



# OUR LADY *of* LOURDES

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**THEREFORE  
THE CHILD  
TO BE BORN  
WILL BE  
CALLED**

***HOLY,*  
THE SON OF  
*GOD***



DECEMBER 22, 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22 DE DICIEMBRE, 2024  
CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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# PARISH INFORMATION

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM

## REGISTRATION

[WWW.OLOLCC.NET](http://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  
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](http://www.ololcc.net) for specific times.

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

## THIS WEEK AT OLOL

**23**

Rosary  
6:15 AM \* 11:30 AM

Confessions  
7:00 PM—8:00 PM

**MONDAY**

**24**

Rosary  
6:15 AM \* 11:30 AM

Confessions  
12:30 PM

Pro-Life Rosary  
7:00 PM

Office Closed  
**TUESDAY**

**25**

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Office Closed  
**WEDNESDAY**

**26**

Rosary  
6:15 AM \* 11:30 AM

Confessions  
12:30 PM

Office Closed  
**THURSDAY**

**27**

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

Office Closed  
**FRIDAY**

**28**

Rosary  
9:30 AM

Confessions  
4:00 PM—5:00 PM

**SATURDAY**

**29**

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

**SUNDAY**

## 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

# To all People of Good Will Merry Christmas!



"Draw me!" Your soul sings this song to God (Songs 1:4). Even when you don't feel it.

The soul's song might be perceived in silence, like the silence of Bethlehem's crib, if God grant it.

The world is in chaos. But God attracts us to himself by becoming Peace in the humble and healing Word-made-Flesh, Jesus Christ. *"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."* (John 1:16)

God's Word is always with us. He cannot be absent. But when God's Word became human in Jesus, something new happened. Jesus' birth through the Virgin Mary made God's Face visible. *"We never saw anything like this!"* (Mark 2:12). The shepherd boys ran to Jesus when angels appeared. *"Let's go to Bethlehem,"* they said, *"and see this thing that happened, which the Lord has made known to us"* (Luke 2:15).

Christmas reveals God to us. It reveals us to ourselves. *"It is only in the mystery of the Word-made-flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear"* (Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*. 22).

Embrace the gift and innocence of your Baptism this Christmas. Make a good confession, if need be. Receive Holy Communion with intimate affection for the Christ who lives, loves, dies and rises in you. Contemplate deeply the life and light of Christ in your Baptism, in yourself. Christ will make you Hope's outward-looking missionary in our troubled and disillusioned world. The world needs the Christ in you!

My prayers go with you and your loved ones during this sacred season—and throughout the New Year.

Father Frederick.

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](http://OLOLCC.NET) and select "I'm New."

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

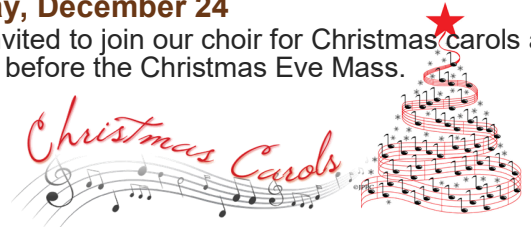


Take Note

## Upcoming events..

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING Tuesday, December 24

All are invited to join our choir for Christmas Carols at 5:00 PM before the Christmas Eve Mass.



### 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.



### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed from Christmas Day through New Year's Day and will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd, 2025. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

# OUR PARISH



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

## December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 21**  
*St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
9:00 AM Tony & Maite Fernandez by Tony & Maite Fernandez  
5:30 PM + Eileen Puma

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 22**  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
8:00 AM + Marie & Eddie Dybicz by Maria & Trent Hughes  
10:00 AM All Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
12:00 PM + Angeline Risteff by Christopher & Jazmin Byrnes  
5:00 PM Robert, Macarena, Victoria & Valentina by Jazmin  
(Spanish) & Christopher

