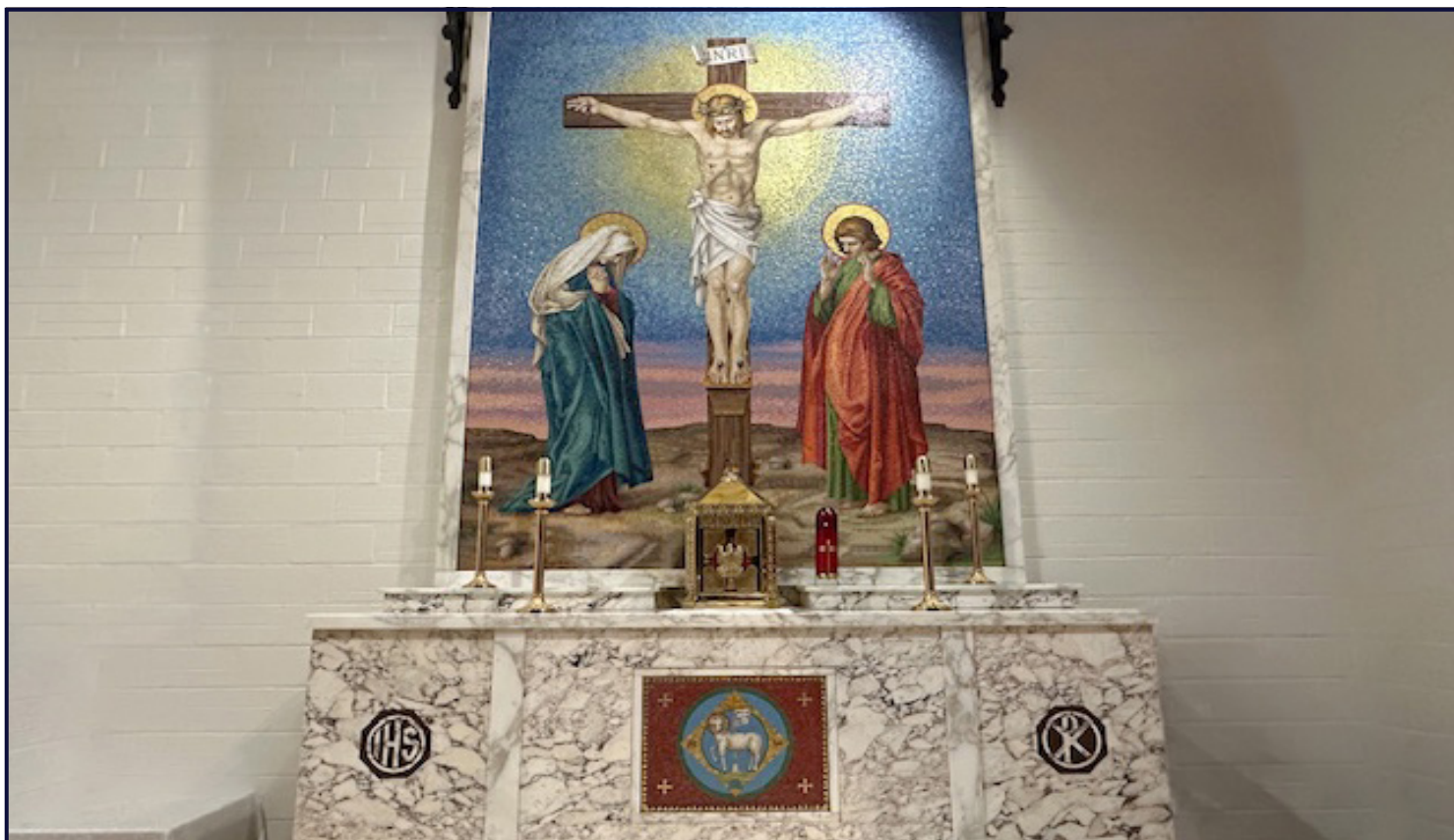




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Mass Times:

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:

Whitney Lothamer, cre@stmarysuffolk.org

Youth Ministry:

Jordan Graf, youth@stmarysuffolk.org

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Geralyn Bryne, Contact Parish Office.

Adult Faith Formation:

Jordan Graf, youth@stmarysuffolk.org

Church Ministries

(Contact the Parish Office if not otherwise noted):

Altar Servers: Jorge & Johanna Arocho, j8arocho@gmail.com

Extraordinary Ministers: Dave Von Rump, dvonrump@aol.com

Lectors: Dave Von Rump, dvonrump@aol.com

Liturgical Music Director: Julie Francis

Liturgy Committee: Andrew Graf

Pastoral Care: Tillie Rivenbark, 757-934-1803

Sacristans: Andrew Graf

Additional Ministries:

Altar Flowers: Sandy Nance, 757-373-9928

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Knights of Columbus: Patrick Kahoe, Contact Parish Office.

Parish Council Chair: JoAnn Farabaugh, Contact Parish Office

Parish Life: Lauren Kahoe, 540-408-8801

Elaine Reyes, Contact Parish Office

Respect Life:

Whitney Lothamer, 937-654-8398

Women's Club:

Cathy Van Wassen, Contact Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS:**Saturday, June 27**

5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, June 288:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Sr. Anna Joseph,
requested by Ann Sweet10:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Paul Slattery,
requested by Aggie Dowd**Tuesday, June 30**

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

10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 1

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

Thursday, July 2

6:30 a.m. For the Clergy

10:00 a.m.

