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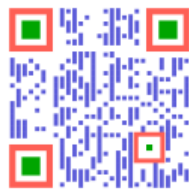
**June 25, 2023 * The 12th Sunday in Ordinary
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PARISH INFORMATION

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: 12:00 PM

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 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 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 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 www.ololcc.net under “Mass & More” and “Marriage Prep”.



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY JUNE 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

9:00 AM Father's Day Novena
5:30 PM Erik and Michelle Kramer by Eve Kramer

SUNDAY JUNE 25

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Father's Day Novena
10:00 AM For all parishioners, living and deceased.
12:00 PM Father Lino Rico Rostro by Fr. Frederick Edlefsen
5:00 PM (Spanish) Celebrant's Intentions

MONDAY JUNE 26

6:45 AM + Al Shields by Duane Shields
12:00 PM Father's Day Novena

TUESDAY JUNE 27

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Rev. Stanley J. Poczatek IV by Fr. Frederick Edlefsen
12:00 PM Rev. Charles C. Wilton by Fr. Frederick Edlefsen

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr,

6:45 AM Rev. David C. Whiterow by Fr. Frederick Edlefsen
12:00 PM Carol Breast by Diane M. Dusza

THURSDAY JUNE 29

St. Peter and Paul, Apostles

6:45 AM Angela, Daniel, and Dean Sartain by Debbie Corrie
12:00 PM Ed and Lily Grens by Debbie Corrie

FRIDAY JUN 30

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

6:45 AM + William V. Fischetti by The Fischetti Family
12:00 PM + Esperanza Merlos de Orellana by OLOL staff

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.

What is the Holy Spirit's Gift of Knowledge?

By Fr. Edlefsen

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are supernatural "dispositions" given at Baptism and deepened at Confirmation. They are Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Piety, Courage, and Fear of the Lord. Like a boat's sails, they catch the "wind" of the Holy Spirit. Previously, I said that Wisdom gives us intimate knowledge of God, and it perfects love. Understanding perfects faith, and it gives insight into the Bible and the teachings of Christ and his Church. So, what is the Gift of Knowledge?

Through Knowledge, the Holy Spirit helps us to see the human condition as it really is: good but profoundly broken. Knowledge de-romanticizes our outlook on life. "Jesus did not entrust himself to them...for he knew what was in man" (John 2:24-25). Through Knowledge, the Holy Spirit gives intuitive insight into humanity's fallen condition.

Why is there so much injustice in the world? Why do innocent people suffer? Why are some people so cruel and mean? Through Knowledge, we begin to see through all of this. To some extent and on some occasions, Knowledge may have us "read souls." We gain insight into people's behaviors in ways that help us and them, *but with empathy*. "The spiritual man appraises all things" (1 Corinthians 2:15).

If you suspect the Spirit is working in you through Knowledge, keep humble and do not let it go to your head. Certainly, do not go around telling people about it. Pride would be lethal, and the Spirit will withdraw. Also, the insights you receive through Knowledge may not be what you expect or want. At first, they may be disturbing. But Knowledge leads to wisdom and even peace. Knowledge may help you help others. The Gift sometimes gives a person healing qualities.

St. Francis of Assisi embodied this Gift: He saw the vanity of "worldliness" and the tragic reality of sin; and yet, he embraced Creation as a revelation of the Father's goodness. Knowledge chastens us. If you have trouble controlling yourself with pleasure or worldliness, this Gift of the Spirit will sober you up. It performs "surgery" on the senses. *Knowledge perfects the virtue of temperance*. At first, it might make you sad. But the sadness will give way to consolation from Heaven. *Knowledge produces the Beatitude, "Blessed are the sorrowful, they shall be consoled"*.



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OUR PARISH

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVDP)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is still looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to SVDPLOLconference@gmail.com. Next orientation on the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (known as Ozanam Orientation) will be offered on Tuesday June 27 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE – LAST WEEKEND

This is the last weekend for our June food drive to benefit Christ House. There is a special request for Summer Meal Kits for Kids. See the poster in the vestibule for details. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Paul Durand, Ed Boehme, Rosa Diequez, April Garcia, Ron Harris, Jim & Becky McManaman, Bridget Hinds, Jose Silva, and Peter & Geraldine Filpi. Please contact the Rectory at 703-684-9261 or lol@lolcc.net to arrange.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Tuesdays * 7:00 PM * Our Lady of Lourdes

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.

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 lol@lolcc.net to arrange. ***Next available date is July 2***

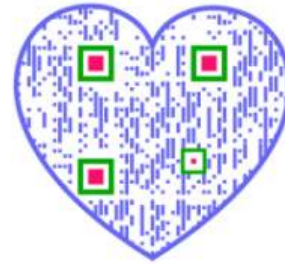
PARISH REGISTRATION – WHY IS IMPORTANT?

