

Worship the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 15

Weekday Joe Zwierewicz †
 9:00 James McGrath †
 8:00 Robert Zuber

Tuesday, February 16

Weekday
 6:30 Marianne Wall †
 9:00 Helen F. Libera †

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday
 6:30 Ann Kusek †
 9:00 Monica McGill †
 12:00 Special Intention
 4:30 Sterling Gutierrez
 7:30 Nicholas Segura

Thursday, February 18

Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 6:30 Fr. Pollard
 9:00 Susan Bleacher †

Friday, February 19

Friday after Ash Wednesday
 6:30 Fr. Melmer
 9:00 Marcia Kelly †

Saturday, February 20

Saturday after Ash Wednesday
 8:15 June Shannon †
 5:00 Robert F. Smith †

Sunday, February 21

First Sunday of Lent
 7:30 Paul & June Shannon †
 9:00 Anne Maum McLaughlin †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Victoria Rizzi

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	Michael Shipley
Jonathan Choo	Kimberley Templer
Nicholas Galvan	Michael Templer
Harry Griffith	Jesus Toledanes
Bill Jones	Justin White
Elisabeth Maddrell	Donald Yamamoto
Brendan Murphy	

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† ELSIE BALCAEN †
 † PAT KELLY †
 † JOSEPH AHEARN †
 † DONALD ARNDT †
 † ROBERT E. TESSIER †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY—VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Learn the Faith

IN TESTIMONIUM...

14 February
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Quinquagesima Sunday
Feast of Saint Valentine

Or perhaps I should say “Feast of Saint Valentines”. Early editions of the Roman Martyrology provide these descriptions of two saints named Valentine celebrated on February 14.

At Rome, on the Flaminian road, in the time of the emperor Claudius, the birthday of blessed Valentine, priest and martyr, who after having cured and instructed many persons, was beaten with clubs and beheaded.

At Teramo, St. Valentine, bishop and martyr, who was scourged, committed to prison, and as he remained unshaken in his faith, was taken out of his dungeon in the dead of night and beheaded by order of Placidus, prefect of the city.

The feast of St. Valentine of February 14 was first established in 496 by Pope Gelasius I, who included Valentine among all those “...whose names are justly revered among men, but whose acts are known only to God.” The priest St. Valentine is supposed to have been a physician as well. His martyrdom would have happened during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270. He was buried on the Via Flaminia, and Pope Julius I reportedly built a basilica over his grave. On the website of the Diocese of Terni, the bishop St. Valentine enjoys a long biography along with rest of that diocese’ former bishops, who date back to San Pellegrino who founded the diocese in 138 A.D. It describes San Valentino as having been elected bishop in 197 and martyrs in 273.

According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter “from your Valentine” to his jailer’s daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness. Another common legend states that he defied the emperor’s orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. The devotion to St. Valentine focuses on a good lesson for our day: charity despite being under persecution. His modern popularity owes to his feast day being associated with the time when birds find their partners as in the words of Geoffrey Chaucer’s: For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne’s day Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate.

Saint Valentines, pray for us.

Rev. Christopher J. Pollard



Saint John the Beloved

ACADEMY

CALENDAR UPDATES

- FEB. 15—NO SCHOOL, PRESIDENTS DAY
- FEB. 16—MARDI GRAS & SCHOOL CELEBRATION
- FEB. 17—ASH WEDNESDAY, 10:30 AM ALL SCHOOL MASS



ST. JOHN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

All families are invited, the Tues & Thurs programs are the same, so pick the night that works best for you! Both are livestreamed.

The evening includes music, prayer and a short catechesis by our priests. This week begins the “God Seeks His People” Series with Adam and Eve. .

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.

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

Be an Apostle



IN THE DIOCESE

2021 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

The BLA provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making BLA pledge. Every donation is vital to the success of the BLA. You may go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org, scan the QR code below or text "BLA" to 703-260-9800 to make a donation. Please help our parish reach our BLA goal!



FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- FEBRUARY 14, 2021

"Do everything for the glory of God." Your vocation is to give glory to God through your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

FROM THE OFFICE OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY & RESPECT LIFE

MORNINGS OF MERCY

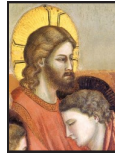
Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. The next retreat is Saturday, February 20, 2021 at St. Veronica in Chantilly. Retreats are led by Very Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. There is no cost to attend, register at arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy.

MASS AND LENTEN REFLECTION FOR MEN

Thy Kingdom Come: Restoring All Things in Christ The King, March 6, Victory Christian Ministries International, Woodbridge, 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Featuring: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Edward Sri. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/men

MASS AND LENTEN REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

Chosen From All Eternity For This Moment In Time, Featuring Dr. Mary Healy and Sister Gaudia Skass, OLM. March 13 from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. at Victory Christian Ministries International in Woodbridge. Cost: \$40 early bird through Feb. 1; \$50 after. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/women



IN THE PARISH

DEAR PARISHIONERS, FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE TRADITIONAL MANNER OF SPRINKLING ON TOP OF THE HEAD, NOT ON THE FOREHEAD.