Friday, July 310:00 a.m. In Memory of Carlos Almonte,
requested by Lucia Ulloa*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 intention.***ALTAR FLOWERS:**

For the Parishioners of St. Mary's, anonymous

PLEASE PRAY:*For our ill or shut-in parish family members:*Jay Annas, Mary Barnes, Kathy Hansinger, Donald Hartman,
Margie Hayden, Kim Katula, Kathy Mallet, Helen Neal, Ron Pyle,
Mary Stevens, Ali Anderson, and Jim Ross.*For those serving in the military:*Flora Dontsap, Rafael Soriano, Joshua Graf, Chris Rosado, Devin
Pisani, and Joyce Jankielsztajn*Current Notices***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
on July 3rd and 4th.****Please note:*****The Parish Office will be closed on July 3rd for the
Independence Day holiday.*****COFFEE AND DONUTS
FELLOWSHIP:**Coffee and Donuts Fellowship will be
held on June 28th, sponsored by Matt and
Michelle Moraczewski and Family.**SECOND COLLECTION:**

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for the Peter's Pence Collection. Named "Be A Sign of Hope," this collection supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These funds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please consider supporting this worthy cause. For more information, visit: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

MINISTRY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Are you or someone you know unable to attend Mass due to illness or other challenges? The volunteers of St. Mary's Pastoral Care Ministry are dedicated to bringing the Holy Eucharist to those in need. If you would like to arrange for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, please call the Parish Office or Tillie Rivenbark at 757-934-1803.



Please don't forget that **SUMMER NIGHTS OUT** at Cazadores Restaurant will continue on July 10-11 and August 14-15. Mention St. Mary's between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on these nights and 10% of your bill will be donated to St. Mary's Respect Life Committee.

ALTAR SERVERS:

St. Mary's is in need of altar servers. Training will be provided and the schedule is flexible. Interested youth must have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Adults in good standing are required to be Virtus trained before attending training. For more information, please contact Johanna Arocho at 757-287-6852 or j8arocho@gmail.com.

HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM:

The current school year has ended and the children of Mt. Carmel School in Dosele, Haiti, send their deep gratitude to those who supported our Haiti Student Sponsorship Program. As we begin the new sponsorship year of 2026-2027, the Haiti Committee once again seeks your support. A \$100.00 donation funds one Haitian student for one year. **Your generosity is greatly needed because last year we helped only 95 students**, whereas the year before we helped 167 students. Currently there are 200 students, so *please* be generous. Make out your check to St. Mary's with the notation "Haiti Student Sponsorship."

**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. For more information, contact Geralyn Bryne through the Parish Office.

RESPECT LIFE:

The Baby Bottle Campaign raised \$3,997.00 for the Crisis Pregnancy Center during their Tidewater's Life Change Campaign.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

The **Tuesday morning** class will conclude “Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life” this coming week. It will resume on Tuesday, August 11th with a 20-week study on “Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom.” Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. (after Mass and the Rosary) in the Social Hall.

The **Tuesday evening** class is continuing a study on the book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brant Pitre. It will explore all the Catholic teachings about the blessed Mother of God. Classes meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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.

Signups 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)! Materials for all the studies will be provided.

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.

SALVATION ARMY PARISH OUTREACH:

Please continue to donate pantry items and place them in the bin in the vestibule as often as possible. Much help is needed. Contact Paul Fletcher for questions, fletcherdpaul@gmail.com.

FORMED.ORG:

St. Mary's has gifted all parishioners with a free subscription to the many resources of the Augustine Institute's FORMED website. Simply go to www.stmarysuffolk.org and push the Formed link under St. Mary's name in the parish listings. You will then have access to hundreds of videos, Bible studies, movies, programs, children's content, books, etc.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

St. Mary's Music Ministry is open to all parishioners age 16 and older. Bi-weekly 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 at the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Traditional Choir sings at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Mass and at 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:**

*Sometimes you forget how strong you've been in the past.
You've been through so much,
But you are still standing tall.
So, remind yourself that when things are difficult,
You will always have the strength to overcome
Whatever life throws your way.*

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 the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:15 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays 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 the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S CLUB: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (September through May) at 6:30 p.m.

MEDITATION:

Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:38)

Did you know that this is the first time the cross is mentioned in Matthew's Gospel? It comes at a time when Jesus is commissioning the Twelve to go out preaching and healing. Jesus doesn't directly predict His own death, either. He's telling His closest followers the conditions of discipleship!

We might not quite grasp what a challenging statement Jesus was making. As Christians, we might think that taking up the cross means bearing life's burdens, whether they be inconveniences, sickness, or hardship. And that's not wrong.

But His disciples would have understood that the call to take up their cross meant something much more radical. Crucifixion was a feared, brutal, shameful manner of execution. So they understood that Jesus was telling them to be willing to give up everything to follow Him and witness to Him—even their lives, if necessary. It's not so different from what Jesus had said just before this: whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter more than Him is not worthy of Him (Matthew 10:37). Even important family ties must be second to our commitment to Jesus.

This is not an easy message. But consider who is asking it of us. Jesus is not merely a teacher or philosopher. He's not simply a compassionate wonder-worker or dedicated advocate for the poor. He is God Himself. Of course we should have nothing above God in our lives!

Consider also that the One who asks this of us lived out this command perfectly. He humbled Himself and laid down His life to free us from sin and death and restore us to the Father. How could we respond with anything less?

Today, hear Jesus' demanding call. Ask Him for the grace to follow Him wholeheartedly.

“Jesus, I embrace this hard saying. Help me to put You first in every area of my life.” (Reprinted with permission from *Word Among Us*.)



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