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.olocc.net and click “I’m New”.

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. We are still in great need for sacristans, money counters, choir singers and CCD Teachers. Thank you for your support to our Parish Community!



BE AN ANGEL

“*GARDENING ANGELS*” needed to help maintain the churchyard gardens. No experience necessary. Join in and learn as you work. Hours to fit your schedule. Please send an email to Carole DeLong at cdejong828@aol.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTER NOW FOR CCD

CCD classes are held on 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@lolcc.net with any questions.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CCD TEACHER?

DO YOU WANT TO PASS ON THE FAITH TO OUR YOUTH?

Our CCD catechism program for youth (grades pre-K to 8) seeks volunteer religion teachers for this upcoming school year, starting in September. Faith formation and sacramental preparation of youth is a vital mission of our parish. It’s also an opportunity to join a fun and creative team of mission-oriented volunteers. If you would like to join that mission, **please contact Leigh Hasson, our Director of Religious Education, at dre@lolcc.net.**



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

- Would you or someone you know like to become Catholic?
- Are you already baptized Catholic adult but still need Confirmation or First Communion?
- Do you just want to explore Catholicism?
- Are you already a fully initiated Catholic but want a refresher course on your faith?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is for you. Starting this September 11, RCIA classes will be held on Mondays at 7:00 PM in a Parish Hall classroom. These classes prepare *catechumens* (people preparing for Baptism) and *candidates* (baptized people preparing for Confirmation and/or Communion) to receive these sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass on March 30, 2024. To sign up for classes, please see our website www.ololcc.net or contact the parish office.

THE ARLINGTON DIOCESE

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/>

VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THOSE SEXUALLY ABUSED AS MINORS

The Catholic 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 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. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/victim-assistance/ or contact (703) 841-2350 for more information.

GMU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Thursday Night Gatherings at GMU CM

All current college students and high school students (class of 2023) are invited to join the Catholic Patriots of George Mason University every Thursday in the months of June and July from 7-9 p.m. at the Chapel for faith, fun, and fellowship. 4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax, VA. Go to gmuccm.org for more information.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND CONVERSION.

Tuesday, July 11 * 7:30 - 8:30 PM * St. Leo the Great, Fairfax
Join in praise and worship. Fr. Robert Wagner will lead in prayer along with musician Michelle Jacobeen. Our special intention is for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.



BISHOP'S PODCAST: WALK HUMBLY

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

STEWARDSHIP

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 below or on the cover of this bulletin, or visit www.faithdirect.net and enter parish code VA327.



ESTATE 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 you will, contact your attorney or visit arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

July 1 & 2 * 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 and ensure that our grounds and landscaping look their best throughout the year. These funds also enable us to make necessary structural, mechanical, and security improvements across our campus. Thank you!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

American Red Cross. Make a difference in your community. Join at redcross.org/volunteer

VOCATIONS

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. **For single women ages 18-50.** All events are from 2-5 p.m. No registration needed, RSVP to vocations@arlingtondiocese.org the Monday prior to the gathering(s) if you wish to attend.

Next on the Schedule:

July 23 – Poor Sisters of St. Joseph (in Spanish)

September 24 – Poor Clares, Mother of the Church Monastery

SERMON ON THE MOUNT MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

July 14-16 * San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post

All Diocesan men are invited to join Fr. William Saunders from Friday-Sunday, July 14-16 at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA to explore the Sermon on the Mount beginning with personal self-examination through the Beatitudes, living the fullness of the moral life facing the challenges of today, and spiritual strengthening through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Retreat cost is \$285. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

SENIORS SILENT RETREAT

July 21-23 * San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA

Isn't it a challenge, living in the midst of our 'throwaway culture,' for those who are 'full of years,' to understand our place in the world - and in our Church? Join Fr. John Riley, Spiritual Director at San Damiano, from Friday-Sunday, July 21-23, 2023, as we search the Scriptures, pray with Jesus in the Gospels, and consider the Crosses and the Consolations of Old Age. Retreat cost is \$285, and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

August 11-13 * San Damiano Retreat Center , White Post, VA

Join Fr. James Hudgins, Pastor at St. Theresa Catholic Church, to read and rest, think and pray with Jesus and Catherine from Friday-Sunday, August 11-13 at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. Saint Catherine is one of the four women who are identified as a Doctor of the Church. A mystic and crusader, she composed over 400 letters, her Dialog, and prayers. Retreat cost is \$285. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

"BE NOT AFRAID"

Do not fear how Jesus is calling you to build his Church. Pray for clarity in your discernment. If you need help discerning your vocation, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



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NUESTRA PARROQUIA

CONFERENCIA DE LA SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE DE PAÚL (SVDP)

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 otra asistencia financiera de emergencia. Si desea ser voluntario con SVDP, envíe un correo electrónico 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*, o sea, 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 y tiene todos los requisitos para apadrinar un niño/niña. La carta debe tener sello de la parroquia, firmada por el párroco o el sacerdote y traerla a la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes una

¿Cuál es el don de Conocimiento del Espíritu Santo?

