



OUR LADY *of* LOURDES  
NUESTRA SEÑORA *de* LOURDES

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*I am the good shepherd ... and I will lay down  
my life for the sheep*

APRIL 21, 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

21 DE ABRIL, 2024  
CUARTO DOMINGO DE  
PASCUA

# PARISH INFORMATION

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM

## REGISTRATION

WWW.OLOLCC.NET and click “I’m New” to join our parish or scan the QR code.



Parish Registration



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 5:30 PM Vigil (Saturday) \* 8:00 AM \*  
10:00 AM \* 12:00 PM \* 5:00 PM (Español)

Monday—Friday 6:45 AM \* 12:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation 7:00 PM (Vigil) \* 6:45 AM \* 12:00 PM \*  
7:00 PM

All Federal Holidays 10:00 AM (Monday—Thursday)

\* Note schedule changes for Christmas, Holy Week, Easter and Federal Holidays that fall on a Friday.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Sunday 4:15 PM—4:45 PM (Español)

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12:30 PM

\* Special Confession schedules during Advent, Lent & Holy Week.

## THIS WEEK AT OLOL

**22**

Rosary  
6:15 AM \* 11:30 AM

**MONDAY**

**23**

Rosary  
6:15 AM \* 11:30 AM

Confessions  
12:30 PM

Pro-Life Rosary  
7:00 PM

**TUESDAY**

**24**

Rosary  
6:15 AM \* 11:30 AM

Miraculous Medal  
Novena  
12:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY**

**25**

Rosary  
6:15 AM \* 11:30 AM

Confessions  
12:30 PM

**THURSDAY**

**26**

Rosary  
6:15 AM \* 11:30 AM

Confessions  
12:30 PM

Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
12:30—3:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:00 PM

**FRIDAY**

**27**

Rosary  
9:30 AM

Confessions  
4:00 PM—5:00 PM

**SATURDAY**

**28**

Confessions  
4:15 PM—4:45 PM  
(Español)

**SUNDAY**

## CLERGY

Fr. Frederick H. Edlefsen, Pastor  
Fr. Joseph R. Kenna, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Daniel L. Mode, In Residence  
Fr. Steven R. Walker, In Residence

## STAFF

Ms. Debra Corrie, Office Manager  
Mrs. Marie Macnamara, Sacramental Records  
Mrs. Esperanza Miranda, Office Assistant  
Ms. Stephanie Vindell, Office Assistant  
Ms. Leigh Hasson, Director of Religious Education (DRE)  
Mr. Tom Bartolomeo, Director of Music

## WHAT WE SHALL BE

By Fr. Frederick Edlefsen



In today's second reading, St. John says, "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2) Our true selves and our destiny are, for the most part, unknown.

"*Magnum mysterium mihi suam.*" "I am a great mystery unto myself," said St. Augustine. Every person is a mystery. However, Baptism gives us a supernatural destiny. Confirmation gives us a supernatural mission. The Church calls this "*Sanctifying Grace*," a Gift of the Holy Spirit through which God fulfills his purposes within us. This is the root of a personal transformation. It painfully matures us over time. Sanctifying Grace completes and fulfills us after death, and it blossoms in the general resurrection of the dead at Christ's Second Coming.

Our identity lies hidden beneath the surface of "who" we think we are. "Your life is now hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). We must be purified to know ourselves. Christ reveals "*who we are.*" Our task is to cooperate with Sanctifying Grace. By meditating and persevering in the grace of Baptism – Sanctifying Grace – we detect the Holy Spirit's gentle whispers, even when we suffer. To know God and ourselves, we must pass through perilous trials of temptation, failure, and feeling abandoned by God. For most of us, this journey takes a lifetime. In the practical wisdom of our ancestors, "Too old too soon; too smart too late." And yet, we grow old in grace and wisdom.

G.K. Chesterton once said, "Anything worth doing is worth doing badly." We must be clumsy Christians before we become holy Catholics. "Strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12: 9). Christ gets the credit. He reveals you to yourself, despite your brokenness. Per St. Paul, "For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10)."

## VOLUNTEER

### AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Share your unique gift with the parish!  
Scan this QR code or visit our volunteer page on  
[www.ololcc.net](http://www.ololcc.net)

Thank you  
for your  
support!



