



OUR LADY *of* LOURDES

NUESTRA SEÑORA *de* LOURDES

DECEMBER 17, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17 DE DICIEMBRE, 2023
TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



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'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD'***



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PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Visit WWW.OLOLCC.NET and click “I’m New” to join our parish.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: 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 morning: 9:00 AM

July 4th & Thanksgiving: 10:00 AM

All Other Federal Holidays: 9:00 AM

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

• Note schedule changes for Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and other Holidays and special occasions.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Sunday: 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM (Español)

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 12:30 PM

• Note special Confessions schedules during Advent, Lent and Holy Week.

ANNOINTING, HOMEBOUND & FUNERALS

Contact the Rectory Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays: 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

ROSARY

Monday – Friday: 6:15 AM * 11:30 AM

Saturday: 9:30 AM

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena - Wednesday: 12:30 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Friday: 3:00 PM

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. Mary Ellen Hill, *Office Assistant*

Mrs. Esperanza Miranda, *Office Assistant*

Ms. Leigh Hasson, *Director of Religious Education (DRE)*

Mr. Tom Bartolomeo, *Director of Music*

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Children’s Baptisms arranged by appointment.

Visit WWW.OLOLCC.NET and click “Mass & More” and “Baptism” to submit a request. Or call the Rectory Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Grades 1-2 prepare for First Holy Communion in our two-year CCD program. Visit WWW.OLOLCC.NET and click “Get Involved” and “Religious Education” to register.

CONFIRMATION

Grades 7 & 8 prepare for Confirmation in our CCD program. Visit WWW.OLOLCC.NET and click “Get Involved” and “Religious Education” to register. Or contact Leigh Hasson at dre@ololcc.net.

Youth Ages 14-17: Contact Leigh Hasson at dre@ololcc.net for more information.

Baptized Adults 18+: Follow the prompts on “How Can I Help You” on our website WWW.OLOLCC.NET or contact the Rectory Office.

BECOMING CATHOLIC & ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is for adults age 18+ seeking the Sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Classes begin each fall with a view to receiving these Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass. Visit WWW.OLOLCC.NET and click “Get Involved” and “Explore Catholicism” to register. Or call the Rectory Office to speak with a priest.

GODPARENTS AND CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor? Go to our website and click “How Can We Help You?” and follow the prompts for Sacraments of Initiation and Godparents/Sponsors. Or call the Rectory Office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Contact a priest at least 7-8 months before your wedding date to begin preparation. Submit a request at under WWW.OLOLCC.NET “Mass & More” and “Marriage Prep”.



December 17, 2023
The Third Sunday of Advent
WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 16
9:00 AM	Jaclyn Albi Flaherty by Laura DeMaria
5:30 PM	+ Ella and Dr. Valdemar Welz by The Pronczuk Family Widner
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 17
	<i>Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)</i>
8:00 AM	+ Robert A. Rachko Sr. by Maria and Trent Hughes
10:00 AM	For all parishioners, living and deceased
12:00 PM	+ Mazi Kingsley Ijeoma by Nneka Ijeoma
5:00 PM (Spanish)	Celebrant's Intentions
MONDAY	DECEMBER 18
6:45 AM	Maria Fernandez by Tony and Maite Fernandez
12:00 PM	+ Adam Fleming by Pat Fleming
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 19
6:45 AM	Nick Vetrano by Janet Vetrano
12:00 PM	+ Lucrecia del Rosario by Arauz de Carreo
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 20
6:45 AM	Nick Vetrano by Janet Vetrano
12:00 PM	+ John McHale by Diane M. Dusza
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 21
	<i>Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>
6:45 AM	Tony and Maite Fernandez by Tony Fernandez
12:00 PM	+ Ruth Lord, +Glendia Jump and +Anna Shekhtman by Natalia Lord
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 22
6:45 AM	Nick Vetrano by Janet Vetrano
12:00 PM	+ Ruth Lord, +Glendia Jump and +Anna Shekhtman by Natalia Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

