

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

- 6:30 William Schrepel †
 9:00 Dorothy Furey †
 7:30 Joan Deady †

Tuesday, March 24

- 6:30 James Davern †
 9:00 James Davern †

Wednesday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

- 6:30 Rachel Kiehnau
 9:00 Pat Bilodeau & Son Tom †

Thursday, March 26

- 6:30 Robert Malec †
 9:00 Rev. Louis Hejna

Friday, March 27

- 6:30 Donna Moraca †
 9:00 John McClure †

Saturday, March 28

- 8:15 Mark Johnson
 5:00 Warson Lamtenzan †

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 7:30 Joanna French †
 9:00 Avelino & Rosa Esteves †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:15 Lt. Col. John S. & Audrey Fraser †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
 FRIDAY, MARCH 27, AT 9:00 A.M.**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

MARCH 2015

Peace : That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

Consecrated life : That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

“We who are about to die salute you!”

The greeting to the Roman Emperor Claudius in the year 52 A.D. before a particularly elaborate battle of gladiators may have been used only once. The memorable words probably conveyed a kind of desperation on the part of those hoping for clemency from Caesar.

A stout soul can take up the words can make them a Christian prayer. We are all, in a sense, about to die, those of us in danger or under persecution even more so. But we will die gloriously. The world might not honor us at the time, but our end can give glory to God and inspire future Christians. We will die in a state of holiness. We will spend our last days or years with purpose.

How different is this attitude about mortality from the world's, more and more prevalent in the what St. John Paul II called the “Culture of Death”! Sucking the marrow out of life in drunkenness and promiscuity has been the stuff of popular culture since the 1920s, in total denial of death being the beginning of eternity. When death is the end of fun, then there is no limit what “Carpe diem” might mean to a lonely, hungry, thirsty soul. This latest episode in the deterioration of family life is not much more than the inevitable course of a society that condones unlimited pleasure and that has the technological means to deliver it.

If we recognize our lives as being relatively short, we can make and fulfill lifelong commitments and I can give up something significant for the rest of my life. If I realize that my time is limited I can admit that this life is really a valley of tears from which the Lord has rescued me, turning it into a blessed path to heaven.

Visiting the graves of our loved ones can be an antidote. Praying at my father's grave reinvigorates my desire for heaven. Even more so, visiting the tomb of a saint puts us in contact with heaven in a beautifully and strangely human way. Before me is a corpse, while the soul with which it was created lives in heaven. How much more so are we filled with a full measure of the Christian spirit when we have the opportunity to visit the tombs of martyrs or at least venerate their relics!

May God bless us with the grace of living and dying well.
 Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

p.s. My dear mother was diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer about two weeks ago and was informed that patients in her condition usually live about six months. Her name is “Ilse” (*pronounced ILL-suh*). In German it means “vampire slayer”. Just kidding. Please include her and her intentions in your prayers. Our game plan is 1) Be holy. 2) Have fun. 3) Get things in order. Tears come at times of their own choosing and will take care of themselves. In the meantime we have no time anymore for bad desserts!

**SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY APRIL 24
"FROM NOTHING TO COSMOS:
GOD AND CONTEMPORARY SCIENCE"**

Mark your calendars for Friday April 24th as Karlo Broussard, apologist and speaker for the Magis Center, will be presenting a talk entitled "From Nothing to Cosmos: God and Contemporary Science" at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101, starting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Broussard will answer some of the most pertinent questions on the mind of modern man: Does faith and science conflict? Does Contemporary Science point to an intelligent creator? What's more reasonable and responsible, a Creator or a physical universe without a Creator? Join Karlo as he takes you on a journey to the very origins of our universe and beyond and explains how anyone, even without a background in physics, can answer these questions with clarity and understand them in a way that promotes dialogue with the inquiring mind of modern man. Be sure to visit The Magis Center's website at www.magiscenter.com and Mr. Broussard's personal website www.karlobroussard.com.

EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN

*Sponsored by
St. John the Beloved Women's Council
2014-15 Series*

*"Friends of God... Begin Heaven on Earth
with a Life Rich in Prayer"*

Monday, April 13, 2015

Come Holy Spirit...the Cenacle Prayer

by: Fr. Paul Scalia

7:00 p.m. Social -7:30 p.m. Talk in the Parish Hall

RSVP to: womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com

**INSTITUTE OF
CATHOLIC CULTURE**



Professor John Cuddeback, Ph.D

Presents:

***The Crucified Christ:
Stumbling Block or Stepstone?***

Thursday, March 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

In the Parish Hall

<http://www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/>

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED LENT 2015

Last Friday Soup Supper

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 27

Friday Stations of the Cross

2:15 p.m. Friday Afternoon

"Stations of the Cross for St. John Academy"

7:30 p.m. Friday Evening

"Way of the Cross with Text from Sacred Scripture"

Wednesday Confessions

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday Holy Hours with Homily

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES IS HERE
ON THURSDAYS**

Gracie Ortiz, Director of Senior Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will be available to meet with parishioners all day on Thursdays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Conference Room in Parish Office. If you would like to schedule an appointment you may reach Gracie Ortiz at 571-970-8734 or at gortiz@ccda.net.

ARE YOU A CAREGIVER LOOKING FOR SUPPORT

Caring for a loved one can be a very isolating experience, especially for those who have limited help or are the sole caregiver. It can also be very stressful, physically and psychologically. Gracie Ortiz, Director of Senior Services for Catholic Charities of Arlington is looking to see if there is enough interest to start a Caregiver Support Group at St. John's this spring to help you meet the challenges of providing care short-term or long-term. We would appreciate your input. Please call Gracie at 571-970-8734 or e-mail Gracie at gortiz@ccda.net if you are interested in participating in a Caregiver support group once a month on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME

What is so holy about Holy Week? What is Triduum and how does it relate to Easter. Join us on Tuesday, March 24 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the teachers' lounge at SJA for a presentation and discussion on ***Understanding Holy Week and Triduum***. Our next meeting will be on April 14.

COFFEE & DONUTS

After the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses the SJA PTO will host Coffee & Donuts. Thanks the St. John's Mothers Group for hosting last Sunday. No Coffee & Donuts next week.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Bible Study from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by our activity from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. As always, a \$5 suggested donation is always appreciated to help off-set dinner cost.

There will be no youth group next Sunday, March 29th, since we will be returning from retreat nor the following Sunday, April 5th, due to Easter. We will resume on April 12th.

THEOLOGY CLASSES FOR TEENAGERS

This Thursday, March 26th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room for High School Freshmen and Sophomores. There will be no class the next two weeks.

RCIA CLASSES

Upcoming topics for the Monday night RCIA classes from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., open to Juniors and Seniors, are:

Mar. 23: Review of the Sacraments & Sacred Liturgy: Introduction to the Psalms and the Divine Office

Mar. 30: Preview of the Easter Vigil

JUNIOR HIGH WORKCAMP: TUES., APRIL 21 PARENT INTEREST MEETING

This year, we are teaming up with St. Agnes, St. Thomas More, St. Charles, St. Luke's, St. Ann's, and St. Philip's for our first annual Junior High WorkCamp. This will be a daylong camp running the week of July 13th – 17th at St. Agnes Parish open to rising 7th through rising 9th graders. Teens will be participating in yard work, maintenance work, and assistance at such places as senior citizen communities. Cost is \$100 and covers breakfast and dinner. There will be a parent interest meeting on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Dodi Reagan Room (Gym Building).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anita Oliveira	David Johnson
Salvatore Calabro	Mark Johnson
Polly Cedar	Andrew Katson
John Paul Charles Carver	Margaret Kemp
Virginia Connelly	Sharon LeMaster
Sheila Corallo	Jennifer Lyons
Antonio Castro	Pat Malloy
Lastenia Cortavarria	Carmella Manetti
Edward Cotter	Diana Meisel
Elke D'Amico	Bonnie Moran
Richard DeCorps	Shimaayi Muntamba
William Dunne	Veronica Nowakowski
Joe Elias	Mary O'Bryan
Sandra Elias	Briner Orillo
Marie Gillespie	Maureen O'Toole
Francesca Greco	Mary Pistorino
Fran Green	Ilse Pollard
Paul Griffith	Patricia Richer
Gayle Grinstead	Shelby Rogers
Edward M. Hallinan III	Mary Rouse
Helen Hargenrader	William Scully
Emily Hazlett	Kathleen Scully
Agnes Henley	Carolyn Steinhoff
Soledad Ibar	Bill Sullivan
Karen Jezierski	Mary Warchot



