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**April 23, 2023 \* Third Sunday of Easter**



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## OUR CHURCH

### CLERGY

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

### STAFF

Mr. Tom Bartolomeo, *Director of Music*  
Ms. Leigh Hasson, *Director of Religious Education*  
Ms. Debra Corrie, *Office Manager*  
Ms. Mary Ellen Hill, *Office Assistant*  
Ms. Esperanza Miranda, *Office Assistant*

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

### PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you are a local Catholic, please register as our parishioner! Visit [www.olooc.net](http://www.olooc.net) and click “I’m New” for a registration form.

### MASSES

Monday – Friday: 6:45 AM, 12:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM; 5:30 PM Vigil  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM; 5:00 PM (Spanish)  
Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day: 10:00 AM  
All Other Federal Holidays: 9:00 AM  
Holy Days: 7:00 PM Vigil, 6:45 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM  
Thursday: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM  
Friday: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM  
Saturday: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM (Spanish)  
Please contact the parish office for Confessions by appointment.

### DAILY ROSARY

Monday – Friday: 6:15 AM, 11:30 AM  
Saturday: 9:30 AM

### PARISH DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena \* Wednesday: 12:30 PM  
Litany of the Sacred Heart \* Friday: 12:30 PM  
Divine Mercy Chaplet \* Friday: 3:00 PM

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday: 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

### COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Homebound parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion or anointing of the sick may contact the parish office.

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## OUR SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

Children’s Baptisms and Baptism Preparation Classes are arranged by appointment. Visit [www.olooc.net](http://www.olooc.net) and click “Mass & More” and “Baptism” to submit a request.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children in grades 1-2 receive First Holy Communion in a two-year program via CCD classes. Visit [www.olooc.net](http://www.olooc.net) and click “Get Involved” and “Religious Education” to register for CCD.

### CONFIRMATION

#### Children Grades 7 & 8: Religious Education (CCD)

Children in grades 7-8 are Confirmed in a two-year program via CCD classes. Visit [www.olooc.net](http://www.olooc.net) and click “Get Involved” and “Religious Education” to register for CCD.

#### Young Adults Ages 14-17: RCIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is available for children ages 7-17 who need the three Sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Please contact Leigh Hasson at [dre@olooc.net](mailto:dre@olooc.net) for more information.

#### Baptized Adults 18+

Adults who have received both the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are encouraged to contact our office for assistance in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### BECOMING CATHOLIC & ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for adults age 18+ seeking the Sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Classes begin each fall, and Sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday of the following year. Visit [www.olooc.net](http://www.olooc.net) and click “Get Involved” and “Explore Catholicism” to register.

### SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS

#### Baptism Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors

1. Must be age 16 or older
2. Must not be the mother or father of the candidate
3. Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation
4. If Married, must be sacramentally Married in (or with the permission of) the Catholic church
5. Must lead a life in keeping with the Catholic faith

### MARRIAGE

Please contact a priest 7-8 months prior to your intended wedding date to begin Marriage preparation. Submit a request at [www.olooc.net](http://www.olooc.net) under “Mass & More” and “Marriage Prep.”

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Rectory Office to arrange.

### FUNERALS

Please contact the Rectory Office to arrange.

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## April 23, 2023

### The Third Sunday of Easter

#### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY      APRIL 22**

9:00 AM      Janet Lunquist + by Beth Fricano  
5:30 PM      Dolores Marie Vallano DelCiampo +  
by Joseph Fischetti

**SUNDAY          APRIL 23**

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM      Robert Rachko Sr. + by Maria Hughes  
10:00 AM     For all parishioners, living and deceased.  
12:00 PM     Tony & Maite Fernandez  
by Tony Fernandez

5:00 PM (Spanish) Celebrant's Intentions

**MONDAY          APRIL 24**

*St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*

6:45 AM      Robert & Eileen Kelly + by Beth Fricano  
12:00 PM     Mildred Melmor by The Choe Family

**TUESDAY          APRIL 25**

*St. Mark, Evangelist*

6:45 AM      Fr. John Fee + by Kevin & Mary Flanagan  
12:00 PM     Jim Holder + by Fr. F. Edlefsen