We have many  
ministries

WE NEED YOU!

Take  
Note

## Upcoming events..

### COFFEE AND DONUTS... **THIS WEEKEND!**

#### Sunday, April 21

After the 10:00 AM Mass on the patio in front of the church (in the Parish Hall in case of rain).

### ST. JOSEPH SPAGHETTI DINNER

#### Saturday, May 4

Join us for a gourmet spaghetti Dinner in the Parish Hall hosted by the Knights of Columbus at 6:30 PM, to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

#### Sunday, May 5

Join us for our monthly KoC breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses in the Parish Hall.

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH

#### Sunday, May 26

All Volunteers are invited to our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in the Parish Hall after the 12:00 PM Mass.

### MEMORIAL DAY MASS

#### Monday, May 27

Come to honor and pray for our fallen heroes at our 9:00 AM Memorial Day Mass.

### PIZZA WITH THE POPE

#### Tuesday, May 28

An open discussion with Father Edlefsen on the Vatican's New Declaration "On Human Dignity", from 7:30-8:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

## OUR PARISH



Honor a loved one with a Mass  
at Our Lady of Lourdes!  
Contact the Rectory Office  
703.684.9261 or [OLOL@OLOLCC.net](mailto:OLOL@OLOLCC.net)

April 21, 2024  
Fourth Week of Easter  
WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY** APRIL 20

9:00 AM + Adam Beaver by Eve Kramer  
5:30 pm Shaun Reed

**SUNDAY** APRIL 21

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
8:00 AM + Robert A. Rachko Sr. by Maria & Trent Hughes  
10:00 AM All Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
12:00 PM + Emily Ochrymowicz by Maria & Trent Hughes  
5:00 PM (Spanish) Celebrant's Intentions

**MONDAY** APRIL 22

6:45 AM Antonio Fernandez-Ribas by Tony & Maite Fernandez  
12:00 PM Venoit grandchildren by Peter and Sheila Venoit

**TUESDAY** APRIL 23

*St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*  
6:45 AM + Rev. Msgr. Vincent Uwazie by Cajethan Ekeagwu  
12:00 PM + Kathleen Ann Trimbach by The McLaughlin Family

**WEDNESDAY** APRIL 24

*St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*  
6:45 AM Celebrant's Intentions  
12:00 PM + John McHale by Diane Dusza

**THURSDAY** APRIL 25

*St. Mark, Evangelist*  
6:45 AM Joe Powell by James & Maryellen Tibbs  
12:00 PM Rev. Steven Walker

**FRIDAY** APRIL 26

6:45 AM Mary Downey by James & Maryellen Tibbs  
12:00 PM + Ruby de Leon



CATHOLIC  
EXTENSION  
SOCIETY



OUR LADY  
of LOURDES  
Arlington, Virginia

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES IN ARLINGTON HAS A NEW SISTER PARISH!

This weekend, Valerie Vasquez of the [Catholic Extension Society](#) will speak at all Masses about the future of our Church in America's poorest regions.

She will also talk about our newly adopted sister parish: **Our Lady of Lourdes in Poplar, Montana**, located in the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.

To learn more about our new sister parish and give online, visit <https://catholicextension.org/lourdes>

### LOOKING FOR FAITHFUL ALTAR SERVERS !



Rising 4th grade boys and girls—and older—are invited to serve the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Assist the priest in offering our lives to God!

Interested? Contact Joe Mazel at [joe.mazel4@gmail.com](mailto:joe.mazel4@gmail.com)

Summer and Fall Training schedules forthcoming!



### HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE LAST WEEKEND!

Last weekend of our next food drive for Christ House will take place this weekend. Special request items are jelly, pasta sauce, baked beans, ketchup, mustard and spices (parsley, oregano, bay seasoning, paprika, salt and pepper). Please bring donations to the Helping Hands closet in the little hallway just off the vestibule.