God bless and protect all our military and civilian service personnel whose duty puts them in harm's way. Please pray for all those serving our country, especially from among our family members and parishioners:

Nick Fogle	Michael Shipley
Harry Griffith	Kimberley Templer
Bill Jones	Michael Templer
Richard Kazunas	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Justin White
Lynn Partik	Donald Yamamoto

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28
	9:45am Sew&SoForth		ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Holy Hour With Homily 8:30pm Futsol	7:30pm ICC	2:15pm Stations 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:30pm Stations	8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions
	7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion	7:00pm WCH 8:00 pm Hoops				

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

March 29 ~ April 5, 2015

Palm Sunday, March 29

- 7:30 a.m. **Mass**
- 9:00 a.m. **Mass**
- 10:30 a.m. **Mass**
- 12:15 p.m. **Traditional Latin Mass**

Monday, March 30

- 6:30 a.m. **Mass**
- 9:00 a.m. **Mass & Confessions** following
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Confessions**
- 7:30 p.m. **Traditional Latin Mass**

Tuesday, March 31

- 6:30 a.m. **Mass**
- 9:00 a.m. **Mass & Confessions** following
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Confessions**

Wednesday, April 1

- 6:30 a.m. **Mass**
- 9:00 a.m. **Mass & Eucharist Adoration**
- 5:00 p.m. **Simple Reposition**
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Confessions**
- :00 p.m. **Tenebrae**
- Confessions after Tenebrae**

Holy Thursday, April 2

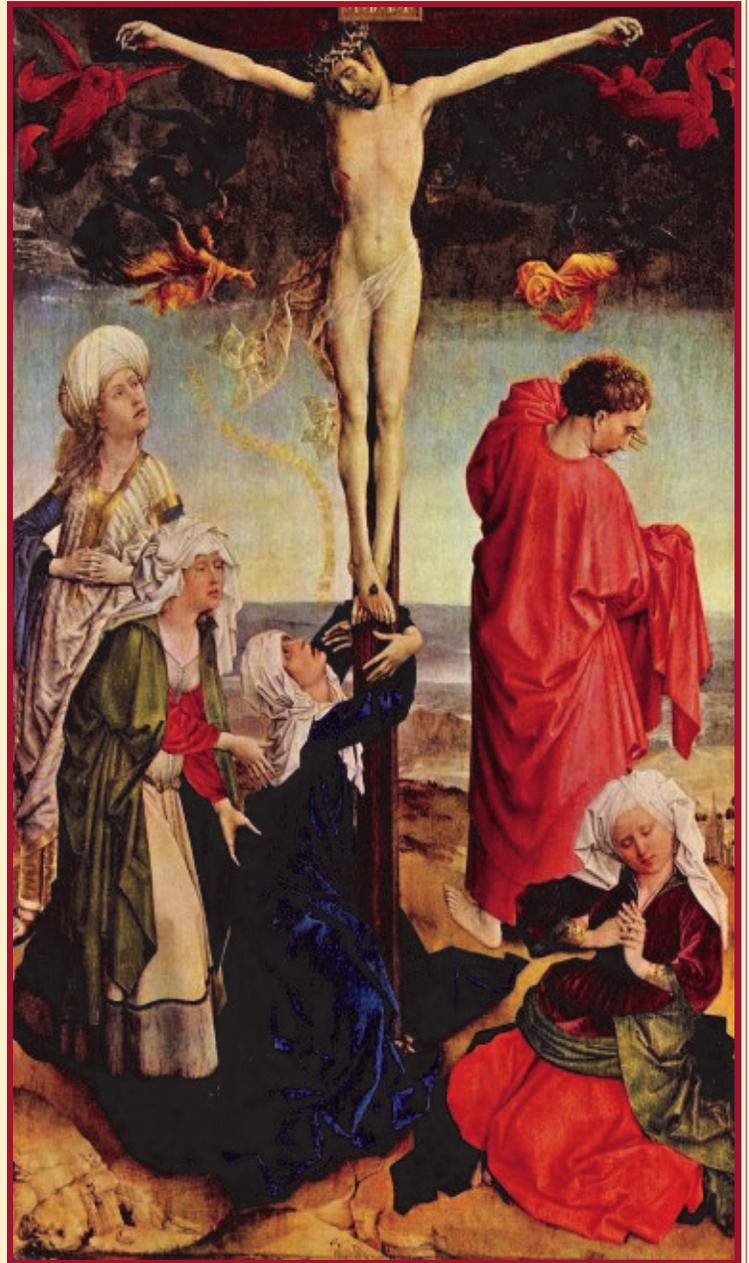
- 10:30 a.m. **Chrism Mass** celebrated at:
Cathedral of St. Thomas More
- 7:30 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
- 11:50 p.m. **Compline (Night Prayer)**
in the Parish Hall

