

# Worship the Lord

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 20

#### Late Advent Weekday

6:30 Regina Benson  
9:00 Regina Benson  
8:00 Thomas McGuire †

### Tuesday, December 21

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

6:30 Fr. Christopher Pollard  
9:00 Adrienne Downs †

### Wednesday, December 22

#### Late Advent Weekday

6:30 Nick Cirillo †  
9:00 Major General Victor Hugo †

### Thursday, December 23

#### St. John of Kanty, Priest

6:30 Murray P. Clark †  
9:00 Cynthia Britto †

### Friday, December 24

#### Late Advent Weekday

6:30 Fr. Paul Scalia  
9:00 Helen Little †  
5:00 Spencer Lunde †  
7:30 Bridget & Jeremy Lucas  
12am Seton Fell Holt †

### Saturday, December 25

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 Lee - Young Family  
5:00 Cynthia Britto †  
10:30 People of the Parish  
12pm Christian Robinson

### Sunday, December 26

#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

7:30 Jose Sorzano †  
9:00 Margo Munro †  
10:30 People of the Parish  
12:00 James Sensen & Family

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

*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	Blair Smolar
Ryan Burke	Michael Shipley
Jonathan Choo	Kimberley Templer
Nicholas Galvan	Michael Templer
Harry Griffith	Jesus Toledanes
Bill Jones	Justin White
Elisabeth Maddrell	

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† AILEEN ONUFRYCHUK †

† MARY BEEK †

† ROSEMARY ANDERSON †

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

### DECEMBER—CATECHISTS

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

# Learn the Faith

## In Testimonium...

*Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant iustum.  
Aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.*

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.*

(Cf. Is 45,8)

The Entrance Antiphon for this Fourth Sunday of Advent in the Ordinary Form and Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite is also the Introit (synonymous with “entrance antiphon”) for the Ember Wednesday of last week in the traditional calendar.

Likewise, all three Masses focus attention of the announcement of the Archangel Gabriel to the young virgin Mary that she would bear a child who would be called “Son of the Most High”.

In this Year C of the three-year cycle of Sunday Readings we hear of the first act after the holy response of the mother of Our Lord: she “traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah [to care for her elder cousin] Elizabeth”. Here we see the Visitation as an extension of the Annunciation. Elizabeth even refers to message of the Archangel to Mary: “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled”.

Following this theme, the Opening Prayer or Collect for today in both forms of Mass echo the words we repeat at the Angelus:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
your grace into our hearts,  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son  
was made known by the message of an Angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross  
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Returning to our initial prayers of the day we realize that the dew from above is the Holy Spirit that will yield Our Savior, the fruit of the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Beautiful.

These mystical words moved Christian hearts to turn *Rorate caeli* into a favorite Latin hymn (#735 in our *St. Michael Hymnal*), much like the “O Antiphons” spawning the hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”.

Come, Holy Spirit!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Merry Christmas!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

p.s. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”  
(*Heb 13,8*). Amen? Amen!



**Saint John the Beloved**  
ACADEMY

## CALENDAR UPDATES:

DECEMBER 20—K-2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 1:30 PM

DECEMBER 22—CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS,  
11:30AM DISMISSAL

DECEMBER 23—HOME PROJECT DAY

**DECEMBER 24—JANUARY 6 CHRISTMAS BREAK**

JANUARY 7—HOME PROJECT DAY

JANUARY 10—CLASSES RESUME



## MOUNT 2000 RETREAT!

All high school youth are invited to a weekend of dynamic talks, prayer, and adoration with hundreds of other teens from all over. The retreat is led by seminarians from Mount St. Mary's Seminary, including many from our own diocese. February 11-13 2022. Cost: \$250/teen, Registration opens soon!

## WORKCAMP IS BACK!

When: June 18-24, 2022

Where: Frederick County, VA

Who: Current 9th-12th graders

Cost: \$250/teen plus commitment to raise additional funds to pay for projects

Registration will open after Thanksgiving and space will be limited - get your name on the list early!

**To register or RSVP for any of these events, or for more info contact: [mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org)**

# Be an Apostle



## DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON NEWS

### FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT -- DECEMBER 19

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

### COME PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

All are invited to join the St. Thérèse Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday February 5 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manassas. The day will include continental breakfast, spiritual conference, Mass and Holy Hour, and Fr. Steven Oetjen is our speaker. There is no cost but please RSVP with the Office of Vocations by Jan. 30 at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. The St. Thérèse Vocation Society was formed to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD MASS DURING THE NIGHT

Celebrate the birth of Christ at the Mass During in the Night on Friday, December 24 at 10 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist for this annual liturgy.

### OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

#### LOOKING FOR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

The Central Administrative Office in Arlington is looking for new team members! Exciting opportunities exist in our Benefits, Communications, Development, and Ministry Offices. For details, visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities/)

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

#### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION IS COMING UP!