*Thank you for helping to feed the hungry.*

## OUR PARISH



### PRAYER IN OUR PARISH

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Dana Gould, Paul Durand, Ed Boehme, April Garcia, José Silva, Rosa Diesquez, Parfait Williams, Bridget Hinds, Peter & Geraldine Filpi, Jim & Becky McManaman, Francis Xavier Eversole, Ron Harris, Ismael A. Zavala Umaña, and Mary O'Donoghue. Contact the Rectory Office at 703-684-9261 or [OLOL@OLOLCC.NET](mailto:OLOL@OLOLCC.NET) to be included.

#### PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Together we pray, through the power of the Rosary, for a culture of life. Join us every Tuesday at 7:00 PM, in the church to pray for the unborn and for an end to abortion.

#### PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have an urgent need for prayer? Members of our parish will pray for your intention. Contact James at 703-887-7117 or [ejt@cybtek.com](mailto:ejt@cybtek.com) to arrange. Provide only a first name and the prayer intention for the person(s) in need of prayer.

#### LEGION OF MARY

Hosting the Pilgrim Virgin statue is a beautiful way to honor Jesus and Our Lady, to invite God's blessings into your home, and to unite your family in prayer! Bring the "Pilgrim Virgin" to your home for 1 or 2 weeks of intimate prayer. Contact the Legion of Mary at [csb1789@hotmail.com](mailto:csb1789@hotmail.com).



### Stewardship Reflection

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep... and they will heed my voice."*

**John 10: 14-16**

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you?

How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are sponsored by our parishioners in honor of loved ones, or to commemorate a special event.

Email or call the Rectory Office to schedule. Sponsorship is \$50.

703-684-9261 or [OLOL@OLOLCC.net](mailto:OLOL@OLOLCC.net)

**Next available date is April 28**

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS AT OLOL

### BAPTISMS

Visit [ololcc.net](http://ololcc.net) and click "Mass & More" and "Baptism" to submit a request. Or call the Rectory Office.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Grades 1-2 prepare in our two-year CCD program. Visit [ololcc.net](http://ololcc.net)

### CONFIRMATION

Grades 7 & 8 prepare for confirmation in our CCD program. Visit [ololcc.net](http://ololcc.net) and click "Get Involved" and "Religious Education" to register. Or contact Leigh Hasson at [dre@ololcc.net](mailto:dre@ololcc.net).

### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Adults 18+ seeking the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation, visit [ololcc.net](http://ololcc.net) and click "Get Involved" and "Explore Catholicism" to register. Or call the Rectory Office to speak with a priest.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Contact a priest at least 7-8 months before your wedding date to begin preparation. Submit a request at [ololcc.net](http://ololcc.net) under "Mass & More" and "Marriage Prep".

### ANNOINTING, HOMEBOUND & FUNERALS

Contact the Rectory Office.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Free Catholic Films, Podcast, Audio Books, Kids shows, Study Courses & More...At your Fingertips!



As a parishioner, you have pre-paid access to this Catholic streaming service. Register at [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and enter zip code "22202" or "Our Lady of Lourdes VA" to start enjoying this free service.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE



Indianapolis, Indiana  
July 17-21, 2024

You are invited to join the Diocese of Arlington and grow in a Eucharistic Faith during this historic Eucharistic Revival. For pricing and more information, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/national-eucharistic-revival/](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/national-eucharistic-revival/).



### The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

- ◆ Prepares adults to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion
- ◆ Also open to anyone who just wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith
- ◆ Classes for the 2024-25 begin on September 9, 2024.

Do you want to learn more?  
Visit [ololcc.net-explore-catholic-faith](https://ololcc.net-explore-catholic-faith)



**St. Charles Early Education Center** is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. We are a Christ-centered, play-based, and screen-free preschool located in the heart of Clarendon, for children ages 2-5, with daycare options.

For more information,  
visit [stcharlesarlington.org](https://stcharlesarlington.org)  
To schedule a tour, call 703-527-0608.

## Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Abuse

This Mass will be celebrated by  
Bishop Burbidge at **our own**

**Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20 AT 6:30 PM**

Our parish welcomes  
you and your family.

If you have moved to the area, or come to mass regularly but have not registered yet, we invite you to register!

We would love the opportunity to introduce ourselves.

Parish Registration provides an unique opportunity to participate fully in the life of the parish.

