

Worship the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 19

Late Advent Weekday

6:30 The Nickel Family
 8:30 Brianne & Matthew Kuehler
 8:00 Ernest J. Denz †

Tuesday, December 20

Late Advent Weekday

6:30 Regina Benson
 8:30 Regina Benson

Wednesday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:30 Susan Glover
 8:30 Susan M. Glover †

Thursday, December 22

Late Advent Weekday

6:30 The Santiago Family
 8:30 Helen Sanchez †

Friday, December 23

St. John of Kanty, Priest

6:30 Margaret Kemp †
 8:30 Fr. Ryan Alemao

Saturday, December 24

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 Carol Ann Prentice †
 5:00 Helen Little †

Sunday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 Susan Tran
 9:00 Veronica Garcia
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Michael Robert Francis †

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Patricia Ahern	Diana Meisel
Bill Broadfoot	Bonnie Moran
Carmel Broadfoot	Veronica Nowakowski
John Cartelli	Anita Oliveira
Edward Cieselski	Emelinda Oliveira
Kerry Darby	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Maria Esteves	Shelby Rogers
Alexa Frisbie	Thomas Rosa
Inés Garcia Robles	Murielle Rozier-Francoville
Peter Gemma III	Avery Schaeffer
Francisca Grego	Merle Shannon
Mark Johnson	Maiselle Shortley
Christopher Katz	Gloribeth Smith
Dorothy Kottler	Glenn Snyder
Jose Martelino, Jr.	Bill Sullivan
Cristina Marques	Mary Warchot
Kathleen Meade	Marie Wysolmerski
Richard Meade	

*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
 Ryan Burke
 Jonathan Choo
 Nicholas Galvan
 Harry Griffith
 Bill Jones
 Elisabeth Maddrell

Robert Paul Nugent, Jr.
 Michael Shipley
 Kimberley Templer
 Michael Templer
 Jesus Toledanes
 Justin White

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† OLGA BUFILL †
 † COURTNEY KAMPA †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

DECEMBER: VOLUNTEER NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Learn the Faith

In Testimonium...

18 December 2022
Fourth Sunday Advent

Ordinary Form

Isaiah 7,10-14

Psalms 24,1-2.3-4.5-6

Romans 1,1-7

Matthew 1,18-24

Extraordinary Form

1 Corinthians 4,1-5

Psalms 144,18.21

Luke 3,1-6

“Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son:
and His Name shall be called Emmanuel.”

Isaiah 7,14

This Alleluia verse for the Ordinary Form is also the Communion verse for the Extraordinary Form on this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent. The same verse is actually quoted today in the Ordinary Form in Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 1, verse 23. In all the Holy Bible the title *Emmanuel* or *Immanuel* appears only twice in Isaiah and once in Matthew. In combination with another verse from *Isaiah* we will hear it again on December 23 at the Alleluia in Holy Mass and at the Magnificat antiphon in Evening Prayer:

“O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the
desire of the nations and the Savior thereof,
come to save us, O Lord our God.”

Isaiah 7,14; 33,22

On the last seven days of Advent, the Magnificat antiphons used at Vespers invoke seven prophecies about the Messiah. In the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite they also are used in the Alleluia verse before the Gospel.

17 December: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)	<i>Isaiah 11,2-3</i>
18 December: O Adonai (O Lord)	<i>Isaiah 11,4-5</i>
19 December: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)	<i>Isaiah 11,1</i>
20 December: O Clavis David (O Key of David)	<i>Isaiah 22,22</i>
21 December: O Oriens (O Dayspring)	<i>Isaiah 9,1</i>
22 December: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)	<i>Isaiah 9,5</i>
23 December: O Emmanuel (O With Us is God)	<i>Isaiah 7,14</i>

They are known as the “O Antiphons” or the “Great Advent Antiphons”. We know them well in the English hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”. If you take the first letter of each title in reverse order - Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia - the Latin words “*ero cras*” are formed, meaning, “Tomorrow, I will come.”

Come, Lord Jesus!

Rev. Christopher J. Pollard



Saint John the Beloved
ACADEMY

CALENDAR UPDATES:

Dec 20—Christmas Concert

Dec 21 11:30 AM DISMISSAL Change to Calendar

Dec 22-Jan 6—Christmas Break

Jan 9—Classes Resume



St. John the Beloved
HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH MINISTRY

MOUNT 2000 RETREAT: KENOSIS

High school youth are invited to a Eucharistic retreat led by the seminarians of Mount St. Mary's. Spend a weekend making room for God in your life.

- February 3-5, 2023

- \$200/teen (includes retreat, meals, and hotel accommodations)

- Contact Michael: mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org to sign up

- Deadline to register is December 2.

WORKCAMP 2023

We are now accepting applications for summer WorkCamp 2023! WorkCamp is a week of direct service to those in need, completing significant home-improvement projects for them, helping people live warmer, safer, and drier.

- June 17-23, 2023

- Open to current 9th-12th graders

- Cost: \$250 deposit due at application (refundable) and additional fundraising commitment

- See the Youth Ministry page on our website to submit an application or contact Michael: mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org

Be An Apostle



DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT -- DECEMBER 18, 2022

"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

PLEASE GIVE TO THE 2022 ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We are all called to serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer. You can do so with your support of today's collection. If you forgot to bring a check, you may make a gift in next week's collection by making your check payable to the parish and noting Catholic Charities on the memo line. You may also make an online gift at ccda.net/Christmas, or add this second collection to our parish electronic giving program.