**WEDNESDAY      APRIL 26**

6:45 AM      Rick & Barbara Frisbie + by Beth Fricano  
12:00 PM     Rudolph Dusza + by Diane M. Dusza

**THURSDAY        APRIL 27**

6:45 AM      Alejandro Fernandez-Ribas  
by Tony & Maite Fernandez  
12:00 PM     George Burgin & Margaret McArdle +  
by Mary Ann Deitz

**FRIDAY           APRIL 28**

*St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest*

6:45 AM      Magda Hernandez by Tony & Maite  
Fernandez  
12:00 PM     Rocque (Rock) Kramer by Eve Kramer

#### 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](mailto: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 \$50.00 per week. Please contact the Rectory Office at 703-684-9261 or [olol@ololcc.net](mailto:olol@ololcc.net) to arrange. **\*Next available date is April 30\***

#### PRAYER CHAIN

Have an urgent need for prayers? Members of Our Lady of Lourdes parish will pray for your intention. Please contact James at 703-887-7117 or [ejt@cybtek.com](mailto:ejt@cybtek.com) with your request. Please provide a first name and prayer intention for person needing prayers.

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## OUR PARISH

### HELPING HANDS SPRING FOOD DRIVE – LAST WEEKEND!

This is the last weekend The Helping Hands team is collecting food donations for Christ House. This Month, Christ House is looking for:

- Canned fruits
- Jelly
- Brown sugar
- Black & Red beans
- Oil

### PRO-LIFE ROSARY

#### Tuesdays \* 7:00 PM \* Our Lady of Lourdes

Pray a weekly rosary for the unborn! Join our Pro-Life Committee for a rosary to end abortion on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the church.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Paul Durand, Ed Boehme, Rosa Diequez, April Garcia, Ron Harris, Jim & Becky McManaman, Bridget Hinds and Jose Silva.** Please contact the Rectory at 703-684-9261 or [olol@ololcc.net](mailto:olol@ololcc.net) to arrange.

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## VOLUNTEER

### VOLUNTEER AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Everyone has a unique gift to be shared with others. Scan the volunteer QR code on the cover of this bulletin or visit our volunteer page on [www.ololcc.net](http://www.ololcc.net) to learn more about our parish ministries.

### SACRISTANS NEEDED!

Our Parish has a particular need for Sacristans to prepare the altar and serve at Mass. Select "Sacristans" on our volunteer survey to get more information!

### NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER and THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### REGISTER NOW FOR CCD

CCD classes are held Sunday mornings, and children can join throughout the school year. To register, submit the CCD Sign Up Form on our website under "Get Involved" and "Religious Education." **Please contact Leigh Hasson, our DRE, at [dre@ololcc.net](mailto:dre@ololcc.net) with any questions.**

## THE ARLINGTON DIOCESE

### MARY WENT IN HASTE": A MARIAN SYMPOSIUM

**Saturday, April 29 \* 9 AM \* St. Bernadette, Springfield**

Please join as a diocesan family as we honor the Blessed Virgin in Year Two of our Golden Jubilee, "My Soul Rejoices in the Lord." The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services USA, and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), will be the guest speaker at "Mary Went in Haste": A Marian Symposium. The day will start with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a coffee break, a talk and Q and A session at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with the recitation of the Rosary. We look forward to seeing you there.

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND CONVERSION.

**Tuesday, May 9 \* 7:30 PM \* St. Leo the Great, Fairfax**

Join us for praise and worship on Tuesday April 9, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30 – 8:30 PM. Fr. David Dufresne will lead us in prayer along with musician, Mike Tenney. Our special intention is for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

### Bishop Burbidge's Homilies

Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? Selected homilies of Bishop Burbidge can be found on our YouTube page. **Please visit [youtube.com/arlintondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/arlintondiocese)**

### Victim Assistance Program for Those Sexually Abused as Minors

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington provides 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 and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, who will provide support, consultation, and referrals. The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is committed to assisting victims/survivors throughout the healing process. **For further information, see [www.arlingtondiocese.org/victim-assistance/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/victim-assistance/) or call (703) 841-2530.**

### A JUBILEE JOURNEY WITH MARY

#### Marian Pilgrimage to Celebrate the Diocese's Jubilee Year

Mary has been given titles from Scripture, from teachings of the Church, and from many instances that Mary visited places on the earth to encourage people to spend more time in prayer with Jesus. There are 11 churches in the Diocese of Arlington which are named after Mary or one of her many titles. During this second year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in 2024, we are all encouraged to visit as many of those churches named after the Blessed Mother and spend time in prayer at each! Our Lady of Lourdes is one of the 11 churches that made the list!