Visit our website and click "I'm New"  
[OLOLCC.NET](https://OLOLCC.NET)



**Tuesday, May 14  
7:30 PM**

**St. Leo the Great  
Catholic Church  
Fairfax, VA**

### The Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life of the Diocese of Arlington

Invites you to join a Holy Hour for healing and conversion in families, including those affected by abortion.

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Confessions will be available.

Adoration from 7:30—8:30 PM

## VOCATIONS

### Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women

#### Has God made your heart for religious life?

Take a step to find out at the annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women. The Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles will lead this year's Retreat.

Cost is \$150 (financial assistance available).

**June 14—16**

For further information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514

### Young Adult Retreat

#### FINDING JESUS IN THE VIRTUOUS LIFE

**When: May 10—12**

**Where: San Damiano Retreat Center  
White Post, PA**

Join this exciting young adult retreat for a weekend of contemplating the "well-ordered life in Christ" with special attention given to the virtues of fortitude and temperance.

Cost is \$285 (financial assistance is available)

For more information or to register, contact Deacon Mark Maines at [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org)



***"The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone"***



On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, at [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org)  
Or call (703) 841-2514

## STEWARDSHIP

### FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING

Our Lady of Lourdes accepts online donations via Faith Direct! You can donate to all our parish's first and second collections and set up recurring payments on your own schedule. To sign up, scan the QR code or on the cover of this bulletin, or visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and enter parish code **VA327**.



Faith Direct for eGiving

### SECOND COLLECTION

#### April 20 & 21 \* Maintenance & Improvement Fund

Help our church stay strong, safe and clean by donating to our parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund. Your donations keep our buildings comfortable, safe and ensure that our grounds and church look their best throughout the year.

### WANT TO SUPPORT OUR NEEDY, OUR PARISH AND OUR DIOCESE?

- ▶ **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** to help our local needy
- ▶ **Faith Direct** To support our parish mission,
- ▶ **Bishop's Lenten Appeal** To support our diocesan programs, services & ministries



**SCAN ME**

Bishop's Lenten Appeal

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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## NUESTRA PARROQUIA

### BAUTISMOS

Para bautismos, los padres y padrinos deben asistir a la charla pre-bautismal, el último domingo de cada mes, después de la Misa. Los padrinos deben ser *católicos practicantes*, es decir personas que van a Misa cada domingo. Si el padrino/madrina no es feligrés de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, debe traer una carta de su parroquia certificando que es elegible para apadrinar. La carta debe tener sello de la parroquia, firmada por el párroco y ser enviada a Nuestra Señora de Lourdes una semana antes del día del bautismo. Próxima charla será el **Domingo, 28 de Abril** en el Salón Parroquial a las 6:15 PM.

### SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Para casarse por la Iglesia, comuníquese con la oficina 7-8 meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio al 703-684-9261.

### EN ORACION POR

Dana Gould, Paul Durand, Ed Boehme, Rosa Diéquez, April García, Jim y Becky McManaman, Bridget Hinds, José Silva, Peter y Geraldine Filpi, Parfait Williams, Francis Xavier Eversole, and Ron Harris. Comuníquese con la Rectoría al 703-684-9261 o [olol@ololcc.net](mailto:olol@ololcc.net) si necesita incluir a alguien en esta lista.

### EXPOSICION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

Todos los viernes se expone el Santísimo Sacramento de 12:30 PM a 3 PM. Se retira con el rezo de la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia. ¡El Señor te espera para tener un encuentro personal contigo!



### APOSTALADO HISPANO

La oficina del Apostolado Hispano tiene como misión principal acompañar a las familias inmigrantes a ser parte integral de nuestra Diócesis de Arlington, Virginia, ofreciendo diversos programas y ministerios para reforzar una sólida espiritualidad pastoral en la Nueva Evangelización. Para más información visite <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/apostolado-hispano/>

### ¿REGISTRO PARROQUIAL — PORQUÉ ES IMPORTANTE?

El registro parroquial ofrece una oportunidad única para participar plenamente en la vida de la parroquia, descubrir la alegría de una comunidad y una familia espiritual donde puedan crecer juntos en santidad. También es importante que se registre para que podamos atender a sus diversas necesidades, incluyendo preparación sacramental, educación religiosa y recibir certificados para ser padrinos. Para registrarse, utilice el código QR en la portada del boletín, visite [www.ololcc.net](http://www.ololcc.net) y haga clic en "Soy nuevo", o llame a la Rectoría al 703-684-9261.

