

# Worship the Lord

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 21

#### *St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

6:30 Dr. Guilian del Corto †  
 9:00 Judge Robert H. Bork †  
 8:00 James and Ellen McGuire †

### Tuesday, December 22

#### *Advent Weekday*

6:30 Mark Palus †  
 9:00 Donald Steiner †

### Wednesday, December 23

#### *St. John of Kanty, Priest*

6:30 Jeffrey Donnelly †  
 9:00 Lucille Calderazzo †

### Thursday, December 24

#### *Late Advent Weekday*

6:30 Jane O'Malley †  
 9:00 Helen Little †  
 3:30 Harrington & Lucas Families  
 5:00 Crystal Gutierrez & Family  
 7:30 Caroline Dolan & Family

### Friday, December 25

#### *The Nativity of the Lord*

6:30 Charles Giuffra †  
 9:00 Edith Probus †  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 Steiner Robles Family

### Saturday, December 26

#### *St. Stephen, the First Martyr*

8:15 Kevin Hanlon †  
 5:00 Ernest Denz †

### Sunday, December 27

#### *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

7:30 Edith Probus †  
 9:00 Charles Giuffra †  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 Albina Skendi †

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† REV. MSGR. ROBERT AVELLA †  
 † SALLY O'MALLEY †  
 † JOHN JOSEPH HIMPLER, SR. †

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Patricia Ahern	Richard Meade
Frank Bohan	Diana Meisel
Carmel Broadfoot	Bonnie Moran
John Cartelli	Veronica Nowakowski
Edward Ciesielski	Anita Oliveira
Victoria Grace Czarniecki	Emelinda Oliveira
Kerry Darby	John Peterson
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Alexa Frisbie	Shelby Rogers
Susan Glover	Thomas Rosa
Francisca Grego	Murielle Rozier-Francoville
Arnold L. Harrington III	Avery Schaeffer
Colleen Hodgdon	Merle Shannon
David Johnson	Gloribeth Smith
Mark Johnson	Glenn Snyder
Christopher Katz	Bill Sullivan
Margaret Kemp	Brian Turner
Dorothy Kottler	Ana Vera
Sue Malone	Mary Warchot
Carmella Manetti	Marie Wysolmerski
Cristina Marques	

*May God bless and protect our loved ones in the military and civil service who are serving these United States in dangerous places, especially...*

Robert Ayala	Lynn Partik
Jonathan Choo	Michael Shipley
Edward Cieselski	Kimberley Templer
Nicholas Galvan	Michael Templer
Harry Griffith	Jesus Toledanes
Bill Jones	Justin White
Elisabeth Maddrell	Donald Yamamoto
Brendan Murphy	

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

DECEMBER  
 FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

# Learn the Faith

## In Testimonium...

On behalf of Fr. Melmer, Fr. Alemão and Mr. Charles Wilton, I wish you a blessed and happy Christmas for all the eight days of the Octave, all twelve days of Christmastide, all forty days until Candlemas and especially on the third day.

December 27 is the Feast Day of our parish patron, St. John. This year the third day of Christmas falls on Sunday, which in the Ordinary Mass will be the Solemnity of the Holy Family and in the Extraordinary Form is the Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, both of which are admittedly more significant that St. John no matter how beloved he happens to be, which is considerable.

Under the reign of the Roman Emperor Domitian, St. John was banished to the Greek island of Patmos, a small (10 miles by 6 miles) volcanic island in the Aegean Sea, near the coast of Turkey, where he was granted the vision of the Heavenly Jerusalem which he recounted in his Apocalypse ("apocalypse" means "unveiling"). During the reign of Trajan, he returned to Ephesus where he lived to a very, very old age. He was the only one of the Apostles who was not martyred, although not for his enemies' lack of trying. According to legend, St. John was served poisoned wine, but survived because he blessed the wine before he put it to his lips; the poison rose from the chalice in the shape of a serpent. In his happy memory, Catholics bring wine to church, which the priest blesses, turning it into a sacramental called the "Love of St. John." Catholics would use this sacramental wine for special occasions throughout the year and to give to the sick.

A traditional toast to St. John on his Feast Day involves the Father of the house lifting his glass toward his bride saying, "I drink you the love of St. John." Mom replies "I thank you for the Love of St. John" and she then turns to the oldest child with her glass raised, saying, "I drink you the love of St. John..." and on it goes down the line until each has been toasted. The wine may be drunk as is or might be mulled. We can recommend the recipe at [www.fisheaters.com/customschristmas4.html](http://www.fisheaters.com/customschristmas4.html)

For many reasons we will not be able to have our customary rectory Open House on the Feast of St. John. Raise a toast to better times.

"Drink the love of St. John!"

Merry Christmas! Cheers!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard



## Saint John the Beloved

### ACADEMY

#### CALENDAR UPDATES

Dec. 22—10:30 am All School Mass, Feast of St. John  
11:30 am Early Dismissal  
Dec. 23—Jan. 13 CHRISTMAS BREAK

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



## ST. JOHN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ATTENTION PARENTS OF 2ND GRADERS

If you would like your child to receive First Confession and First Holy Communion in May 2021 please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

#### FAMILY EVENINGS OF PRAYER & CATECHESIS EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 7:00-7:45PM

There are no meetings this week. Merry Christmas!

#### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

##### SPORTS & SCRIPTURE (Wednesdays, 4-6pm)

- 7TH —12TH graders welcome!
- Enjoy sports and pizza while getting to know Christ !

##### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS

- - 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month, 7:00-8:30pm
- - Encounter Christ while having fun with other Catholic youth

For more info, email: [mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

# Be an Apostle



## DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON NEWS

### FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

*FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT -- DECEMBER 20, 2020*

"Be it done unto me according to your word." Obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If you think God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

### FROM THE OFFICE OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY & RESPECT LIFE

#### *GIFT FOR LIFE*

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother wrote: "I give thanks for the prayers and intervention of the people who were outside the abortion clinic and I decided to call Gabriel Project. Now thanks to them I have my first medical appointment to see how my baby is doing and it really is a blessing for everything I have received." For more information and/or to donate: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

#### *MORNINGS OF MERCY*

Join other members of the Diocese in a series of morning retreats, to include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Next retreat is Saturday, February 20, 2021 at St. Veronica in Chantilly. Retreats are led by Very Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. There is no cost to attend, but please register at [arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy](http://arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy).

#### *MASS FOR WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY*

Celebrate World Marriage Sunday! Join Bishop Burbidge for 12:30 p.m. Mass on February 14, 2021 to celebrate Marriage at Saint Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn. Couples and families are welcome. Please RSVP at [arlingtondiocese.org/wms21](http://arlingtondiocese.org/wms21)!

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

#### *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RESCUE AND SORT FOOD*

Help Catholic Charities fight food insecurity over the holidays! Food Rescue Drivers are needed to pick up food from grocery stores and deliver to our St. Lucy Warehouse using their personal vehicle (<https://tinyurl.com/slpfoodrescue>) and Food Sorters are needed to receive and sort food at the warehouse (<https://tinyurl.com/slpwarehouse>). See links for info on shifts and to sign up. Thank you!



## ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH NEWS

### ADORING WATCHMEN NEEDED



The 6-days-a-week Adoration Mission at St. John's would not be possible without adoring watchmen committed to prayerfully standing guard in the presence of Our Lord as He is exposed and vulnerable. Can you come spend quality time with Him?

The following hours currently have NO committed adorers scheduled:

Mondays 11am      Tuesdays 2pm  
Wednesdays 11am      Thursdays 11am  
Fridays 11am

If you are not able to commit to a weekly scheduled slot, there is also a need for a reactive "Subbing Squad" to provide backup if the scheduled adorers are unable to fill-in for each other.

To join the Adoration Team, please send an email to Matthew, our Adoration Team Lead, at [Matt@ftml.net](mailto:Matt@ftml.net)

#JUST ONE YES  
TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Mary's *yes* changed the world.

This Holy Season promising *one yes* to God, can help change the world. Commit to a daily Rosary, daily Mass, your favorite prayer, or act of service, anything that brings you closer to Christ.

What's your *yes*?

Join the movement, and receive free daily email meditations throughout this Advent Season:

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/JustOneYes](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/JustOneYes)

# Christmastide Mass Schedule

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

3:30 PM Vigil Mass

5:00PM Vigil Mass

7:30 PM Vigil Mass

11:00PM Music Prelude

MIDNIGHT Solemn Latin Mass (Ordinary Form)

~with readings in English~

## Christmas, Nativity of the Lord

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

7:30AM Mass

9:00AM Mass

10:30AM Mass

12:00PM High Traditional Latin Mass

## Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

5:00 pm Vigil

10:30PM Holy Hour

11:30PM Vigil Mass in English

“Ring in the New Year” Champagne Toast Following Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY, 1<sup>ST</sup>

7:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Mass

10:30 AM Mass

Noon High Traditional Latin Mass





January 28-31 (In-Person Only)  
Feb 11-14, 2021 (Virtual Only)

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. Determination about whether dates will proceed in-person or virtually will be made on a case by case basis and will reflect local mandates and guidance at the time. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more information on the website <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/marriage/virtual-marriage-prep>.



*"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning."*

Don't wait – take time now for your marriage by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on Feb 2-23, 2021 in WARRENTON, VA and Jan 29-31, 2021 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: [Renew-Marriage-VANorth.org](http://Renew-Marriage-VANorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.

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**8TH GRADE TESTING REQUIRED FOR PLACEMENT IN  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**

*For students who are prevented from taking the test on December 5, 2020, there will be one additional testing date as noted below:*

**TEST DATE:**

Saturday, January 9, 2021  
Winter HSPT at BI, DJO, PVI and JPG  
or

Saturday, January 16, 2021  
Snow Date, at BI, DJO, PVI and JPG

**TEST TIME:**

8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon

**FEE:**

\$35.00

**This test is required for placement in these four high schools:**

Bishop Ireton High School  
Bishop O'Connell High School  
St. Paul VI High School  
Saint John Paul the Great High School

**STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH**



*"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among men  
with whom He is well pleased!"*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DECEMBER 13	DECEMBER 21	DECEMBER 22	DECEMBER 23	DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 25	DECEMBER 26
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon TLM  4:00pm Vespers	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (also on Livestream)  8:00pm TLM Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (also on Livestream)	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (also on Livestream)  Confessions Hourly 10:00am-7:00pm  7:30pm Holy Hour	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (also on Livestream)  3:30pm Mass 5:00pm Mass 7:30pm Mass 11:00pm Prelude Midnight Solemn Latin Mass	Nativity of The Lord  7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon TLM	8:15am Mass 8:45am confessions  3:30pm confessions  5:00pm Mass



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