THE WORD BOOKSTORE

The Word is stocked with several new release books and Lenten guides. Don't be caught without good reading this Lent! The store is open after the 900, 1030 and 1200 masses. Please enter through the main church entrance. We ask that you respectfully *not enter the vestibule until after the Communion service is finished*. Cash/Credit/Checks accepted. We are also open by appointment. Email us at theword@stjohncatholicmclean.org with your inquiry and suggested time to meet at the store. We look forward to serving you.

LOST & FOUND

The church's Lost & Found baskets are located in the vestibule closet. Some items have been there for over a year. Please stop by and take a look through the collection; perhaps you or your family have lost an item but forgot about it!

PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Please join us on Saturday, February 20th at 12 noon for a public Rosary Rally to commemorate the feast day of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, two of the three children who witnessed the apparitions of the Blessed Mother at Fatima in 1917. The Rosary will be offered for sinners and for the conversion of America during these challenging times in our country. The Rally will be held on the lower/back parking lot rain or shine. Please bring your Rosaries, your family and your friends!

TODAY IS SHARE SUNDAY

Our monthly Share collection provides crises intervention for families in McLean, Great Falls and parts of Falls Church. In addition to food, monetary donations are greatly appreciated – there is a bucket in the van outside to collect cash or checks payable to St. John with "Share" in the memo line. Share also accepts donations of mattresses, tables, computers, keyboards, linens and clothing (new underwear for adults and children always needed). To arrange furniture donations, please call 703-448-1054. Volunteers needed for furniture delivery and the food and clothing rooms, email sharewishes@gmail.com.

St. John The Beloved Academy

KING CAKE RAFFLE & CHARITY FUNDRAISER

1 ticket for \$20 3 tickets for \$50

Purchase online:

<https://stjohnacademy.org/annual-mardi-gras-raffle>

One half of the proceeds will go to the 2020-2021 SJBA Annual Fund, which continues to offer financial aid to those families who need it, competitive salaries and on-going professional development for our faculty and offsetting operational expenses.

The other half will be donated to the Diocese of Arlington Gabriel Project. In addition to offering pre-natal care assistance through Tepeyec OB/Gyn, they offer assistance from parish ministries, Catholic Charities, crisis pregnancy centers and other community centers.

Prize # 1 - King Cake (valued at \$40)

The King Cake is a tasteful Danish-style Cake filled with a signature Creole Cream Cheese and covered in an irresistibly delicious, fluffy White Icing, and sugar dusted with the trio of traditional Mardi Gras colors: **Gold for Power, Green for Faith,**

Prize #2 - Mardi Gras in a Box (valued at \$145)

—A signature Bayou Bakery King Cake [12-16 servings complete with a DIY decorating kit to keep it fresh - extra slices - “lagniappe” for all!] —A Mardi Gras Murder Mystery Party Game for eight players, —24 tricolored Mardi Gras Beads and Doubloons,
—eight Mardi Gras Masks, one Mardi Gras Boa,
—and one bottle of the world-famous Pat O’Brien’s signature Liquid Hurricane

Prize#3 - Same as above plus Pancake Breakfast Basket (Valued at \$200)



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>.

IN-PERSON WEEKENDS

(Registration limitations will be followed when necessary to comply with relevant safety recommendations.)
 Feb 18-21, 2021, Mar 11-14, 2021, Apr 22-25, 2021,
 May 6-9, 2021, Jun 10-13, 2021

VIRTUAL WEEKENDS

Apr 8-11, 2021, Jun 24-27, 2021

The MARIH center
 An Alternative to Abortion

MARIH (MA-RYE-AH) CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The MARIH Center is a pro-life crisis pregnancy center operating in Alexandria since 1974. We are seeking volunteers! Spanish language skills are especially desirable but not required. The MARIH Center is open Monday-Thursday from 10AM-3PM and Saturdays from 10AM-1PM. MARIH is entirely volunteer-run and donation-based. Please call (703) 370-4774 or e-mail marihcenter@gmail.com for additional information and a tour. We look forward to volunteering with you!



ATTEND A RETREAT FROM WHEREVER YOU ARE!

Feb 26-28 ~ "Lessons from St. Joseph's Workshop"

Detox from the noise of the media, work demands and Netflix and find new focus in your life through a personal encounter with Christ. Find more information and more upcoming dates on the OLB website www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

Experience the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises from your own home and for only \$75 per person. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Virtual Place to Encounter Christ!



STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Has the Holy Spirit been nudging you to serve?
 Have your friends been telling you to run for office?
 How do you become a candidate?

The Virginia Department of Elections has a page dedicated to you:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/>

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

The flagship for biomedical ethics the National Catholic Bioethics Center has helpful information regarding Covid-19 vaccines.

You can find them online:

<https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news?tag=COVID-19>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 15	FEBRUARY 16	FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 18	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 21
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon TLM 4:00pm Vespers	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 8:00pm TLM Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 7:30am Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass No ADORATION Confessions Hourly 10:00am-7:00pm	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass	8:15am Mass 8:45am confessions 3:30pm confessions 5:00pm Mass