## LO QUE SEREMOS



Por el P. Frederick Edlefsen

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Juan dice: "Queridos míos, desde ahora somos hijos de Dios, y lo que seremos no se ha manifestado todavía. Sabemos que cuando se manifieste, seremos semejantes a él, porque lo veremos tal cual es." (1 Juan 3:2). Nuestro verdadero ser y nuestro destino están en su mayor parte, aun sin conocer.

"*Magnum misterium mihi suam.*" "Yo soy un gran misterio para mí mismo", dijo San Agustín. Cada persona es un misterio. Sin embargo, el Bautismo nos da un destino sobrenatural. La Confirmación nos da una misión sobrenatural. La Iglesia llama a esto "Gracia Santificante", un Don del Espíritu Santo a través del cual Dios cumple sus propósitos en nosotros. Esta es la raíz de una transformación personal, la cual nos hace madurar laboriosamente con el tiempo. La Gracia Santificante nos completa y llena después de la muerte; y florece con la resurrección de los muertos en la segunda venida de Cristo.

Nuestra verdadera identidad se mantiene oculta bajo la superficie de "quiénes" creemos que somos. "Su vida está desde ahora oculta con Cristo en Dios" (Colosenses 3:3). Debemos purificarnos para conocernos a nosotros mismos. Cristo revela "quiénes somos". Nuestra tarea es cooperar con la Gracia Santificante. Si meditamos y perseveramos en la gracia de nuestro Bautismo – la Gracia Santificante – detectaremos los suaves susurros del Espíritu Santo, incluso en los momentos dolorosos. Para conocer a Dios y a nosotros mismos, debemos pasar por difíciles momentos de tentación, fracaso y de sentirnos abandonados por Dios. Para la mayoría de nosotros, este viaje dura toda una vida. En las palabras sabias de nuestros antepasados, "Nos volvemos viejo demasiado pronto; e inteligentes demasiado tarde". Pero aun así, envejecemos en gracia y sabiduría.

G.K. Chesterton dijo una vez: "Cualquier cosa que valga la pena hacer, vale la pena hacerla mal". Debemos ser cristianos aprendices antes de convertirnos en santos católicos. "Mi poder triunfa en la debilidad" (2 Corintios 12:9). Cristo se lleva el crédito. Él te revela a ti mismo, a pesar de tus debilidades. Escuchen las palabras de San Pablo, "Porque cuando soy débil, entonces soy fuerte" (2 Corintios 12:10).





## AVIVAMIENTO EUCARÍSTICO NACIONAL

Junio 2023 – Junio 2024

### Año de Avivamiento Parroquial

Durante este Año Nacional de Avivamiento Eucarístico, todos estamos llamados a renovar nuestra fe en la gracia de los sacramentos de la Iglesia. El Padre Edlefsen invita a todos los feligreses a aprender más sobre esta importante iniciativa que se está llevando a cabo en las parroquias de todo el país



21 DE ABRIL DE 2024

**“Yo soy el buen pastor...Y doy mi vida por mis ovejas  
... Y ellas reconocerán mi voz ” - Juan 10: 14-16**

Cuando usted reza, ¿solo le pide a Jesús las cosas que usted quiere? ¿Alguna vez le ha preguntado a Jesús lo que Él quiere de usted? ¿Como escucha Su respuesta? Muchas veces Jesús responde en “suaves murmullos” que no son obvios. Por lo tanto, dedique tiempo cada día, en silencio, para escuchar activamente Su voz.

## DONACIONES EN LÍNEA CON FAITH DIRECT

¡Nuestra parroquia acepta donaciones en línea a través de Faith Direct! Puede donar a todas las colectas y establecer pagos recurrentes en su propio horario. Para inscribirse, escanee el código QR en esta página, o en la portada del boletín, o visite [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) e ingrese código parroquial VA327



## LA PETICION CUARESMA DEL OBISPO DE 2024

Esta petición nos ofrece la oportunidad como familia católica para apoyar mas de 40 programas, ministerios y servicios de ayuda a decenas de miles de personas en nuestra diócesis.

