Worship the Rord

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

6:30 Jill O'Donnell 9:00 Clare Rowan

8:00 J. Roger Guilgoyle †

Tuesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Cynthia Torgersen †

9:00 David Swensen

Wednesday, December 15

Advent Weekday

6:30 Fran Bertapelle

9:00 David Swensen

Thursday, December 16

Advent Weekday

6:30 Thelma Clark †

9:00 David Swensen

Friday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

6:30 Mary Warchot

9:00 David Swensen

Saturday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

8:15 Annie Crnkovich

5:00 Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Digney †

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 Ernest J. Denz †

9:00 Jose Sorzano †

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Stephen Bailey

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† DIANE BISHOP †

Mother of Matthew Bishop

† AILEEN ONUFRYCHUK †

† MARY BEEK †

† ROSEMARY ANDERSON †

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 Fred Sheridan Francisca Grego 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
Ryan Burke
Jonathan Choo
Nicholas Galvan
Harry Griffith
Bill Jones
Elisabeth Maddrell

Blair Smolar Michael Shipley Kimberley Templer Michael Templer Jesus Toledanes Justin White

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.

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In Testimonium...

12 DECEMBER THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

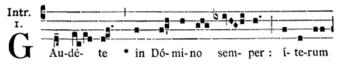
"GAUDETE SUNDAY"

Ordinary Form Zephaniah 3,14-18a Isaiah 12,2-3.4.5-6 Philippians 4,4-7 Luke 3,10-18 Extraordinary Form Philippians 4,4-7

Psalm 79,2.3.6

John 1,19-28

Entrance Antiphon Philippians 4,4-6



Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in everything by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. Ps. 84. 2. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *V. Glory be to the Father,* and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in everything by prayer let your petitions be made known to God.

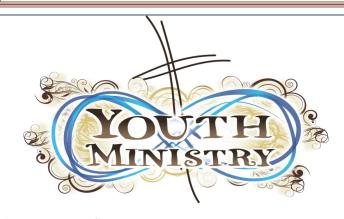
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us! St. John the Baptist, pray for us! Pope St. Damasus I, pray for us! St. Lucy, pray for us! St. Juan Diego, pray for us!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard



CALENDAR UPDATES:

DECEMBER 17—K-2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 1:30 PM DECEMBER 20—3-8 CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 4PM



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY FOR TEENS

All teens, 8th -12th grade, are invited to a 3-week Bible study this Advent. The study will be led by Michael Jacobeen and Theresa Carrescia, and will give an overview of Catholic understanding of Scriptures. Join us December 2, 9, and 16 from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Pizza dinner will be provided. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible). The Bible study is free, but please register!

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

Be an Apostle



DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT -- DECEMBER 12

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest or deacon? Contact Father Michael Isenberg at michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org. or call (703) 841-2514.

Days of Recollection for Men and Women Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out and enjoy some quiet prayer time this Advent. Both are Sunday December 19: the Men's Day of Recollection is with diocesan seminarians and Franciscan Friars; the Women's Day of Recollection is with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. These events are for those 18-35 years old interested in deepening their prayer life and exploring their vocation. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is Friday, December 10.

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND RESPECT LIFE

Novena for Infertility, Miscarriage and Infant Loss You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant death. The novena begins on December 4 and concludes on December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bishop Burbidge will also be offering a Mass for this intention in his private chapel. To submit your intentions and to find the novena prayers, visit OurFruitfulLove.com

Praise and Worship Holy Hour

Join us for prayer, praise and worship every second Tuesday of the month at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. On Tuesday, December 14, Fr. James Waalkes will lead the Holy Hour and offer the reflection. Music will be provided by Valerie and Rocco Repetski. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION IS COMING UP!

Through a gift to Catholic Charities, you are serving the poor, protecting the vulnerable, and welcoming the new-comer. You 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, or add this collection to our parish electronic giving account.



ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH NEWS

SHARE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, December 19, is SHARE Sunday at St. John the Beloved. 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 on Sunday morning.

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 next Sunday, December 19. Parishioners and guests 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

WHAT: Mass at 11:30, Luncheon & Musical Presentation at 12:00 in the school auditorium.

WHEN: Monday, 20 December.

WHO: Dawn Kuker, St. John Academy Music Teacher and Youth Choir Director.

TOPIC: Saint John Academy Music Teacher Dawn Kuker 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.

RSVP: Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Office or call the Office at 703.356.7916.

DEADLINE: Friday, 17 December. Reservations are required.

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$15.00 at the door. For further information, please call Phil at 703.356.9788.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS...

The Knights of Columbus and Women's Council could use the help of many parishioners in housing and feeding the hundreds of pro-life pilgrims who will be coming to St. John the Beloved for the 2022 March for Life, Thursday, January 20 to Friday January 21. As in previous years, large groups from: St. Joseph College Seminary (Diocese of Charlotte), St. Mark Catholic Church (Huntersville, NC), Thomas Aquinas College (Northfield, MA), Ave Maria University (Ave Maria, FL) are expected. If you are able to help with providing meals and/or housing or in some other way, please contact womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com.

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 8th-12th 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 (Prelude feat. St. John the Beloved Academy Youth Choirs at 4:30 pm) 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)



"Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

In our marriage we are called to give 100% to each other. Learn how to be the best spouse you can be by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Jan 28-30, 2022 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC.

Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or 703-646-1521 or applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org.



SPCS & SEE'S CANDIES:

MAKE A FUTURE POSSIBLE FOR AN ORPHAN

The St. Peter Claver Society will be selling Sees Chocolates and coffee following the Masses on the weekends of 4-5 December and 11-12 December. Both make wonderful hostess gifts and stocking stuffers; all profits go directly to meeting the needs of orphans and disadvantaged youth many of whom have lost their parents to AIDS.

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Thank you for your continued support!



STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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

John 1,5

OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MEAL

St. John the Beloved Academy 8th grade is selling Oplatki Christmas wafers this season 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. Pletka will be sold after Sunday masses throughout Advent, or please email vmcneill@mac.com directly to arrange. Your family can join in this Catholic tradition of the Oplatki 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, or poem and offers 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 the sweetness of life. 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. (They are good gift ideas for friends and family as well!!)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| DECEMBER 12 | DECEMBER 13 | DECEMBER 14 | DECEMBER 15 | DECEMBER 16 | DECEMBER 17 | DECEMBER 18 |
| 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 | 5:00am Missa Aurea 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 | 8:15am Mass 8:45am confessions 3:30pm confessions 5:00pm Mass |