



OUR LADY *of* LOURDES

NUESTRA SEÑORA *de* LOURDES

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John answered them all, saying,

**“ I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I
is coming...**

**He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit and fire.”**

LUKE 3:16



DECEMBER 15, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15 DE DICIEMBRE, 2024
TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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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



Faith Direct for eGiving



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
Federal Holidays 10:00 AM (Monday—Thursday)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM—5:00 PM
Sunday 4:15 PM—4:45 PM (Español)
Tuesday 12:30 PM
Thursday 12:30 PM
Friday 12:30 PM

Note: Schedule changes for Christmas, Holy Week, Easter and Federal Holidays that fall on a Friday. Check our website www.ololcc.net for specific times.

Note: Special Confession schedules during Advent, Lent & Holy Week.

THIS WEEK AT OLOL

 16 Rosary 6:15 AM * 11:30 AM MONDAY	 17 Rosary 6:15 AM * 11:30 AM Confessions 12:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary 7:00 PM TUESDAY	 18 Rosary 6:15 AM * 11:30 AM Miraculous Medal Novena 12:30 PM WEDNESDAY	 19 Rosary 6:15 AM * 11:30 AM Confessions 12:30 PM THURSDAY	 20 Rosary 6:15 AM * 11:30 AM Confessions 12:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30 PM—3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM FRIDAY
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 21 Rosary 9:30 AM Confessions 4:00 PM—5:00 PM SATURDAY	 22 Confessions 4:15 PM—4:45 PM (Español) SUNDAY
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CLERGY

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

STAFF

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

What was Joseph thinking?



By Fr. Frederick Edlefsen

What was Joseph thinking when he heard Mary was "with child." Was she fooling around? Amusing answers abound. Here's my favorite:

"She was in her sixth month. And then, behold! Joseph came home from work. He entered his house and found Mary great with child. He smote his face. He cast himself down on sackcloth and wept bitterly, saying: 'How am I to respond to this young woman? I received her from the Lord my God a virgin, and I have not kept her safe. Who is he who violated my home? Who has defiled my house and my virgin?' Joseph arose from the sackcloth and called Mary. He said to her: 'O you, who were cared for by God, why have you done this? You have forgotten the Lord your God!'" (Proto-gospel of James)

There is a problem with this. Joseph was "righteous" (Matthew 1:19). In Hebrew, that means he impeccably observed the Law of Moses, no small feat. "Righteously" observing Moses' Law, he should have had her stoned (Deuteronomy 22). St. Jerome, biblically coached by a rabbi, had another explanation: Joseph was confused.

Jerome said Joseph trusted Mary but decided to call it off. He said, "Knowing her chastity and marveling at what had happened, Joseph buried in silence a fact whose mystery he did not understand." But would a "righteous" man abandon Mary because he was confused?

I propose this: Mary came clean. She told Joseph she conceived by the Holy Spirit. He believed her. Feeling unworthy, he decided to bow out and rent a studio overlooking the Sea of Galilee. However, an angel reassured him in a dream to take Mary into his home (Matthew 1:20).

St. Thomas Aquinas (13th century) wrote, agreeing with St. Bernard of Clairvaux (12th century), "Joseph wanted to put away the Blessed Virgin, not as suspected of fornication, but because in reverence for her sanctity he feared to live with her." Jesuit theologian, Ignace de la Potterie, said Joseph's angelic dream assured that he could "take her into his home." "Even though he decided to draw back so as not to interfere in God's plan, which was fulfilled in Mary, Joseph obeyed the angel's command and took Mary into his home, while respecting that she belonged exclusively to God" (Pope John Paul II, *Guardian of the Redeemer*, 20).

Our parish welcomes you and your family.

Welcome

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

Use the QR code or visit our website at OLOLCC.NET and select "I'm New."

Becoming a member provides a unique opportunity to participate fully in the life of the parish.



Take Note

Upcoming events..

COFFE AND DONUTS

Sunday, December 15 ... *this weekend!*

Join us after the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Masses for our monthly coffee and donuts on the patio in front of the church (Parish Hall in case of rain).



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 15

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to a Nativity Pageant presented by our CCD Program at 1:15 PM in the Parish Hall.



this weekend!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Tuesday, December 24

All are invited to join our choir for Christmas carols before the Vigil Mass on December 24 at 5:00 PM.



MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. In addition to the New Year's Eve Mass at 5:30 PM (Bilingual), there will be Mass at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM on January 1. Plan to attend Mass on this day to give the new year to Mary—God's mother and the Mother of Peace.

OUR PARISH



Honor a loved one with a Mass
at Our Lady of Lourdes!
Contact the Rectory Office

December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- SATURDAY DECEMBER 14**
St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9:00 AM Michelle Ryan by Laura Hudson
5:30 PM Debbie Corrie and family
- SUNDAY DECEMBER 15**
Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM + Robert A. Rachko Sr. by Maria & Trent Hughes
10:00 AM All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
12:00 PM + Mrs. Showane Smith by Jasmine Clark
5:00 PM (Spanish) Celebrant's Intentions
- MONDAY DECEMBER 16**
6:45 AM Danielle Wroblewsk
12:00 PM Denise Hoffman
- TUESDAY DECEMBER 17**
6:45 AM Michelle Ryan by Laura Hudson
12:00 PM + Eileen Phillips-Puma
- WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18**
6:45 AM Magda DeMauro by Tony & Maite Fernandez
12:00 PM + Beverly Long by Diane Dusza
- THURSDAY DECEMBER 19**
6:45 AM Rev. Francis Peffley
12:00 PM + Peggy Palizzi
- FRIDAY DECEMBER 20**
6:45 AM + Benigno Gonzalez by Tony & Maite Fernandez
12:00 PM + Larry Miller by Chris Ngo

"I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION"

Mary's words during her XVI apparition to St. Bernadette
March 25, 1858

FUND OUR MISSION



Last fiscal year, Sunday offertory collections increased 1% while household registration increased 8.5%. To align Sunday giving with budgeted expenses, we'll need \$60,000 more collection income from now through June 2025.



FUND OUR MISSION - SUGGESTED WEEKLY OFFERING

ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME	4%	3%	2%
\$25,000.00	\$19.00	\$14.00	\$10.00
\$50,000.00	\$38.00	\$29.00	\$20.00
\$75,000.00	\$58.00	\$43.00	\$30.00
\$100,000.00	\$77.00	\$58.00	\$38.00
\$125,000.00	\$96.00	\$72.00	\$48.00
\$150,000.00	\$115.00	\$87.00	\$58.00
\$200,000.00	\$154.00	\$115.00	\$77.00

Fathers Edlefsen and Peffley thank everyone who increased offertory giving or started giving for the first time. If you wish to support Our Lady of Lourdes through online giving, use the above QR code, the QR code in the pew in front of you, or press the "GIVE" button on our website.



this weekend!

HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE

OUR FOOD DRIVE FOR CHRIST HOUSE starts this weekend and ends December 21/22. Special request items are pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat (spam, corned beef hash), paprika, salt, pepper. Please bring donations to the Helping Hands closet inside the Church.

Thank you for helping to feed the hungry.

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve DECEMBER 24	5:00 PM Caroling 5:30 PM Mass
Christmas Day DECEMBER 25	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:30 PM (Spanish)



CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DEC. 16	7:00—8:00 PM
TUESDAY, DEC. 17	12:30—1:00 PM 7:00—8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18	7:00—8:00 PM
THURSDAY, DEC. 19	12:30—1:00 PM 7:00—8:00 PM
FRIDAY, DEC. 20	12:30—1:00 PM 7:00—8:00 PM
SATURDAY, DEC. 21	4:00—5:00 PM
MONDAY, DEC. 23	7:00—8:00 PM
TUESDAY, DEC. 24	12:30 PM

GIFT OF LIFE ADVENT GIVING TREE

December 1 – December 28 * Grotto

The Gift of Life Advent Giving Tree returns to the Grotto of the Blessed Mother the weekend of December 1st. Our Pro-Life Committee would like to raise \$7,550 this Advent to provide complete medical care for two expectant mothers via Gabriel Project.

Donations above and beyond our goal will be given to Project Rachel, a ministry offering compassionate care to those suffering the effects of abortion.

To support our Pro-Life mission, please take an envelope from the Gift of Life Advent Giving Tree, enclose your gift, and drop it in the candle donation safe in the Grotto. Please make checks payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes".