Nuestra parroquia ha logrado 18% de la participación de los hogares hasta la fecha. Ayúdenos a alcanzar una mayor participación. Cada donación es vital para propagar el amor de Cristo en toda nuestra diócesis. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!



Para hacer una ofrenda, escanee el código QR en esta pagina, o llene una tarjeta de compromiso durante la misa, o visite [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA).

## GRUPOS VOLUNTARIOS

### MONAGUILLOS

Niños/jóvenes que desean servir como monaguillos deben asistir a las clases de catequesis todos los domingos para continuar con su preparación espiritual. Comunicarse con la oficina o Sofia Quishpe al 703-395-4730

### GRUPO DE ORACION

Se reúne todos los sábados de 5 - 10 PM. Comunicarse con José Ricardo Díaz al 703-622-6351 o Saul Orellana al 703-869-7095.

### LEGION DE MARIA

Se reúne todos los viernes de 6 - 8 PM. Comunicarse con Rosa Benítez al 571-501-3435.

### LECTORES

Si deseas unirte al ministerio de la Liturgia como lector, comunicarse con Ana Rivera al 703-508-7751.

### UJIERES

Si quieres servir como ujier, comunicarse con Reynaldo Campos al 703-626-5473 o Manuel Bonilla al 571-594-2769.

### CORO

Si deseas ser miembro del coro, comunicarse con Cristina Campos al 703-627-9990

Take Note

## EVENTOS PARROQUIALES

### CAFÉ Y DONAS

#### ESTE FIN DE SEMANA!!

Después de la misa de las 10:00 AM en el patio frente a la iglesia (en el Salón Parroquial en caso de lluvia).

### CENA DE SPAGHETTI DE SAN JOSE

#### Sabado, 4 de Mayo


Únase a nosotros para una cena gourmet de spaghetti en el Salón Parroquial organizada por los Caballeros de Colón a las 6:30 PM, para celebrar la fiesta de San José el Trabajador.

### DESAYUNO DE LOS CABALLEROS DE COLÓN

#### Domingo, 5 de Mayo

Esta invitado a nuestro desayuno mensual organizado por los Caballeros de Colón después de las misas de las 8:00 y 10:00 AM en el Salón Parroquial.

*Has God made your  
heart for religious life?*



“It is [the Holy Spirit] who shapes and molds the hearts of those who are called, configuring them to Christ, the chaste, poor and obedient One, and prompting them to make his mission their own.” Vita Consecrata 19

***Weekend  
Discernment  
Retreat***  
*for women ages 18-40*

Sponsored by the Office of Vocations, with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles.

***June 14-16, 2024***

Cost: \$150 includes private room  
and all meals

Register with the Office of  
Vocations by June 3:

[vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org)  
(703) 841-2514



## Nationwide Invitation to Prayer for the End of Abortion and Protection of Women and Pre-Born Children

March 14, 2024

WASHINGTON - On behalf of Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio President, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Bishop Michael F. Burbidge Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, USCCB shares the following announcement of a Nationwide Invitation to Prayer for the End of Abortion and Protection of Women and Pre-Born Children.

On March 26, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

The case is in response to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) promoting the availability of chemical abortion while ignoring risks to women and violating federal law. In short, the FDA has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry and turned neighborhood pharmacies into chemical abortion providers.

While the Supreme Court case is not about ending chemical abortion, it can restore limitations that the FDA has overridden. When a Supreme Court decision is released, probably in June, we can expect a public and political reaction similar to the Dobbs decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children, beginning on March 25, the eve of the oral arguments, and the anniversary of St. John Paul II's landmark, pro-life encyclical, *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium vitae)*. In particular, we will invoke the intercession of *St. Joseph, Defender of Life* with this prayer ([en español](#)):

*Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life -especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.*

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from March 25 through June, when a decision is expected. Online and print versions of the prayer can be found at [www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph). Additional background information and other resources can be found online at: [www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer](http://www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer)

Thank you for responding to this invitation to prayer for an end to all abortions and for the protection of women and preborn children. St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

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