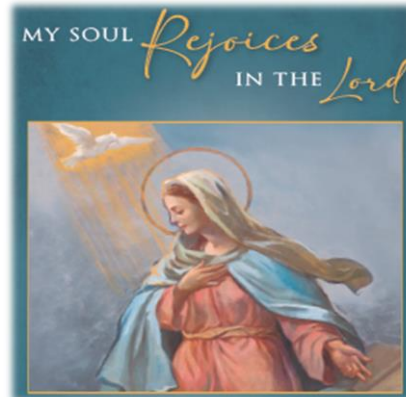
**Learn more at:**  
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/>

## STEWARDSHIP

### BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is now underway!

BLA Pledge Envelopes are in each of our pews. This envelope can be used to make your pledges – simply drop it into an Usher basket at Mass. This QR code also takes you to a webpage to donate.



THANK YOU for your generous support!

### 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 on the cover of this bulletin, or visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and enter parish code **VA327**

### GIFT PLANNING FOR YOU...AND OUR PARISH

Giving is a very important part of the life of a person devoted to Jesus Christ. Planned Giving simply means planning for the future, whether it is your retirement or the future of your parish community. Your planned gift is a tangible way to express your unending gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings. For more information on naming our parish or the diocese in your will, you may contact your attorney or visit [arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org](http://arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org)

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

**April 29 & 30 \* Catholic Home Missions**

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## VOCATIONS

### “GO INTO THE WHOLE WORLD AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.”

Is God inviting you to live the gift and mystery of being sent as priest, sister or brother to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at 703-841-2514 or email [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### SUNDAYS WITH THE SISTERS REJOICE TOUR 2023

#### All events are on Sun. 2 - 5 PM

The Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023 is a chance to witness the joy of these religious sisters. An initiative for the year of preparation for our diocesan jubilee in 2024. The tour features events at a different convent each month, bringing together sisters and lay women for prayer and community.

**Open to single women ages 18 - 50**, come experience the joy of these religious sisters and learn more about their life and work. All events are from 2 - 5 p.m. **No registration is needed**, simply RSVP to [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) the Monday prior to the gathering(s) you wish to attend.

#### Next on the Schedule:

- May 21 – Dominican Contemplatives
- June 11 – Benedictine Sisters of Virginia
- July 23 – Poor Sisters of St. Joseph (Spanish)



### WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN

#### Friday - Sunday, June 16- 18 \* Our Lady of Angels Monastery, Crozet, VA

Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single woman who feel called to a religious vocation is Friday-Sunday, June 16-18. Sister Maria Gonzalo, OCSO, from Our Lady of Angels Monastery in Crozet, VA, will lead the retreat this year. Cost is \$100 (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Space is limited; deadline to register is Monday June 5.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER REFLECTION

Sunday April 23, 2023

With several of Our Lady of Lourdes youth receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation last week, here is an extract from one of Fr. Edlefsen's articles posted on our website.

#### Be Sealed with the Holy Spirit!

by Fr. Frederick Edlefsen

When the Bishop anoints a Confirmation candidate with the sacred Chrism Oil (which was consecrated at the Chrism Mass last Holy Thursday), he says, "Be sealed with the Holy Spirit!" When that happens, the holiness of a person's Baptism is turned into Christ's mission. In other words: Baptism makes us holy; Confirmation makes our holiness a mission! Confirmation completes our Baptism.

Confirmation obliges us to spread and defend the faith by word and deed. Like Baptism, it gives us an *indelible mark*, or *seal*, for all eternity. In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit dwells more deeply in the soul. Faith, hope, charity and the *Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit* are strengthened.

Confirmation also gives us a special strength and courage to persevere in the trials of the End Times. As Jesus said: "When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say. What you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you" (*Matthew 10:19-20*).

*Guard what you have received.*

*God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.*

(St. Ambrose, 4<sup>th</sup> century)



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