



St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church

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Mass Times:

Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (The 10:00 a.m. Mass is livestreamed)

Monthly on third Thursday of month, 1:00 p.m., at Lake Prince Woods

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick:

Sacrament of the Sick is offered on the 4th weekend of the month at all Masses.

Baptism:

Contact the Parish Office to register for the parent Baptismal preparation class.

Marriage:

Contact the Parish Office six months prior to the wedding to learn about Engaged Encounter or Pre-Marital classes.

Religious Education:

Julie Francis, cre@stmarysuffolk.org

Youth Ministry:

Jordan Graf, youth@stmarysuffolk.org

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

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Adult Faith Formation:

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Church Ministries

(Contact the Parish Office if not otherwise noted):

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Whitney Lothamer, 937-654-8398

Women's Club:

Cathy Van Wassen, Contact Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS:*Saturday, November 29*

5:00 p.m. In Honor of Chris Dowd, requested by Aggie Dowd

Sunday, November 30

8:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 2

6:30 a.m. For the Conversion of Sinners

Wednesday, December 3

10:00 a.m. In Reparation for Sins against Charity and Chastity

Thursday, December 4

6:30 a.m. For the Clergy

Friday, December 5

10:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth. Pray for your loved ones in a special way united to the Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office at 757-539-5732 to request a Mass for your special intentions.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

In Honor of the Parishioners of St. Mary's (anonymous)

PLEASE PRAY:

For our ill or shut-in parish family members: Mary Barnes, Peg Cicirelli, Kathy Hansinger, Donald Hartman, Margie Hayden, Kathy Mallet, Ron Pyle, Mary Stevens, and Josephine Walters

For those serving in the military: Flora Dontsap, Rafael Soriano, Joshua Graf, Chris Rosado, and Joyce Jankielsztajn

Current Notices

Coffee and Donuts Fellowship will take place on Sunday, November 30th. Sincere thanks to Johana and Hugo Rodriguez for sponsoring this favorite parish event.

ADVENT:

The Sunday Mass readings for the new liturgical year will be from the Gospel of Matthew (Year C), and the Weekday Mass readings will be from Cycle 2.

Reconciliation on Saturday is now from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration in December will take place on December 5th and 6th.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

This is a Holy Day of Obligation, so Mass will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on December 8th.

GIVING TUESDAY:

Support our parish through #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday beginning December 2, 2025, but you can give through Advanced Giving right now. Give Early. **We need your help to pay for the new walkways around our church.** Please donate, and please share with your family and friends who may want to help this worthy campaign! If you know of someone who may be willing to match donations, please reach out to the office at: office@stmarysuffolk.org. Check out our site at online link: <https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/St-Mary-Of-The-Presentation-Church>.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:

On Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m., Fr. Ongen will celebrate the 2025 Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Mary's. Fr. Mensah of Good Shepherd and Fr. Emmanuel of St. Jude will also be here to hear Confessions. Reconciliation is urged during Advent, because it is a season of preparation and reflection, focused on getting closer to God before Christmas. Please Join us!

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:

Thank you for participating in the Gift Card Fundraiser. For those who missed this fundraiser, the Women's Club is sponsoring a second campaign beginning the first weekend in December. The order forms can be found in the vestibule or online at stmarysuffolk.org and are **due by December 8**. This is an easy way to help us reach our goal by giving these cards as Christmas gifts, and by using them at grocery stores to pay for your food in advance in the weeks before Christmas. The gift cards you purchase will be available for pick-up after the weekend Masses on December 14th and 15th. Please help your parish and make your Christmas shopping easier by participating. Thank you!

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS CHRISTMAS**LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH:**

Please note the change in time: We will begin with Mass at 11:00 a.m. (**not** 10:00 a.m.), followed by the luncheon. Many thanks to Pam Garcia for arranging this special celebration.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:

If you would like to order Poinsettias or Christmas Flowers for a loved one, please complete the form located in the vestibule. The flowers cost \$20.00 each. The forms, along with cash or check made out to St. Mary of the Presentation, are due no later than **Monday, December 15th**. Help us fill our altar with beautiful flowers this Christmas season.

"SIMBANG GABI" CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS:

On Saturday, December 20th at 6:00 p.m., a traditional Christmas Filipino Mass will take place at St. Mary of the Presentation followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Simbang Gabi, an evening devotional, consists of nine Masses that occur in the days leading up to Christmas. Beginning on December 16th, it ends at midnight on December 24th when a Midnight Mass is held. Please go to the Richmond Diocese website for a full list of participating parish schedules.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, December 24th:

Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25th: Christmas Day services at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 26th: No Weekday Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION):

Wednesday, December 31st: Vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1st: Mass at 10:00 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

*Please note: Classes for K-8 will be **canceled for Monday, December 8th**, as it is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* For more information on Religious Education, contact Julie Francis at cre@stmarysuffolk.org

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

*Please note: **There is NO Confirmation class on Sunday, November 30.*** Confirmation classes will resume Sunday, December 14, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (following the 10:00 a.m. Mass). Classes will be held in the classrooms above the social hall. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Graf at youth@stmarysuffolk.org.

YOUTH GROUP:

The next Youth Group class will be held on Saturday, December 6th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the social hall. **All** high school students are welcome to join! Dinner will be provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Graf at youth@stmarysuffolk.org.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA):**Interested in becoming a Catholic?****Curious about what the Church teaches?**

OCIA is ideal for:

- + Anyone who has never been baptized.
- + Anyone moving from other Christian traditions into the Catholic Church.
- + Any baptized Catholic seeking full initiation into the Sacraments.
- + Catholics who have been away from the Church and would like to rediscover their Catholic faith.

