISH OFFICE

The St. Mary's parish office is closed every Tuesday, 12-1 pm for a staff meeting. Thank you!

FAITH STUDY

Please join us in Osakis for a faith study on the Eucharist. Tuesday nights at 7 pm at St. Agnes School. This study will continue through Lent. Come any time you can!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ST. MARY'S:

Thursday, March 28, 7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper **Friday, March 29**, 9 am

Morning Prayer, 12 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 8:30 pm Tenebrae Service

Saturday, March 30, 9 am Morning Prayer, 8:30 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31, 8 & 10 am Easter Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Friday, March 29, 1 pm Good Friday Passion

Saturday, March 30, 8:30 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31, 10:30 am Easter Sunday

ST. NICHOLAS:

Friday, March 29, 3 pm Good Friday Passion Sunday, March 31, 8:30 am Easter Sunday

BAPTISMS

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HARVEST PACK 2024!

Come pack meals with your family, friends and neighbors to help those in need! Friday, April 19, 10 am-8 pm at St. Mary's. Scan the QR code to register or stmaryalexandria.org.



March is Let's Bag Hunger Month. Food shelf envelopes and the blue food bags are at the St. Mary's entrances. Return filled food bags to St Mary's Commons Area. Monetary donations can be sent to the Outreach Food Shelf at 1205 Lake St, Alexandria or put in the collection baskets. Indicate on your check memo that it is for the St. Mary's Food Drive.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

We have a group participating in a Mission Trip to San Lucas, Guatemala and invite others

in our ACC to join us, May 31-June 6, 2024. We will also visit San Juan Mirador, St. Mary's partnership mission. We have many interesting activities planned. Call Joe & Betty Roers 320-808-7183 for information.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is a national procession beginning on May 19, The Solemnity of Pentecost. There are four procession routes, all descending on Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress. The Marian Route (North) begins in the Diocese of Crookston, MN. The Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage begins with the Holy Mass on the Solemnity of Pentecost in Itasca State Park. The procession departs from the headwaters of the Mississippi River, making its way through

the Midwest and meeting up with the other three pilgrimage routes at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July. Thousands of pilgrims, including twelve perpetual pilgrims, will walk alongside Jesus, traveling from city to city, attending daily Mass and adoring Jesus in adoration. More information about how to participate and other details are available at crookstoneucharist.

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION WITH BISHOP NEARY

All are invited to attend a listening session to share thoughts, experiences and concerns of Church life, leadership and structures as we continue this journey of synodality. In-person and Zoom options available. Scan the QR code to register or stcdio.org.

Prayer Corner

If you or someone you know in our parish community is sick or ill, or has a family member who could use our prayers, please call The Church of St. Mary at 320-763-5781. In order to print the bulletin in a timely manner, names must be submitted by noon on Tuesday to be added to the upcoming Sunday bulletin. Names received after will be added the following week. Names will be published for six weeks and renewed for an additional six weeks upon request.

Please remember these people in your prayers:

Betty Schlosser Jim Ripka Jack Lewis Tyler Pomorin Ben Smith Julie Tully Mark Petersen John McHugh Jodi McShane Jane Doherty

Ruth Mollov Jill Borrell Vivian Annen Betty Stroh Ostlund Nancy Suneson Judy Snowberg MaryAnn Kack

Paulette Baumgartner Rita Wille Nick Matteson

Michael Russell Margaret Kirkey Doug Karsky Alan Tyler Mary Lou Michel Tammy Tolifson Joe Tegels Carl Shaskey-Setright Thomas Gerlach Judy Hedstrom

Brad Knollenberg Richard Wagner Jeff Larson Jim Schoeberl

Faith Formation

ADULT

APOLOGETICS BIBLE STUDY

Join this Bible Study led by Dr. George Jay of Morris. Dr. Jay is a Catholic evangelizer and instructor and has taught for many years to both college students and adults in the Morris area. All men and women are welcome, as well as young adults. Next meeting is Monday, March 25, 4:05 - 5:20 pm in St. Mary's Great Hall. This group meets on select Mondays and there is no homework and no fee! For more information or to sign up, contact Connee Thorstad at 320-808-0465.