You are invited to honor a friend, relative, or loved one with an Our Lady of Lourdes Mass! Please contact the Rectory Office at **703-684-9261** or olol@ololcc.net to arrange. Bishop Burbidge suggests a voluntary donation of \$10.00 per Mass.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Parishioners are welcome to sponsor altar and tabernacle flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate a special event. Sponsorship is \$50. Contact the Rectory Office at 703-684-9261 or olol@ololcc.net. **Next available date is February 4th, 2024.**

You Can't Redecorate and Old Pizza Hut
By Fr. Frederick Edlefsen



Back in my school days, when I stayed home sick, I sometimes watched late morning TV. It was dull as damp donuts. Mostly reruns. Sesame Street and Electric Company were bad enough the first time, let alone the water torture of watching them again. Turn the channel. Reruns of Gilligan's Island, Bewitched, and the Brady Bunch were like leftover mashed potatoes. They just can't be reheated. Like one-hit wonders, like the music of the Teddy Bears, like a limply shot arrow, like dancing with the flu, some things don't travel. Moreover, you can't redecorate an old Pizza Hut.

But here we are, in 2023 *Anno Domini*, preparing to celebrate the Nativity of a Divine Child. It doesn't grow old. Christmas is like a gag that amuses a little child who relentlessly yells, "Do it again!". This ancient Mystery is always fresh. The fact that Christian penances and parties still go on after two thousand years is remarkable.

The Catholic calendar has been the elusive target of anti-Catholic movements since the French Revolution. Hard-core Secularists tried to reify the beans of Catholicism. For example, in 1793, France's First Republic replaced the Gregorian calendar with its own Republican Calendar. The Republican New Year began at midnight on the Fall Equinox. The last five days of the year were a series of feasts: Celebration of Virtue, Celebration of Genius, Celebration of Work, Celebration of Opinion, Celebration of Rewards and, on leap year, the Celebration of Revolution. Of course, this was contrived – and socially awkward. Who wants to decorate the house and raise a toast on the Feast of Opinion? What do you eat? Drink? Say? Sing? What does the liturgy look like on the Feast of Genius? It was a flop. Even Napoleon nixed it.

Perennial things endure because they are true and life-giving, like oaks dropping acorns. Like a beautiful, old, suffering, dying woman – with disheveled gray hair – mystically murmuring visions of God and life, the Catholic calendar tells tales that are "ever ancient, ever new" (St. Augustine). The Catholic calendar is rooted in an historical fact: God became man. And he's always with us until the End of the Age (Deuteronomy 4:7, Matthew 28:20). That's a Truth that grows newer with every passing day.

OUR PARISH

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



This season, you are called to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Fr. Edlefsen asks everyone to commit to attending one or more weekday Masses per week, going to monthly Confession, spending quiet time with the Bible before the Blessed Sacrament, and meditating daily for five minutes on the day's Mass readings. Christ is calling you to renew your faith in His real presence in the Eucharist, and your mission to bring God's life and justice to the world. Feel free to speak with a priest.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Dana Gould, Paul Durand, Ed Boehme, Rosa Diequez, April Garcia, Ron Harris, Jim & Becky McManaman, Bridget Hinds, Jose Silva, Peter & Geraldine Filpi, Parfait Williams and Francis Xavier Eversole. Please contact the Rectory at 703-684-9261 or olol@ololcc.net to arrange.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Every Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, join our Pro-Life Committee in the church to pray a weekly rosary for the unborn and put an end to abortions.



PRAYER CHAIN

Have an urgent need for prayers? Members of our parish will pray for your intention. Please contact James at 703-887-7117 or ejt@cybtek.com with your request. Please provide a first name and prayer intention for persons needing prayer

INVITE OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOME FOR A VISIT

Contact our Legion of Mary group at csb1789@hotmail.com if you want the opportunity to host the "Pilgrim Virgin" statue of Mary in your home for 1-2 weeks.

PARISH REGISTRATION – WHY IT'S IMPORTANT?

Parish registration provides a unique opportunity to participate fully in the life of the parish, discover the joy of community, and to find a spiritual family where you can grow in holiness together. To register in our parish, please use the QR code on the bulletin cover or visit our website www.ololcc.net and click "I'm New".