Por el P. Edlefsen

Los Dones del Espíritu Santo son "disposiciones" sobrenaturales dadas en el Bautismo y cementadas en la Confirmación. Estos dones son Sabiduría, Entendimiento, Conocimiento, Consejo, Piedad, Valor y Temor del Señor. Como las velas de un barco, ellos atrapan el "viento" del Espíritu Santo. Anteriormente, mencione que la Sabiduría nos da un conocimiento íntimo de Dios, y perfecciona el amor. El entendimiento perfecciona la fe, y da una mejor comprensión de la Biblia y las enseñanzas de Cristo y su Iglesia.

Entonces, ¿qué es el don del Conocimiento?

A través del Conocimiento, el Espíritu Santo nos ayuda a ver la condición humana como realmente es: buena pero profundamente quebrantada. El conocimiento des-romantiza nuestra perspectiva de la vida. "Jesús no se confió así mismo a ellos...porque sabía lo que había en el hombre" (Juan 2:24-25). A través del Conocimiento, el Espíritu Santo da una visión intuitiva de la condición imperfecta de la humanidad.

¿Por qué hay tanta injusticia en el mundo? ¿Por qué sufren personas inocentes? ¿Por qué algunas personas son tan crueles y mezquinas? A través del Conocimiento, comenzamos a ver a través de todo esto. Hasta cierto punto y en algunas ocasiones, el Conocimiento puede hacernos "leer almas". Obtenemos información sobre los comportamientos de las personas de maneras que nos ayudan a nosotros y a ellos, *pero con empatía*. "El hombre espiritual evalúa todas las cosas" (1 Corintios 2:15).

Si sospechas que el Espíritu está obrando en ti a través del Conocimiento, mantente humilde y no dejes que se te suba a la cabeza. Ciertamente, no vayas por ahí contándole a la gente al respecto. El orgullo sería letal, y el Espíritu se retirará. Además, las ideas que recibes a través del Conocimiento pueden no ser lo que esperas o quieres. Al principio, pueden ser perturbadoras. Pero el Conocimiento conduce a la sabiduría e incluso a la paz. El Conocimiento puede ayudarte a ayudar a otros. Este Don a veces le da a una persona cualidades curativas.

San Francisco de Asís encarnó este don: Él vio la vanidad de la "mundanalidad" y la realidad trágica del pecado; y sin embargo, abrazó la Creación como una revelación de la bondad del Padre. El conocimiento nos disciplina. Si tienes problemas controlando placeres o mundanalidades, este Don del Espíritu te tranquilizará. Es como que realiza "cirugía" en los sentidos. ***El Conocimiento perfecciona la virtud de la templanza.*** Al principio, puede ponerte triste. Pero la tristeza dará paso al consuelo divino. ***El Conocimiento produce la Bienaventuranza: "Bienaventurados los afligidos, ellos serán consolados".***



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semana antes del día del bautismo. La próxima charla pre-bautismal será el **Domingo, 30 de Julio, 2023** en el Lourdes Center, a las 6:15 PM después de la Misa.

SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

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

POR FAVOR, OREN POR

Paul Durand, Ed Boehme, Rosa Diéquez, April García, Ron Harris, Jim y Becky McManaman, Bridget Hinds, José Silva y Peter y Geraldine Filpi. Comuníquese con la Rectoría al 703-684-9261 o lolol@lololcc.net si necesita 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!

DONACIONES EN LÍNEA CON FAITH DIRECT

¡Nuestra Señora de Lourdes acepta donaciones en línea a través de Faith Direct! Puede donar a todas las colectas de nuestra parroquia y establecer pagos recurrentes en su propio horario. Para inscribirse, escanee el código QR que se indica abajo o en la portada de este boletín, o visite www.faithdirect.net e ingrese código parroquial VA327.



REGISTRO PARROQUIAL - ¿POR QUÉ ES IMPORTANTE?

El registro parroquial ofrece una oportunidad única para participar plenamente en la vida de la parroquia, descubrir la alegría de una comunidad y una familia espiritual donde puedan crecer juntos en santidad. También es importante que se registre para que podamos atender a sus diversas necesidades, incluyendo preparación sacramental, educación religiosa y recibir certificados para ser padrinos. Para registrarse en nuestra parroquia, utilice el código QR en la portada del boletín, visite nuestro sitio web www.ololcc.net y haga click en "Soy nuevo", o comuníquese con la Rectoría al 703-684-9261..

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 Granados al 703-869-9469 o Sergio Benitez al 240-706-2447.

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 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.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

¿INTERESADO EN SER CATEQUISTA?