Learn more about Gabriel Project at WWW.HELPPFORPREGNANTWOMEN.ORG

and Project Rachel at WWW.HELPAFTERABORTION.ORG



CCD Program's CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All members of the Parish, family and friends are invited!

**Parish Hall
December 15th following the
12:00 PM Mass.**

this weekend!



Catholic Charities' **10,000 Coats Challenge** supports the needy in Virginia.

Please help us by donating wearable and clean coats, fleeces, and jackets to keep the less fortunate warm this winter.



We will collect coats and other items after Mass the weekend of **December 14 and 15**.

Questions: please contact Donna Hansberry at dchansberry@gmail.com



Scan for Amazon List



Prayer in our Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Carlos Calderon, Jennifer Calderon, Albert Colbert, Mildred Cottini, Nancy Davidson, Paul Durand, Rosa Diesquez, John Elfervig, Francis Xavier Eversole, Geraldine Filpi, April Garcia, John Gargiulo, Ron Harris, Melissa Kresslein, Julia Macnamara, Kelly Moore, Mary O'Donoghue, Gloria Lucia Ojeda, Ana Reynaldes, Ana Rivera, Jose Silva, Kathryn Updegraff, Bill Wallace, Bill Walsh, and Ismael A. Zavala Umaña. Contact the Rectory Office at 703-684-9261 or send a message to olol@ololcc.net to add or remove a name.

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 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 intimate prayer. Contact the Legion of Mary at csb1789@hotmail.com.

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.



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 OLLOL@OLLOLCC.net

Next available date is January 5, 2025

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS AT OLOL

BAPTISMS

Visit 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, click *Get Involved* and then *Religious Education* to register. Or contact Leigh Hasson at dre@ololcc.net.

CONFIRMATION

Grades 7 & 8 prepare for confirmation in our CCD program. Visit ololcc.net, click *Get Involved* and then *Religious Education* to register. Or contact Leigh Hasson at 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 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 under *Mass & More* and *Marriage Prep*.

ANNOINTING, HOMEBOUND & FUNERALS

Contact the Rectory Office.

Would you like to volunteer?



We are looking for sacristans to help at the 5:30 PM Vigil and 12:00 PM Sunday Masses. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.



OUR PARISH



Knights of Columbus

Annual Christmas Tree Sale & More!
EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY
 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY
 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)

Our Lady of Lourdes Conference



Provides utility, rental, and other assistance to the needy. If you like to volunteer with SDVP or help their mission with a financial donation, send an email to SVDPOLconference@gmail.com
 Helping Neighbors in Need

EUROPE PILGRIMAGE WITH OUR OWN FATHER PEFFLEY!

BEST OF PORTUGAL & SPAIN PILGRIMAGE

11 DAYS: OCTOBER 13 - 23, 2025

VISITING: LISBON * FATIMA * SEVILLE * GRANADA
 TOLEDO * MADRID * AVILA * BARCELONA



HOSTED BY:
FR. FRANCIS PEFFLEY

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For More Information, Please Contact Fr. Peffley:
 Tel: (703) 407-2114
 Email: francispfeffley@gmail.com



SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries invites all to join LIFE FEST for a two-day celebration to prayerfully prepare for the March for Life! Tickets on sale now!



Because love is the answer.

JANUARY 23-24, 2025 | **AT EAGLEBANK ARENA**
 Fairfax, VA

Night of Praise + Morning Rally & Mass

*Featuring dynamic speakers & musicians,
 Adoration, relics, and more!*

Details / To Register
lifefestrally.com




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SISTERS OF LIFE



Free Catholic Films, Podcasts, Audio Books & More!

As a parishioner, you have pre-paid access to **FORMED**, an online Catholic media streaming service with hundreds of films, e-books, podcasts, study courses, and more on your computer, tablet, and smartphone. Register at formed.org/signup and enter zip code "22202" or "Our Lady of Lourdes VA" to start enjoying great Catholic programming!



Bilingual Holy Hour for
Hispanic Vocations
at
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
11:15 AM

Join us for a Holy Hour offered for
the priesthood, consecrated life, and the
perseverance of all vocations.

All are welcome!