THIS WEEKEND

CCD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 17 * 1:00 PM * Parish Hall
Our CCD Program's Christmas pageant will be held in the Parish Hall after the 12:00 PM Mass. All members of the Parish are invited to attend and witness the Nativity story as presented by the children in our CCD Program.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec 18	7:00 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec 19	12:30 – 1:00 PM 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec 20	7:00 – 8:00 PM
Thursday, Dec. 21	12:30 – 1:00 PM 7:00 -8:00 PM
Friday, Dec. 22	12:30 – 1:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 23/24
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 5:30 PM (Vigil)
- 8:00 AM
- 10:00 AM
- 12:00 PM
- 2:30 PM (Spanish)

SUNDAY, DEC 24
CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:30 PM Mass (Vigil)

MONDAY, DEC 25
CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9:00 AM
- 11:00 AM
- 2:30 PM (Spanish)

Christmas Carols

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, December 24 * 5:00 PM
Our Choir will perform a Christmas Musical Program before the Vigil Mass on December 24. All are invited.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
The parish office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays from Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1. The Office will reopen with our regular hours Tuesday, January 2, 2024.
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Nov 25 - Dec 17 or until trees are sold out

Every Saturday & Sunday

9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

Tuesday & Friday weeknights

6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

On the corner of 23rd and Hayes Street.

**Last
Weekend!**



A CHRISTMAS NOVENA

A Christmas Novena is a beautiful, traditional way to prayerfully prepare for Christmas. It is usually prayed on the last nine days of Advent, starting on Dec 16 and concluding on Christmas Eve. This Novena includes a daily Scripture reading, a meditation, an antiphon, the Magnificat, intercessions and a closing prayer. This Novena is prayed in conjunction with the "O Antiphons" of Advent, which prayers that are recited or chanted in an ancient tradition leading up to Christmas. To learn more about this Novena and prayers, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ysauwbsu> <https://tinyurl.com/yhvbbdyt> at www.catholicculture.org

GIFT OF LIFE ADVENT GIVING TREE

November 24 – December 24 * Grotto

The Gift of Life Advent Giving Tree will remain in the Grotto of the Blessed Mother until December 24. 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.helpforpregnantwomen.org and Project Rachel at www.helpafterabortion.org.

COUNSELING SERVICES ON SITE AT OLOL

Our parish is hosting Laura Salzmann, MA, NCC, a mental health therapist from Catholic Charities Family Services of the Diocese of Arlington. She is offering counseling services every **Wednesdays, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM** in a classroom in the Parish Hall. Laura is a Resident in Counseling in the state of Virginia, with a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Franciscan University of Steubenville. She works with children, adolescents, and adults experiencing anxiety, depression, grief, trauma, life changes and interpersonal issues. Please call her at (703) 454-2437 or Family Services at (703) 687-8987 for a consultation.

VOLUNTEER

WE NEED YOU

Bringing Holy Communion
To the Sick and Homebound

Bringing communion to the faithful who are ill or homebound represents Christ and is an expression of faith and charity from the entire parish community toward those who cannot be present in the Eucharist. Consider participating in this very special ministry. Training will be provided. Contact the Rectory Office if interested.



MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE THE POOR IN DIOCESE

Catholic Charities is calling for medical professionals to volunteer to serve poor and uninsured adults at its Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics in Woodbridge and Manassas. Both clinics are staffed almost entirely by volunteers who provide essential care to men & women, including prenatal care to pregnant moms. Seeking primary care doctors, OBGYN doctors, orthopedic doctors, optometrists, gastroenterologists, ophthalmologists and opticians, nurses, physician's assistants, dentists, dental assistants and hygienists, pharmacist and pharmacy assistants, translators and medical scribes. Contact volunteer.clinic@ccda.net or call (703) 335-2779 ext. 6. Learn more about the clinic at ccda.net/mercyclinic.