**MONDAY DECEMBER 23**  
6:45 AM Rev. Denis Donahue  
12:00 PM The Kramer family by Eve Kramer

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 24**  
6:45 AM Monsignor Robert Rippy  
12:00 PM + Peggy Palizzi  
5:30 PM + Karen Leef Rogers by Joseph D. Rogers

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25**  
*THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)*  
9:00 AM Mary Downey by James & Maryellen Tibbs  
11:00 PM All Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
2:30 PM + Ricardo Del Cid & Matilde Del Cid  
by Leonora Del Cid

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 26**  
*St. Stephen, the First Martyr*

6:45 AM Rev. Steven Walker  
12:00 PM Beth Fricano by Maryellen Tibbs

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 27**  
*St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*  
6:45 AM + Holy Souls in purgatory  
12:00 PM + Peggy Palizzi

# 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** ends this weekend! Special request items are pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat (spam, corned beef hash), paprika, salt, pepper. Please bring donations to the Helping Hands closet behind the stained glass door inside the vestibule of the Church.

*Thank you for helping to feed the hungry.*

## OUR PARISH



### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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



### CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE

<b>MONDAY, DEC. 16</b>	7:00—8:00 PM
<b>TUESDAY, DEC. 17</b>	12:30—1:00 PM 7:00—8:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18</b>	7:00—8:00 PM
<b>THURSDAY, DEC. 19</b>	12:30—1:00 PM 7:00—8:00 PM
<b>FRIDAY, DEC. 20</b>	12:30—1:00 PM 7:00—8:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY, DEC. 21</b>	4:00—5:00 PM
<b>MONDAY, DEC. 23</b>	7:00—8:00 PM
<b>TUESDAY, DEC. 24</b>	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](http://WWW.HELPPFORPREGNANTWOMEN.ORG)

and Project Rachel at  
[WWW.HELPAFTERABORTION.ORG](http://WWW.HELPAFTERABORTION.ORG)

## 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](mailto:SVDPOLconference@gmail.com)**

**Helping Neighbors in Need**



### 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



## Prayer in our Parish

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Carlos Calderon, Jennifer Calderon, Albert Colbert, Mildred Cottini, Nancy Davidson, Paul Durand, 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](mailto: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](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 intimate prayer. Contact the Legion of Mary at [csb1789@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:OLLOL@OLLOLCC.net)

**Next available date is February 2, 2025**

## 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), click *Get Involved* and then *Religious Education* to register. Or contact Leigh Hasson at [dre@ololcc.net](mailto:dre@ololcc.net).

### CONFIRMATION

Grades 7 & 8 prepare for confirmation in our CCD program. Visit [ololcc.net](http://ololcc.net), click *Get Involved* and then *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.

## Would you like to volunteer?



We are looking for teachers for our CCD program, money counters as well as sacristans to help at the 5:30 PM Vigil and 12:00 PM Sunday Masses.

Please contact the Parish Office if interested or scan the QR code.



A savior has been born for you



who is Messiah and Lord.

Luke 2:11

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# VOCATIONS, STEWARDSHIP & MORE

## Stewardship Reflection

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." Luke 1:44

*When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy"? If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself.*

*What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus?*

*How do you prepare for Mass each week?*

*Do you just show up and expect to be entertained?*

*As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.*

## 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 four weeks of Advent are represented by the four candles in the Advent wreath. Each week, a candle is lit. First week, we lit a purple candle. Second week, two purple candles. During the third week, the rose candle is lit. 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



**"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled"**

Like Mary, you are called to trust in God's plan for your life. If you feel that God is asking you to serve as a priest or religious brother or sister, believe in His promise and follow with courage.

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto: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](http://www.faithdirect.net) and enter parish code **VA327**.



Faith Direct for eGiving

## SECOND COLLECTION

**December 21/22 \* Maintenance & Improvement**

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



CARTOON OF THE WEEK

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

**The Portofino Restaurant**

Northern Italian Cuisine

703-979-8200 \* [theportofinorestaurant.com](http://theportofinorestaurant.com)



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Christmas 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas celebrates the reason for our hope, as Sacred Scripture proclaims: “For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.” (Luke 2:11) The coming of the Lord offers us a sure hope no matter our challenges or circumstances. Our hope for true peace in the world, for unity rather than division, and for a better future for ourselves and our loved ones—we draw all these hopes from Christ and our union with him.