*Sponsored by:
The Serra Club of Arlington*



The Serra Club of Arlington are lay Catholics of all ages and from all walks of life who promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, support priests in their sacred ministry, and assist fellow members to recognize and respond in their own lives, to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

For more information, please visit serraclubarlington.org.



Hora Santa Bilingüe por las Vocaciones Hispanas
en la Iglesia Católica Cristo Redentor

SÁBADO, 25 DE ENERO
11:15 AM

Ofrecida por el sacerdocio, la vida
consagrada y la perseverancia de todas
las vocaciones.

¡Te invitamos a unirte a nosotros!

Patrocinado por El Club Serra de Arlington



El Club Serra de Arlington está formado por católicos de todas las edades y de todos los ámbitos de la vida que promueven las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida consagrada, apoyan a los sacerdotes en su ministerio sagrado y ayudan a los demás miembros reconocer y responder en sus propias vidas al llamado de Dios a la santidad en Jesucristo y a través de Espíritu Santo.

Para obtener mas informacion, visita serraclubarlington.org.

VOCATIONS, STEWARDSHIP & MORE

Stewardship Reflection

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." Philippians 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God— He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

HOW DO YOU PREPARE YOURSELF DURING ADVENT?

The word "Advent" is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. The Advent wreath holds four candles representing the four weeks of Advent. In the first week of Advent, we light one purple candle, and for the second week, two purple candles. During the third week, we add the rose candle (on Gaudete Sunday). Then for the final week, we light all four candles. The purple color represents penance and rose represents rejoicing.

To prepare for Advent, it is important to pray more, read Sacred Scriptures, especially the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke, go to Confession at least once during the season, and maybe go to daily Mass and do Eucharistic Adoration when you are able.



Source: EWTN.com



"Rejoice in the Lord always"

Are you filled with joy at the Lord's invitation to serve Him in priesthood or consecrated life? This deep sense of joy is a sign that God may be calling you to share His love with others in a special way. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING

Our Lady of Lourdes accepts online donations via Faith Direct! You can donate to all our parish first and second collections and set up recurring payments on your own schedule. To sign up, scan the QR code to the right, or visit www.faithdirect.net and enter parish code **VA327**.



Faith Direct for eGiving

SECOND COLLECTION

December 14/15 * Christmas Flowers

Help us decorate for our Savior birth! Donations to this collection will be used to purchase Christmas flowers, poinsettias, garlands, and other greenery to decorate our church. To donate via Faith Direct, scan the QR code above and go to the Annual Collections list. Thank you for your support in filling our church with Christmas cheer.



CARTOON OF THE WEEK

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

The Portofino Restaurant

Northern Italian Cuisine
703-979-8200 * theportofinorestaurant.com

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. Próxima charla será el **Domingo, 29 de Diciembre** en el Salón Parroquial a las 6:15 PM.

SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Para casarse por la Iglesia, comuníquese con Manuel y Sara Bonilla al 571-594-6441, por lo menos 7-8 meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio.

EN ORACION POR

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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/>

INTENCIONES DE MISAS



Honra a un ser querido con una Misa!

Llama o envía un mensaje a la Rectoría para ofrecer una Misa
703.684.9261
OLOL@OLOLCC.net

¿En que estaba pensando José?

Por P. Frederick Edlefsen



¿En qué estaba pensando José cuando escuchó que María estaba "en cinta"? ¿Pensó que ella estaba bromearo? Abundan las respuestas incrédulas. Mi favorita es la siguiente:

"María estaba en su sexto mes. Y entonces, José llegó a casa del trabajo. Entró en la casa y encontró a María en cinta. Se golpeó la cara. Se postró sobre un cilicio y lloró amargamente, diciendo: "¿Qué voy hacer con esta mujer? Yo la recibí del Señor mi Dios, virgen, y he fallado en cuidarla. ¿Quién es el que violó mi hogar? ¿Quién ha profanado mi casa y mi virgen? José se levantó del cilicio y llamó a María. Él le dijo: "Tú, que fuiste cuidada por Dios, ¿por qué has hecho esto? ¡Te has olvidado del Señor tu Dios!" (Proto-evangelio de Santiago)

Esta narrativa tiene un problema. José era un hombre "justo" (Mateo 1:19). En hebreo, eso significa que seguía impecablemente la Ley de Moisés. Si José era "justo" en seguir la Ley de Moisés, él hubiera dejado morir a María a predadas como era la costumbre de ese tiempo (Deuteronomio 22). San Jerónimo, quien fue educado bajo estricta ley, tenía otra explicación: José estaba confundido. De acuerdo a Jerónimo, José confiaba en María, pero decidió cancelar su compromiso con ella. "José, conociendo la castidad de María y maravillado por lo que había sucedido, enterró en silencio un hecho cuyo misterio no comprendía". Pero, ¿un hombre "justo" abandonaría a María solo porque estaba confundido?