Through a gift to Catholic Charities, you are serving the poor, protecting the vulnerable, and welcoming the newcomer. Your support helps to maintain ministries in more than 100 service locations in our diocese. If donating with check, use the special bulletin insert / contribution envelope; make a check payable to our parish but please write Catholic Charities on the memo line. You may also make an online gift at [ccda.net/Christmas](http://ccda.net/Christmas), or add this collection to our parish electronic giving account.



## ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH NEWS

### SHARE SUNDAY

Today is SHARE Sunday. Please consider making a donation of non-perishable food and/or personal care items to help our neighbors in need. Donations may be left in the vehicle parked outside the church after Sunday masses.

### COFFEE AND DONUTS

St. John the Beloved Academy will host coffee and donuts after the 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon masses today. All are also invited to view the exhibit of art from the animated film "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," which will be on display in Eagle hall.

### ST. JOHN SENIORS' CLUB

Join us on Monday December 20 for Mass at 11:30, Luncheon & Musical Presentation at 12:00 in the school auditorium. Dawn Kuker, St. John Academy Music Teacher and Youth Choir Director, will lead members of the Academy Youth Choir in a memorable selection of Advent and Christmas hymns and songs. Dawn has promised a very special program for all of us! Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Office or call the Office at 703.356.7916. Reservations are required. A suggested donation of \$15.00 will be collected at the door. For further information, please call Phil at 703.356.9788.

### THE WORD

Do you have some last minute shopping to do? You may find just the perfect gift at our own parish bookstore. Come check out SockReligious socks, spirituality books, daily devotionals, children's books, rosaries, statues and more! The Word bookstore is open directly following the 900, 1030, and 1200 Latin mass, and by appointment if you email us at [theword@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:theword@stjohncatholicmclean.org) with your inquiry and suggested time to meet at the store. Cash/Credit/Checks accepted. We look forward to serving you. We wish you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

### ST. PETER CLAVER SOCIETY

Thank you to all parishioners and friends who supported the work of the St. Peter Claver Society with your purchases of See's candies, coffee and other items and participation in our raffle. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, you can do so at [saintpeterclaversociety.org](http://saintpeterclaversociety.org) (click on the "How Can You Help?" tab at the top of the page). All funds go to help orphans and children in need in Zambia. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



# Advent & Christmas 2021 at St. John the Beloved

## **Youth Ministry Advent Teen Bible Study**

Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Corner

"Reading the Bible as a Catholic" for 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

**Missa Rorate Caeli** 4 December 6:00 a.m.

**Advent Mission** 5, 6, 7 December

Led by Tony Brandt & Chris Stewart

<https://castingnetsministries.com/about/bios>

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Masses** Wednesday 8 December

6:30 a.m. • 9:00 a.m. • School Mass 10:30 a.m.

Low Traditional Latin Mass 12:00 p.m. • 4:30 p.m. • 7:30 p.m.

**Lessons & Carols** Saturday 11 December 7:00 p.m.

**Missa Aurea** Wednesday 15 December 5:00 a.m.

**"The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" Exhibition of Animation Art** 16 December

in St. John the Beloved Academy

**Christmas Eve Masses** Friday 24 December

5:00 p.m. Vigil • 7:30 p.m. Vigil • Midnight Solemn Mass in Latin & English

**Christmas Day Masses** Saturday 25 December

7:30 a.m. • 9:00 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. in English • High Traditional Latin Mass 12:00 p.m.

**There will be no Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday 25 December 2021.**

**Rectory Open House** Monday 27 December 10:00 a.m.

**Christmas Octave Vigil Masses** Friday 31 December

5:00 p.m. Mass • 10:30 p.m. Holy Hour • 11:30 p.m. Solemn Mass in Latin & English

**Christmas Octave Masses** Saturday 1 January 2022

8:15 a.m. Mass • 9:00 a.m. Confessions • 10:30 a.m. Mass

High Traditional Latin Mass 12:00 p.m. • 3:30 p.m. Confessions • 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Women's Mini-Retreat** Saturday 8 January 2022

8:15 a.m. Mass in Church • 9:00-9:30 a.m. Confessions in Church

9:00-10:00 a.m. Breakfast in Room 10 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Talks in Church

Led by Sr. Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, OP, *Vocation Director*

Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

**Exodus 90** 17 January 2022

*Men's Spirituality Support Group*

For more information, please contact Frank Arvizu ([frank.arvizu@yahoo.com](mailto:frank.arvizu@yahoo.com))



## OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MEAL

St. John the Beloved Academy 8th grade is selling Oplatki Christmas wafers after Sunday masses throughout Advent as a fundraiser for the Poor Clares of Alexandria. A donation of \$5 is suggested for a package of 4 wafers with embossed Nativity scenes. Email email vmcneill@mac.com with questions.



## STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.*

John 1,5



Journey to Bethlehem  
Church of Our Saviour, Chora, Istanbul

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DECEMBER 19	DECEMBER 20	DECEMBER 21	DECEMBER 22	DECEMBER 23	DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 25
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon TLM	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass  8:00pm TLM Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass  Confessions Hourly 10:00am-7:00pm  7:30pm Holy Hour	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass  5:00pm Mass 7:30pm Mass Midnight Mass	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon Mass