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April 9, 2023 * Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord



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OUR CHURCH

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Reverend Frederick H. Edlefsen, *Pastor*
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Reverend Steven R. Walker, *In Residence*

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Mr. Tom Bartolomeo, *Director of Music*
Ms. Leigh Hasson, *Director of Religious Education*
Ms. Marianne Rodriguez, *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.ololcc.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.

OUR SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Children’s Baptisms and Baptism Preparation Classes are arranged by appointment. Visit www.ololcc.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.ololcc.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.ololcc.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@ololcc.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.ololcc.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.ololcc.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.

OUR PARISH

EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, April 9 * 11 AM

The Knights of Columbus are holding an Easter Egg Extravaganza on the parish grounds following the 10 AM Easter Sunday Mass. All families are invited – don't forget to bring a basket!

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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY.

THE ARLINGTON DIOCESE

PRAISE AND WORSHIP HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND CONVERSION

Tuesday, April 11 * 7:30 PM * St. Leo the Great, Fairfax

Join us for praise and worship on Tuesday April 11, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Fr. Stephen Vaccaro will lead in prayer along with musicians, Valerie and Rocco Repetski. Special intention is for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

SEMINARIAN ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Saturday, April 15 * 11 AM * St. Mary of Sorrows, Fairfax

The ordination of men to the diaconate is a beautiful and inspiring event for our entire diocese, and all are welcome to witness them. The Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate for seminarians James Joseph and Sean Nypaver is Saturday, April 15 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax. Come and pray for our future priests! The ceremony will also be livestreamed. **Learn more at [www. ArlingtonDiocese.Org/Ordinations](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.Org/Ordinations).**

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.

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/ or call (703) 841-2530.**

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/arlingtondiocese.**

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.

In 2023 – the 2nd Year of preparation for the Diocese's Jubilee in 2024 – the faithful are encouraged to visit churches named after the Blessed Mother. Our Lady of Lourdes is one of the 11 churches that made the list! **Learn more at: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/>**

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 with any questions.**

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.



We have reached 95% of our goal. 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 and enter parish code **VA327**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

April 15 & 16 The Church in Africa

VOCATIONS

"CHRIST INDEED FROM DEATH IS RISEN..."

Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers, and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation or if you have any questions, please **Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at 703-841-2514 or 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 the Monday prior to the gathering(s) you wish to attend.

Next on the Schedule:

April 16 – Sisters of Our Lady of LaSalette

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Friday, April 14 * 6 PM * San Damiano Spiritual Life Center

Join Monsignor Charles Mangan, from Mount St. Mary's Seminary, to celebrate the end of the Octave of Easter at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. "Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption." The Body and the Blood of Christ are the extension of the Divine Mercy of Jesus to us. We will explore God's Goodness to us found in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We begin with dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 14, the seventh day of the Octave of Easter and conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16. Cost: \$285.

For more information contact mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or call 540-868-920

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 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!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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April 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY APRIL 8

Holy Saturday

8:30 PM **EASTER VIGIL** (No Mass Intentions)

SUNDAY APRIL 9

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM Angelita S. Boylon + by Rito G. & Hubert A. Boylon

10:00 AM for all parishioners, living and deceased

12:00 PM Pamela Kokal

5:00 PM (Spanish) TBD

MONDAY APRIL 10

6:45 AM David Geiser + by Mary Ann & Philippe

12:00 PM

TUESDAY APRIL 11

6:45 AM William Kelly + by Beth Fricano

12:00 PM Jim Holder + by James & Suzie Tierney

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12

6:45 AM William Kelly + by Beth Fricano

12:00 PM Beverly Long + by Diane M. Dusza

THURSDAY APRIL 13

6:45 AM Patricia Beebe + by the Magboo Family

12:00 PM Helen Shute + by Beth Fricano

FRIDAY APRIL 14

6:45 AM
12:00 PM Albert Marasigan + by Roger & Chi Marasigan

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 \$50.00 per week. Please contact the Rectory Office at 703-684-9261 or 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 with your request. Please provide a first name and prayer intention for person needing prayers.

EASTER OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Our Lady of Lourdes parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 10. We reopen at 8:00 AM Tuesday, April 11.



Easter Blessings!

By Father Frederick Edlefsen

Easter Blessings to everyone as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. During the Easter Masses, we renew the promises of our Baptism. Most of us were baptized as infants, and our parent and godparents made these promises on our behalf. But now that we have "come of age," we can all renew these promises ourselves. Baptism is the first step on our journey to heaven. Baptism makes us innocent, like Jesus and Mary, and gives us the power of the Holy Spirit to become holy and to live in a New Creation beyond death.

Easter is the first Day of that New Creation. But you may ask: Where is this New Creation? There so much violence, suffering, and sorrow in the world! On the surface of things, the world is crucified. And in our own way, each one of us is crucified: by our own weakness and sins, by people who mistreat us, and by other misfortunes. But when a person is baptized, something new and fresh is given. At their core, a baptized person is holy and has become a new creation in themselves. This is a hidden grace, like a "mustard seed" (Matthew 17: 20-21). It's not obvious. But it's nonetheless a potent mystery, ready to "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). The Holy Spirit is always working in the baptized soul "to renew the face of the earth" (Psalm 104).

The full beauty of this mystery will be revealed at Christ's Second Coming, when he renders the Last Judgement and raises the dead. This was foretold by the Prophet Ezekiel: "My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them." (37:12).

And so, I leave you with this prophetic passage from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "At the end of time, the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness. After the universal judgment, the righteous will reign forever with Christ, glorified in body and soul. The universe itself will be renewed" (CCC 1042).

Happy Easter!

Fr. Frederick Edlefsen

Pastor

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