Yo propongo otra explicación: María le dijo a José la verdad. Ella le dijo que había concebido por el Espíritu Santo. José le creyó. Sintiendo indigno de ella, decidió alejarse y buscar otro lugar donde vivir. Sin embargo, un ángel tranquilizó a José en un sueño y le dijo que llevara a María a su casa (Mateo 1:20).

Santo Tomás de Aquino (siglo XIII) escribió, coincidiendo con San Bernardo de Claraval (siglo XII): "José quería repudiar a la Santísima Virgen, no porque fuese culpable de infidelidad, sino porque temía vivir con ella en reverencia a su santidad". El teólogo jesuita, Ignace de la Potterie, dijo que el ángel en el sueño de José le aseguró que podía "acoger a María en su casa". "Y A pesar de que José quería alejarse para no interferir en el plan de Dios, que se cumplió en María, él obedeció el mandato del ángel y acogió a María en su casa, respetando que ella pertenecía exclusivamente a Dios" (Juan Pablo II, *Guardián del Redentor*, 20).



CALENDARIO DE ADVIENTO 2024

DOMINGO	LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES	SÁBADO
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Tercer Domingo de Adviento Hoy es el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, el domingo de <i>Gaudete</i> . En esta mitad de camino de la temporada de Adviento, enciende las dos velas de color violeta y la vela rosada de tu corona de Adviento. ¡Regójate! ¡Porque el Señor está cerca!	Según la costumbre, el Árbol de Navidad se arma justo antes de la Navidad y permanece en su lugar hasta la Solemnidad de la Epifanía. Invita a tu familia y amigos a que te ayuden a decorar y a bendecir el árbol navideño.	Hoy marca el inicio de las "Antifonas O". Esta tradición, que proviene de la Oración Vespertina, está con nosotros, por lo menos, desde el siglo VIII.	El Señor, tu Dios, tu poderoso salvador, está en medio de ti. Él se goza y se complace en ti; él te ama. Sofonías 3:17	"Pero todos, en realidad, necesitamos recuperar la alegría de vivir, porque el ser humano, creado a imagen y semejanza de Dios (cf. Gn 1,26), no puede conformarse con sobrevivir o subsistir mediocremente, amoldándose al momento presente y dejándose satisfacer solamente por realidades materiales." Papa Francisco, <i>Bula de Convocación</i> , núm. 9	Reúnete con familiares y amigos y bendice el nacimiento en tu hogar.	Ahora que empieza el invierno en el hemisferio norte, considera cómo puedes compartir la luz y la calidez de Cristo con los demás, especialmente con los marginados, en el nuevo año.

Este fin de semana! **NACIMIENTO VIVIENTE**

Todos los miembros de la Parroquia, familiares y amigos están invitados a presenciar el nacimiento viviente presentado por nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa

15 de Diciembre
después de la Misa de las 12:00 PM
en el **Salón Parroquial**



Reflexión de la Semana

"No se preocupen por nada, mas bien pídasle al Señor lo que necesiten y agradézcanle siempre..." Filipenses 4:6

San Pablo nos recuerda que Dios es un Dios abundante. El es el máximo dador de dones. El promete darnos todo lo que necesitamos. Recuerde, fuimos creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Nosotros también, fuimos hechos para ser generosos con todos nuestros dones. Poner nuestra confianza en Dios nos libera de la esclavitud de los bienes materiales. Eso nos permite compartirnos a nosotros mismos y a nuestros bienes con generosidad y agradecimiento.

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 Carlos Antonio H. López al 703-589-2056 o María Alvarenga López al 703-940-4157

LEGION DE MARIA
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