This Christmas, Pope Francis will inaugurate the opening of the Holy Year of 2025, a Jubilee Year in our Church, with the theme “pilgrims of hope” and strengthening us with the words of Saint Paul: “Hope does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5). As one family of faith, may our lives this Christmas and throughout the Holy Year be marked by the hope that does not fade, so that by God’s grace, we may faithfully and lovingly journey with one another toward eternal happiness with our Father in Heaven.

May our Lord Jesus bless you and fill you with his peace at Christmas and always, and may the hope he inspires be shared with all those you encounter in the new year to come.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington



## 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

Carlos Calderon, Jennifer Calderon, Albert Colbert, Mildred Cottini, Nancy Davidson, Paul Durand, 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, e Ismael A. Zavala Umaña. 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/>

### 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](mailto:OLOL@OLOLCC.net)

A todas las Personas de Buena Voluntad  
**¡Feliz Navidad!**



"¡Llévame contigo" Tu alma canta este cántico a Dios (*Cantares 1:4*), incluso cuando no lo sientes.

Con la ayuda de Dios, el canto del alma puede ser percibido en el silencio, como también el silencio de esa noche en el pesebre de Belén.

El mundo está en caos. Pero Dios nos atrae hacia Él en la Paz, humilde y sanadora, del Verbo-hecho-Carne, que es Jesucristo. "Y la Palabra se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros" (*Juan 1:14*).

La Palabra de Dios siempre está con nosotros. Dios nunca está ausente. Pero cuando la Palabra de Dios se hizo humana en Jesús, algo nuevo sucedió. Con el nacimiento de Jesús a través de la Virgen María, el rostro de Dios se hizo visible. "Nunca vimos nada igual" (*Marcos 2:12*). Los pastores corrieron a buscar al niño Jesús cuando se les aparecieron los ángeles. "Vayamos a Belén", dijeron, "y veamos lo que ha sucedido, y que el Señor nos ha anunciado" (*Lucas 2:15*).

La Navidad nos revela a Dios. Nos revela a nosotros mismos. "Sólo en el misterio del Verbo hecho carne se esclarece verdaderamente el misterio del hombre" (*Concilio Vaticano II, Gaudium et spes, 22*).

En esta Navidad, abraza el don y la inocencia de tu Bautismo. Haz una buena confesión, si es necesaria. Recibe la Santa Comunión con íntimo afecto por el Cristo que vive, ama, muere y resucita en todos nosotros. Contempla profundamente la vida y la luz de Cristo presente en tu Bautismo, y en ti mismo. Cristo te hará un misionero de la Esperanza que busca servir en nuestro mundo atribulado y desilusionado. ¡El mundo necesita al Cristo que está dentro de ti!

Mis oraciones estarán con ustedes y sus seres queridos durante esta temporada sagrada y durante todo el Año Nuevo. Padre Federick.

CALENDARIO DE ADVIENTO 2024						
DOMINGO	LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES	SÁBADO
22	23	24	25			
<b>Cuarto Domingo de Adviento</b> En este Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, enciende las tres velas de color violeta y la vela rosada de tu corona de Adviento y ora para que la luz de Cristo entre en tu corazón, para que puedas compartir el calor del amor de Dios con aquellos con quienes te encuentres.	Pasa una noche familiar comiendo galletas y bebiendo chocolate caliente mientras lees las tarjetas de Navidad que has recibido. Antes de acostarse, ora un Padrenuestro y un Ave María por toda tu querida familia y amigos.	"Dejémosos atraer desde ahora por la esperanza y permitámonos que a través de nosotros sea contagiosa para cuantos la desean. Que nuestra vida pueda decirles: «Espera en el Señor y sé fuerte; ten valor y espera en el Señor» (Sal 27,14). Que la fuerza de esa esperanza pueda colmar nuestro presente en la espera confiada de la venida de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, a quien sea la alabanza y la gloria ahora y por los siglos futuros." Papa Francisco. <i>Bula de Coronación,</i> núm. 25	Antes de abrir los regalos, reúnanse frente al nacimiento o belén y lean la historia de Jesús (Lucas 2:1-20) en su biblia familiar.	 <p>Copyright © 2004, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Quotes from Pope Francis, copyright © 2022, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City State. All rights reserved. Quotes from the Dictionary for Pastors, Office of the Diocese of the United States of America, 2004, 1998, 1997. Original text by Fr. Robert C. O'Rourke, S.S., B.S., Washington, DC. Used with permission. All rights reserved.</p>		