It is not too late to join the OCIA classes. We welcome anyone to join at any time. Classes are held every other Thursday in the Social Hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please note that in December we only will meet on December 11th.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION:

We would like to recognize and thank Tammy Simons, a longtime parishioner and dedicated volunteer at St. Mary's. Tammy's many years of service to our parish family and her faithful work in various ministries, especially leading the choir, is nothing short of inspiring. Her gift of time and talent to us over the last 25+ years was fostered by the steadfast example of her mother, Shirley Taylor, and she will be greatly missed. Tammy will officially be leaving St. Mary's at the end of December to be near her first grandchild. Please join us in celebrating Tammy and praying for her family as they move forward with the next chapter of their lives.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

The Adult Faith Formation Committee would like to share our ongoing Bible studies! The **Tuesday morning class** is continuing the *Gospel of Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* by Ascension Press at 11:15 a.m. in the social hall. The **Tuesday evening class** is continuing the Acts of the Apostles study at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. They are using the Ignatius Press Bible study. All materials will be provided. The **Sunday evening class** is continuing their study of *The Catechism in a Year* by Ascension Press. These classes meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Sign-ups are available online or in the vestibule. You are welcome to join any study at any time (even if you didn't sign up beforehand)!

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sale:

The Knights of Columbus began selling Christmas trees on November 23rd at 2432 Pruden Boulevard. Until the trees sell out, hours will be Monday through Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m., Fridays from Noon-9:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., and Sundays from Noon-6:00 p.m.

RESPECT LIFE:

On behalf of St. Mary's Respect Life Committee, we would like to thank you for your generosity and support this year! Thanks to you, the total amount of funds raised this year is: \$6,904.75. The breakdown is as follows:

Baby Bottle Drive – \$4,650.00 (check for that amount delivered to Tidewater Crisis Pregnancy Center); **Summer Nights Cazadores Fundraiser** – \$963.75; **Gift Basket Raffle** – \$1,121.00; Total amount raised for **March for Life** – \$2,084.75; **Baby Shower Donations** of \$170.00 and Baby Shower Gifts (no recorded monetary value) were delivered to Tidewater Crisis Pregnancy Center.

*Ongoing Events***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Adoration begins after Mass on the First Friday of each month and ends on the following Saturday after Benediction at 9:30 a.m.

PLEASE JOIN US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY:

- Weekdays immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- Weekends on:
Saturdays at 4:20 p.m.
Sundays at 7:20 and 9:20 a.m.

Meetings

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Bible Studies take place on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday mornings at 11:15 a.m., and Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP: Alternate Sundays

FINANCE COUNCIL: Meets on 4th Sunday of the month at 11:15 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meet on 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL: Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend.

RESPECT LIFE: Meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S CLUB: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except June, July, and August) at 6:30 p.m.

Music Ministry:

St. Mary's Music Ministry is open to all parishioners age 16 and older. Biweekly practice is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays beginning at 6:00 p.m. for *Schola*, 6:30 p.m. for *Traditional Choir*. *Schola* is a small vocal ensemble familiar with Latin Chant. This ensemble sings for the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Traditional Choir sings for the Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Mass and the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass.

For more information about participating in the Music Ministry, contact: Julie Francis, at 757-539-5732 or cre@stmarysuffolk.org.

FATHER'S CORNER:

"Do not tire yourself over things that cause anxiety, preoccupation, and worry. Only one thing is necessary: to lift up your spirit and love God." – Padre Pio

MEDITATION:

The Son of Man will come. (Matthew 24:44)

Welcome to Advent! It's a season filled with anticipation as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. It's also a season of waiting and hoping for His return at the end of time. That makes Advent a time both of certainty and uncertainty. It's a time of certainty because we know for sure that Jesus came into our world over two thousand years ago. But it's a time of uncertainty because we don't know when He will return. As Jesus Himself told us, "You do not know on which day your Lord will come" (Matthew 24:42).

But even in the midst of this uncertainty, there is one definitive fact that we can rely on right here and right now: we may not know when Jesus will come again, but we do know that "the Son of Man will come" (Matthew 24:44). He can come into our hearts each day and every day. He can come and show us His love and care for us. He can heal us. He can give us new insights as we prayerfully read His word. He can bring peace amid our anxiety. And He can fan into flame our hearts' longing for Him.

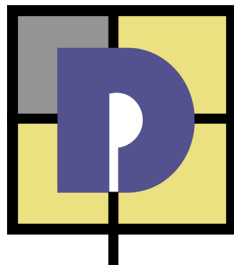
And so every year at this time, Jesus urges us to "stay awake" (Matthew 24:42). Because even as we are waiting, He will still be present to us – and He doesn't want us to miss Him!

What can you expect as you look for Jesus' coming each day? He might come to you in the whisper of an urge to pray as you run errands. He might come in an anxious child who draws you out of yourself to care for them. He might come during a candlelit liturgy as He gives you the comfort and conviction that He will take care of you.

So this Advent, of course, prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. And of course, be ready for His final coming whenever that will be. But also, be on the lookout for the ways that Jesus will come into your life every day this Advent. Because the Son of Man will indeed come!

"Jesus, I want to be ready for you!"

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Romans 13:11-14



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