THANK YOU! 🙏 🙏 🙏

Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected 109 jackets and coats, and dozens of hats, scarves, mittens and gloves through our coat drive to benefit Catholic Charities. A very special thanks to our OLOL CCD Program, who contributed dozens of kids coats and accessories.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Stewardship Reflection

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." I Thessalonians 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

THE ARLINGTON DIOCESE



**life is
VERY
good**
Catholic Diocese
of Arlington

Thursday – Friday, Jan 18 -19
Eagle Bank Arena, Fairfax, VA

In preparation for the March of Life, the Diocese of Arlington invites you to join thousands of participants from across the country at Life is VERY Good evening of prayer on January 18 and Morning Rally and Mass on January 19, 2024. Both events will be at Eagle Bank Arena. Online registration is now open. For more information and registration, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/livg/

Seeking?

Find the fullness of
faith at OCIA.

Ask us about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.
(703) 684-9261
<https://ololcc.net/get-involved/explore-catholicism6>

**WHO IS
Mary?**
Mary, Explained

Produced by the Arlington Diocese as part of Year Two of the Diocese Golden Jubilee celebration, this widely acclaimed 7-part video series explain the theology, traditions and devotions to Our Lady and encourages us to grow closer to her with the ultimate goal of growing closer to Christ. To watch the entire series, visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/maryexplained/>

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
June 2023 – June 2024 Year of Parish Revival

This year, we are all called to renew our faith and life in the grace of the Church's sacraments. Father Edlesen asks all parishioners to learn more about this year's Eucharistic Revival, taking place in parishes throughout the country.
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

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As a parishioner, you have pre-paid access to FORMED, an online Catholic media streaming service. Enjoy hundreds of Catholic 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 sign up.



STEWARDSHIP

BISHOP'S PODCAST: WALK HUMBLY

Look for Bishop Burbidge's Homilies and Podcasts at www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/on-the-air where he offers a Catholic perspective on the most recent events in our society, and he answers questions from the faithful.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THOSE SEXUALLY ABUSED AS MINORS

The Diocese of Arlington offers comprehensive assistance to anyone who as a minor was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, teacher, employee or representative of the diocese. Parents, guardians, children survivors of sexual abuse are encouraged to contact the diocesan **Victim Assistance Coordinator** at (703) 841-2350 or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/victim-assistance/

VOCATIONS

QUO VADIS SEMINARY VISIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

Saturday, January 27, 2024

St. John Paul II Seminary, Washington D.C.

Ever wondered what college seminary is like? Join Fr. Isenberg and Quo Vadis to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the seminarians and their formators, see where they live, pray, eat and study, celebrate Mass together and tour parts of Catholic University where they have classes. Dads are welcome but not required. **Deadline to submit registration form is January 18.**

Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514.

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me."

God is empowering you for a specific purpose!
How will you respond to so great a love?

Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated religious life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, 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'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 and enter parish code **VA327**.



GIFT PLANNING FOR YOU...AND OUR PARISH

Planning for the future is important whether it is your retirement, or the future of your parish community. Including a gift in your will or trust is a simple way to express your unending gratitude to God. For more information on naming Our Lady of Lourdes parish or the diocese in your will, you may contact your attorney or visit www.arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

December 23 & 24 * Maintenance and 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. Thank you for your generosity!



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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NUESTRA PARROQUIA

MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Todos estamos llamados a crecer en nuestra relación con Jesucristo. El Padre Edlefsen pide a todos que se comprometan a asistir a una o más Misas diarias durante la semana, ir a la Confesión una vez al mes, pasar tiempo con la Biblia ante el Santísimo Sacramento y meditar cinco minutos sobre las lecturas de la Misa del día. Cristo te está llamando a renovar tu fe en Su presencia real en la Eucaristía, y la misión de llevar Su mensaje de vida y justicia al mundo entero.



CONFERENCIA DE LA SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE DE PAÚL

La conferencia de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl (SVDP) de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes ya comenzó a proporcionar asistencia financiera para servicios públicos, alquiler y emergencias. Si desea ser voluntario con SVDP, envíe un mensaje a SVDPOLconference@gmail.com.

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, 31 de diciembre** en el Lourdes Center a las 6:15 PM.

SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

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

EN ORACION POR

Paul Durand, Ed Boehme, Rosa Diéquez, April García, Ron Harris, Jim y Becky McManaman, Bridget Hinds, José Silva, Peter y Geraldine Filpi, y Parfait Williams. Comuníquese con la Rectoría al 703-684-9261 o lol@lolcc.net si necesita incluir a alguien en oración.