CATHOLIC WOMEN STUDY

Mothers & fathers both play a vital role in the life of a person, and to that end God has given us exemplary models in Mary and Joseph. In this week's session of "My father's Father", we will focus on the gift of family. All women are invited to join us at 9:15 am on Wednesday or 8 am on Saturday in the Lighthouse. Questions? Ask Lori at catholicwomenstudy@gmail.com.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - SPENDING TIME WITH JESUS IN OUR BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL...ALL ARE WELCOME!

Open Scheduled Holy Hours:

Monday: 8-9 am; 2-3 pm; 11-midnight

Thursday: noon-1 pm

Friday: several afternoon and evening times To sign up, contact Sue at 320-491-7006

or suemcculloch66@gmail.com.

ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED

Volunteers to lead the rosary 25 minutes before weekday Mass begins are needed. Sign up at the tables by the Sacristy.

PRAYER LINK

If you have a prayer request, contact Kelly Wosepka at wosepkak@aol.com or 320-815-4655. All prayer requests are confidential.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Join the Young Adult Group on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 pm at the St. Mary's Lighthouse. All are welcome! For more info, contact Emily at 320-287-1169 or Anna at 320-733-0081.

POWER HOUR FOR LIFE

Every Monday, 4:30-5:30 pm in the St. Mary's Chapel. This is a Holy Hour of silent prayer specifically for life intentions. Join for a few minutes or the entire hour any Monday you are able.

TUESDAY EVENING ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome every Tuesday, 6:30–7:30 pm, to study the upcoming Sunday readings. For more information, contact Mike Sponsler at sponslermc@gmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY HOUR

Every Monday, 3–4 pm in the St. Mary's Chapel. Questions, contact Barb Nei at 320-846-0022.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US EACH MORNING!

Our prayers are united via conference call and it's very easy to do. Please unite your prayers with ours and join us daily. Dial 667-770-1484 at 7:55 am each morning and enter access code 653790#. Introduce yourself if you'd like. Mute your phone when the Rosary begins at 8 am. Over 23,340 Rosaries have been prayed over the past three years! Questions: Judy Clayton 320-333-9892 or Diane Gay 320-766-7036

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Thursday mornings at 6:30 am in the St. Mary's Great Hall. Come any time! For information, contact Mike at sponslermc@gmail.com

Wednesdays at 2:30 pm in the St. Mary's Commons Area. Join our discussions on the upcoming weekend Mass readings! Contact Russ Craigmile at ricraigmile@gmail.com.



Faith Formation

YOUTH

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Faith Formation Class for grades 7-11 on Wednesday, March 20, 7-8:30 pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NERF GAME NIGHT

All ACC students in grades 6-8 are invited to a Nerf Game Night on Friday, April 12, 6:30-8:30 pm at Alexandria Martial Arts located at 415 Fillmore St., Alexandria. Pizza, snacks and drinks provided. Bring your own nerf or one will be provided. No cost! Parents can drop kids off.



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3/1	2	Joe Roers, Alexandria	\$20
3/1	L3	Eva Olson, Ashby	\$20
3/1	L4	Tom Peterson, Alexandria	\$20
3/1	3/15 Eric Anderson, Elbow Lake		\$50
3/1	<u>.</u> 6	Noreen Sevcik, Medford	\$20







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WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR MARCH 10		WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR MARCH 10		WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR MARCH 10	
Envelope	\$2,115	Envelope	\$1,580	Envelope	\$19,023
Electronic	91	Electronic	265	Electronic	11,583
Other	322	Other	434	Other	6,984
TOTAL	\$2,528	TOTAL	2,279	TOTAL	\$37,590
WEEKLY BUDGET I	PROGRESS	WEEKLY BUDGET	PROGRESS	WEEKLY BUDGET	Γ PROGRESS
Actual	2,528	Actual	\$2,279	Actual	\$37,590
Budget	2,510	Budget	4,050	Budget	38,496
Variance	\$18	Variance	\$(1,771)	Variance	\$(906)
YTD BUDGET PROGRESS		YTD BUDGET PROGRESS		YTD BUDGET PROGRESS	
Actual	\$103,853	Actual	\$153,234	Actual	\$1,478,856
Budget	87,850	Budget	149,850	Budget	1,424,352
Variance	\$16,003	Variance	\$3,384	Variance	\$54,504

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