GIVE A GIFT FOR LIFE

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project financially support a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother wrote: "I was very distressed and scared not knowing who would help me with my pregnancy... I could not go to anyone... and I was without the support of my baby's father. He wanted me to abort but I decided to have my son. I must thank Gabriel Project for all the moral, spiritual, and medical support... for this reason, I named my son Gabriel!" For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is thriving, and we're looking for talented and committed employees to join our administrative and ministry teams. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities/CDA> offers a great work-life balance, generous time off, tuition assistance, professional development, and a competitive salary and benefits package, including a pension plan.

HELP OUR PARISH SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC HERALD

The Arlington Catholic Herald is the official newspaper and news source of the Diocese of Arlington. This award-winning, biweekly newspaper delivers Catholic news and information about our diocese, U.S. bishops and the Vatican to more than 108,000 homes across Virginia and beyond -- and 24-7 at catholicherald.com. Please donate to the annual second collection February 4-5, 2023, which helps our parish support the Catholic Herald in spreading the Good News. You may make a check payable to St. John and write "ACH Second Collection" on the memo line. Thank you!



ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH NEWS

SHARE SUNDAY

Today, December 18, is SHARE Sunday at St. John the Beloved parish. Please leave your donations of nonperishable food and personal care items in the SHARE vehicle parked outside the church Sunday morning. Thank you for your generosity. Wishing all a blessed Advent!

ALONE ON CHRISTMAS EVE...?

All are invited to share a hearty meal with other parishioners at the home of Ernie and Karen Rosenberg, 5 minutes away from St. John The Beloved Church.. Arrive between 6:00-6:30 PM for our Christmas eve dinner. You can (but are not obligated) to bring a dish or drink to share. We have plenty of street parking in Potomac Hills (off Kirby Road). Please RSVP by email gsdmom78@gmail.com. For questions you may also call the Parish Office.

ST. PETER CLAVER SOCIETY

Parishioners and friends, thank you so much for making a success of our annual Christmas candy and coffee sale to raise funds for our initiatives on behalf of African orphans and children in need. We sold out after the 10:30 am mass last Sunday! Your support is truly heart-warming! If you would like to make a year-end donation please make your check out to "St. John Catholic Church" with "St. Peter Claver Society" in the memo line and drop it off at the parish office or donate on-line at www.saintpeterclaversociety.org. Wishing all a happy and blessed Christmas!

OPLATKI WAFERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE MEAL

Oplatki Christmas wafers will again be available this season. A donation of \$5/package of 4 wafers with embossed Nativity scenes is appreciated, proceeds go to the Poor Clares of Alexandria. Oplatki will be available in the church vestibule or email vmcneill@mac.com to arrange pickup. Your family can join in this Catholic tradition which originated in Eastern Europe in the early 17th century. The Oplatki are enjoyed by families, typically right before the Christmas Eve meal, when all are gathered around the table with their own wafer. The eldest member of the family begins the ritual by leading all in prayer, a carol, and/or poem and offering to each family member to break off a piece of his wafer with a blessing or an apology of any misunderstandings from the past year. Each family member then breaks off a piece of the others' sharing love and forgiveness. Honey can be applied to the wafers, in the form of a cross, to remind of life's sweetness. Just as we share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ and receive Christ's love through the Eucharist, the Oplatki allows for one's immediate family to come together Christmas Eve and share the love they have for one another as all anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth.

FOURTH OF ADVENT

PREPARE THE WAY VIDEO SERIES

Bishop Burbidge invites us to make a spiritual journey this year to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. For each week of Advent, the diocese will be releasing a video meditation, led by three diocesan priests and a religious sister, with accompanying reflection questions to aid us as we climb God's holy mountain. The videos, each 3-5 minutes in length, will be available on the diocesan YouTube channel and shared out via the diocesan email newsletter. Find the videos on arlingtondiocese.org/preparetheway and Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.



STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

The [St. Lucy Project](#) operates a food pantry in Alexandria at Christ House. The pantry provides perishable and non-perishable foods, including fresh produce, dairy, meat and traditional staples such as cereal, canned vegetables, rice and beans. Those needing food may visit the pantry Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.. Clients are eligible to receive food once per month. This beautiful ministry depends on volunteers to serve meals. Please consider volunteering with other St. John the Beloved parishioners. Contact the parish office with questions.

Northern Virginia

CHAPTER

Legatus is an international organization of Catholic business leaders and executives committed to study, live and spread the Catholic faith.

Chartered in 2000, our chapter is welcoming new members. For information, please contact Peter Pin at peterpin59@gmail.com.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DECEMBER 18	DECEMBER 19	DECEMBER 20	DECEMBER 21	DECEMBER 22	DECEMBER 23	DECEMBER 24
2pm-Exposition 4:00-Vespers	9:15am-Rosary 4pm-Confiteor 6:30pm-RCIA	9:15am-Rosary	9:15am-Rosary Confessions Hourly 10:00am-7:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour	9:15am-Rosary	9:15am-Rosary	9am Confessions 3:30pm-Confessions