Si quieres transmitir la fe a nuestros jóvenes, nuestro programa de catecismo en español para jóvenes (grados pre-K a 8) busca maestros voluntarios de religión para este próximo año escolar, que comienza en septiembre.

La formación en la fe y la preparación sacramental de los jóvenes es una misión vital de nuestra parroquia. También es una oportunidad para unirse a un equipo diverso de voluntarios animados a cumplir esta misión. Si desea unirse a este equipo, comunicarse con Leigh Hasson, nuestra Directora de Educación Religiosa, a dre@lololcc.net.



12o DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“A cualquiera que me reconozca delante de los demás, yo también lo reconoceré delante de mi Padre que está en el cielo”. Mateo 10:32 ¿Pueden los demás reconocer que usted es Católico por la forma en la que habla y actúa? ¿Comparte su fe Católica con otros? ¿Defiende su Fe Católica o se queda callado? ¿Reza en público antes de las comidas? Rece para tener la fuerza y la valentía de ser un testigo jubiloso de nuestra fe Católica cuando se presente la oportunidad.



Statement by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge on Religious Freedom Week

Religious Freedom Week affords us the opportunity to pray and reflect on the value of the right of religious freedom in our lives and to promote it in society. For us in the Diocese of Arlington, the timing is particularly meaningful as this week marks the feast day of Saint Thomas More, the patron of our diocese, on June 22. Saint Thomas More, along with Saint John Fisher, sacrificed his life because he refused to deny the truth of our Catholic faith.

An erosion to religious liberty can often begin when anti-religious sentiments grow in society. When we experience an increased hostility towards the practice of faith, it can raise concerns that the peaceful practice of our religion might be endangered. For example, in the past year in our diocese alone, three churches have been subjected to anti-Catholic vandalism—including one case of attempted arson. National news networks have reported similar occurrences throughout our country. Sadly, we have also seen that believers worldwide have suffered death merely for living their faith.

In a democratic society, these antagonistic sentiments, along with apathy towards them, can quickly lead to legislative and regulatory hindrances to worshiping, living out our faith in public, and serving the common good. Recent examples of this include government mandates that require most employers' health plans to cover contraception, sterilization, and some abortion-causing drugs; and attempts to require healthcare workers to participate in abortions or gender-changing surgeries.

We call on our elected officials to stand up for religious freedom and to speak out. I ask the faithful and people of goodwill to join me and other bishops as we pray, reflect, and act to promote these sacred principles.

Religious freedom is a right and a precious gift to be treasured and protected by all, and it is my hope that we all celebrate it accordingly during Religious Freedom Week, and always.

Declaración de Mons. Michael F. Burbidge sobre la Semana de la Libertad Religiosa

La Semana de la Libertad Religiosa nos brinda la oportunidad de orar y reflexionar sobre el valor del derecho a la libertad religiosa en nuestras vidas y de promoverlo en la sociedad. Para nosotros en la Diócesis de Arlington, el momento es particularmente significativo ya que esta semana se celebra la fiesta de Santo Tomás Moro, el santo patrono de nuestra diócesis, el 22 de junio. Santo Tomás Moro, junto con San Juan Fisher, sacrificó su vida porque se negó a rechazar la verdad de nuestra fe católica.

La erosión de la libertad religiosa puede comenzar a menudo cuando crecen los sentimientos antirreligiosos en la sociedad. Cuando experimentamos un aumento de la hostilidad hacia la práctica de la fe, puede surgir la preocupación de que la práctica pacífica de nuestra religión pueda estar en peligro. Por ejemplo, el año pasado, sólo en nuestra diócesis, tres iglesias fueron objeto de actos de vandalismo anticatólico, incluido un intento de incendio. Las cadenas de noticias nacionales han informado de sucesos similares en todo el país. Lamentablemente, también hemos visto que creyentes de todo el mundo han sufrido la muerte por el mero hecho de vivir su fe.

En una sociedad democrática, estos sentimientos antagónicos, junto con la apatía hacia ellos, pueden conducir rápidamente a obstáculos legislativos y reglamentarios al culto, a vivir nuestra fe en público y a servir al bien común. Ejemplos recientes de ello son los mandatos gubernamentales que exigen que la mayoría de los planes de salud de las empresas cubran los anticonceptivos, la esterilización y algunos fármacos abortivos, y los intentos de obligar al personal sanitario a participar en abortos o en cirugías de cambio de sexo.

Pedimos a nuestros representantes electos que defiendan la libertad religiosa y se manifiesten. Pido a los fieles y a las personas de buena voluntad que se unan a mí y a otros obispos mientras rezamos, reflexionamos y actuamos para promover estos principios sagrados.

La libertad religiosa es un derecho y un don precioso que todos debemos atesorar y proteger, y espero que todos la celebremos en consecuencia durante la Semana de la Libertad Religiosa, y siempre.



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