La oficina de la Parroquia estará cerrada desde el 24 de Diciembre hasta el 1º de Enero del 2025. La oficina abrirá nuevamente el 2 de Enero.

**¡FELIZ NAVIDAD Y UN BENDECIDO AÑO NUEVO!**



### Reflexión de la Semana

**“Porque he aquí, que cuando oí tu saludo, el bebe saltó de alegría en mi vientre” Lucas I:44**

¿Saltas de alegría cuando escuchas la lectura de las escrituras y del Evangelio en la Misa? Si no es así, no culpes al lector o al sacerdote, mas bien mira dentro de ti mismo. ¿Qué estas haciendo para que crezca tu amistad y amor a Jesús? ¿Cómo te preparas para la Misa cada semana? ¿Simplemente te presentas en la misa y esperas ser entretenido? Como Cuerpo de Cristo, somos llamados a participar activamente, no solo a ser observadores pasivos.

## 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

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

### LECTORES

Si deseas unirme al ministerio de la Liturgia como lector, comunicarse con Reynaldo Campos al 703-626-5473.

### 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

## EVENTOS PARROQUIALES

### VILLANCICOS NAVIDEÑOS

**Martes, 24 de Diciembre**

Todos están invitados a unirse a nuestro coro para cantar villancicos a las 5:00 PM, antes de la Misa de Vigilia el 24 de diciembre.



### SOLEMNIDAD de MARIA SANTISIMA, MADRE DE DIOS

**Miércoles, 1 de Enero**

Este es un Día de Obligación. Además de la Misa de Vigilia del 31 de Enero a las 5:30 PM, habrá Misa a las 9:00 AM y 11:00 AM el 1º de Enero. Planea asistir a Misa en este día para ofrecer el año nuevo a María Santísima, Madre de Dios y Madre de la Paz.





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La Navidad celebra la razón de nuestra esperanza, como proclama la Sagrada Escritura: "Porque hoy, en la ciudad de David, os ha nacido un salvador, que es el Mesías y el Señor". (Lc 2, 11) La venida del Señor nos ofrece una esperanza segura, sean cuales sean nuestros retos o circunstancias. Nuestra esperanza de una paz verdadera en el mundo, de unidad en lugar de división, y de un futuro mejor para nosotros mismos y para nuestros seres queridos: todas estas esperanzas las extraemos de Cristo y de nuestra unión con Él.

Esta Navidad, el Papa Francisco inaugurará la apertura del Año Santo 2025, Año Jubilar en nuestra Iglesia, con el tema "peregrinos de la esperanza" y fortaleciéndonos con las palabras de San Pablo: "La esperanza no defrauda". (Romanos 5:5) Como una sola familia de fe, que nuestras vidas en esta Navidad y durante todo el Año Santo estén marcadas por la esperanza que no se desvanece, para que, por la gracia de Dios, podamos caminar fiel y amorosamente unos con otros hacia la felicidad eterna con nuestro Padre del Cielo.

Que nuestro Señor Jesús los bendiga y los llene de su paz en Navidad y siempre, y que la esperanza que Él inspira sea compartida con todos aquellos con quienes se encuentren en el nuevo año que comienza.

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