EXPOSICION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

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

No se puede redecorar una vieja pizzeria Por Fr. Frederick Edlefsen



En mis días de escuela, cuando me quedaba en casa porque estaba enfermo, veía la televisión en las horas de la mañana. Era tan aburrido como encontrar pan duro en la alacena. En su mayoría, eran programas repetidos. Plaza Sésamo y Electric Company de por si eran aburridos la primera vez que los veía, volver a verlos era casi como una tortura. A cambiar de canal. Los reestrenos de La isla de Gilligan, Embrujada y La Tribu Brady eran como las sobras viejas de un puré de papas. Simplemente no se pueden recalentar. Al igual que los éxitos que se logran al primer intento, la música de tu niñez, una flecha disparada, bailar con la gripe, algunas cosas no se pueden recrear. Así también, no se puede redecorar una vieja Pizza Hut.

Pero aquí estamos, en el Anno Domini 2023, preparándonos para celebrar la Natividad de un Divino Niño. Este evento no envejece. La Navidad es como una vista que divierte a un niño pequeño que grita sin descanso: "¡Hazlo de nuevo!". Es un antiguo Misterio que siempre está vigente. El hecho de que las penitencias y fiestas cristianas continúan aun después de dos mil años es notable.

El calendario católico ha sido el blanco esquivo de los movimientos anticatólicos desde la Revolución Francesa. Grupos laicos con posiciones extremas trataron de reinventar las bases del catolicismo. Por ejemplo, en 1793, la Primera República de Francia reemplazó el calendario Gregoriano con su propio calendario Republicano. El Año Nuevo Republicano comenzaba a la medianoche del equinoccio de otoño. Los últimos cinco días de este año eran una serie de fiestas: Fiesta de la Virtud, Fiesta del Talento, Fiesta del Trabajo, Fiesta de la Opinión, Fiesta de las Recompensas y, en los años bisiestos, la Fiesta de la Revolución. Por supuesto, esto era artificioso y socialmente complicado. ¿Quién quisiera decorar la casa y brindar en la Fiesta de la Opinión? ¿Qué se come, bebe, canta en estas fiestas? ¿Cómo será la liturgia en la Fiesta del Genio? Este calendario fue un fracaso. Incluso Napoleón lo rechazó.

Las cosas perennes perduran porque son verdaderas y dan vida, como los robles que producen bellotas. Al igual que una querida anciana, sufriente en su lecho de muerte y murmurando visiones de Dios y de la vida, el calendario Católico cuenta historias que son "por siempre antiguas, por siempre nuevas" (San Agustín). El calendario Católico tiene sus raíces en un hecho histórico: Dios se hizo hombre. Y El está siempre con nosotros hasta el fin de los tiempos (Deuteronomio 4:7, Mateo 28:20). Esa es una Verdad que se hace más nueva con cada día que pasa.

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

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>



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 e ingrese código parroquial VA327.



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 unirse 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 (703-626-5473) o Manuel Bonilla (571-594-2769).

CORO

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

17 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023

3er Domingo de Adviento

“Estén siempre contentos. Oren sin cesar. Den gracias en todas las circunstancias, porque esa es la voluntad de Dios para ustedes como creyentes en Jesucristo.”
1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-18.”

Esta lectura de las escrituras resume a la Corresponsabilidad. “Estén siempre contentos” quiere decir colocar su confianza en el Señor; Él proveerá para todas nuestras necesidades. “Orar constantemente” significa que la oración debe ser una conversación fluida con Dios a través de todo el día, todos los días. “De gracias en todas las circunstancias” quiere decir dar gracias aún en las malas situaciones, agradezca siempre a Dios. Sufrir un poco ayuda a construir empatía con los demás en situaciones similares, y muestra nuestra dependencia de Dios.

ESTE FIN DE SEMANA

MARQUE SU CALENDARIO: NACIMIENTO VIVIENTE PRESENTADO POR EL PROGRAMA DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

17 de diciembre * 1:00 PM * Salón Parroquial

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Sábado, 27 de enero de 2024

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