Good Friday, April 3

- 8:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer**
- 12:00 noon **Stations of the Cross**
- 1:00 p.m. **Rosary**
- 2:00 p.m. **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- 3:00 p.m. **Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. **Confessions**

Holy Saturday, April 4

- 8:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer**
- 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Confessions**
- 1:00 p.m. **Blessing of Easter Food**
- 8:30 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass**



Easter Sunday, April 5

- 7:30 a.m. **Mass**
- 9:00 a.m. **Mass**
- 10:30 a.m. **Mass**
- 12:15 p.m. **Traditional Latin Mass**

AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

When did I make my last good confession (without having deliberately failed to mention any mortal sin at that time)? Did I fulfill the penance?

Since my last Confession, have I received Communion unworthily or sacrilegiously, aware that I had committed a mortal sin?

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me.

Do I love God above all else? Have I been angry with God or lost my faith in Him? Do I embrace all that the Church proposes for my belief in matters of both faith and morals? Have I trivialized my faith by entertaining anti-Catholic teaching or superstition (e.g. horoscopes)? Do I pray daily? Have I yielded to despair? Have I presumed God's mercy?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Do I use the Lord's name with reverence or have I shown lack of respect for it in conversation or exclamations? Do I show respect for the Blessed Mother and the saints?

3. Keep holy the Sabbath day.

Have I skipped Mass on Sunday or a holy day of obligation? Do I try to avoid unnecessary work on those days? Do I attend Mass with devotion? Do I contribute to the weekly collection? Do I observe the one-hour fast before receiving Holy Communion? Do I perform some act of penance, sacrifice or charity each Friday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

FOR PARENTS: Have I taken the necessary steps to ensure that my children receive a Catholic formation? Do I encourage them to learn and say their prayers? Do I bring them to Confession? Do I set a good example for them? Do I abuse them in any sense or cause them to lose heart? Do I fail to correct them when necessary?

FOR CHILDREN: Have I been disobedient to my parents? Do I show them respect and affection? Do I neglect either their material or spiritual needs? Do I pray for them? Do I fulfill my responsibilities at home? Have I fought with my brothers or sisters? Have I neglected my studies or cheated in school?

5. You shall not kill.

Have I physically injured anyone? Have I maintained hatred or anger against someone? Have I lost my temper or hurt another with my words? By word or example, was I an occasion of sin for another person? Have I driven recklessly or under the influence of alcohol? Have I neglected my health? Do I abuse drugs, alcohol, or food? Have I procured an abortion or counseled another to do so?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

Have I committed adultery or fornication? Have I engaged in any type of impure act, either alone or with someone else? Do I deliberately engage in lustful thoughts? Do I use impure or vulgar language? Do I practice the virtue of modesty in my attire? Have I viewed pornography?

FOR MARRIED COUPLES: Am I in a valid Catholic marriage (i.e. married in the Church)? Have I been faithful to my spouse in desire and in deed? Have I or my spouse used any method of contraception, especially one that can function as an *abortifacient* (potentially causing an abortion, e.g. the pill or IUD or "the shot")? Did I encourage my spouse to be sterilized or did I undergo such a procedure? Have I engaged in unchaste sexual acts with my spouse?

7. You shall not steal.

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's Goods.

Have I stolen anything or am I in possession of anything that may have been stolen? Do I live beyond my means or fail to pay my debts? Do I pay my taxes? Have I engaged in any type of fraud or cheating? Have I violated any copyright laws (videos, CDs, computer software)? Am I envious of my neighbor's goods? Have I damaged another's property? Do I give my employer an honest day's work? Do I gamble excessively?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I told lies to avoid embarrassment, enhance my image in the mind of others, or get out of a difficult situation? Have I taken away someone's good name by false accusation or by unnecessarily revealing their faults? Do I engage in rash judgment or gossip? Do I divulge secrets? Do I unjustly question the motives or intentions of others?