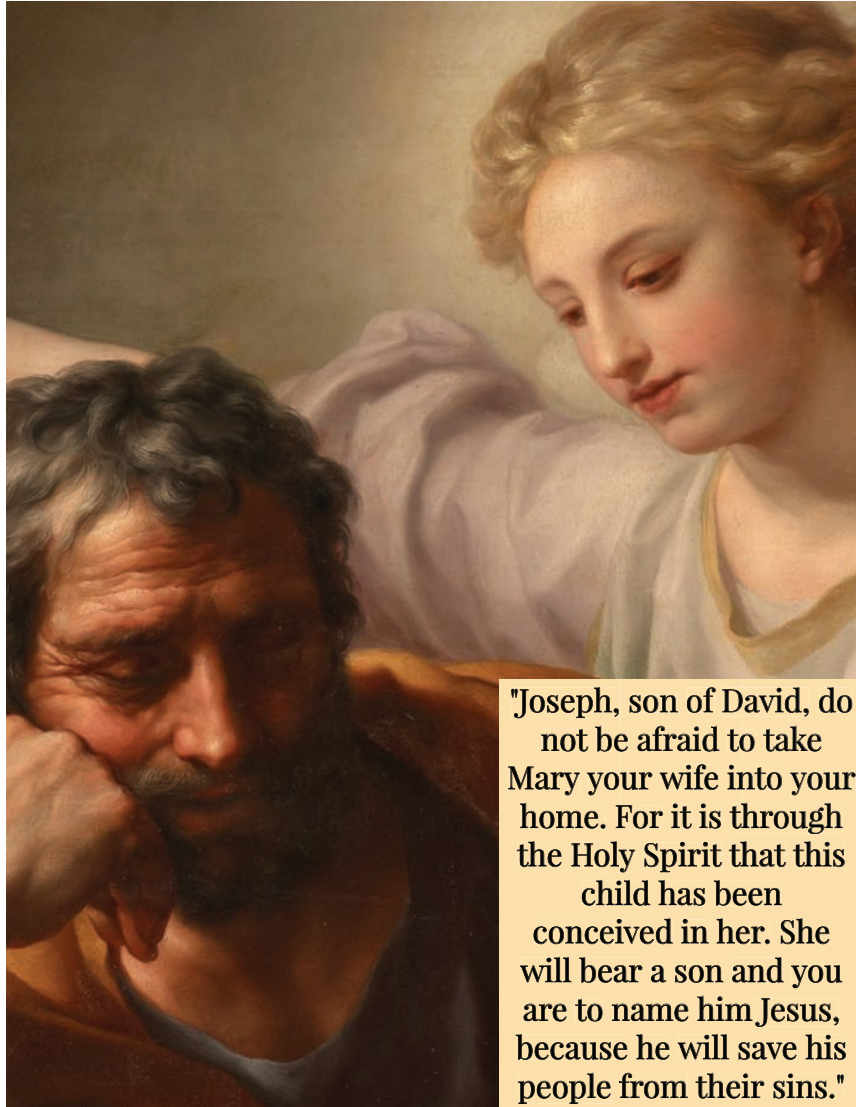




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DECEMBER 18, 2022 * THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."



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

STAFF

Ms. Leigh Hasson, *Director of Religious Education*
Mr. Tom Bartolomeo, *Director of Music*
Ms. Marianne Rodriguez, *Office Manager*
Ms. Barbara Carali, *Receptionist Secretary*

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 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

LAST WEEKEND! KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall Lawn

The Knights of Columbus are happy to announce that they have resumed their Christmas Tree sales for the 26th year! Sales will be held at the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center on 23rd St. South & South Hayes Street. This year, we will feature fresh cut Fraser Fir trees in varying sizes up to 9 feet. Come early to get the best trees!

Weekends: Saturday & Sunday 9 AM - 6 PM
Weekdays: Tuesday & Friday 6 PM - 9 PM

The lot may be closed in the event of very inclement weather (heavy rain or freezing rain). Cash, checks - and on most shifts - credit cards will be accepted

The Knights look forward to seeing you come in and buy your tree from us as you have for so many years. All profits fund Knights of Columbus charitable activities in our neighborhood, including our annual Coats for Kids winter coat drive, support to the local food bank, homeless support, disabled veteran's programs, our scholarship program, scouting programs and other activities. For more information, contact us at KofC14516treelot@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus are also selling "Keep Christ in Christmas magnets in the vestibule and the Christmas Tree Lot through Dec 18.

THE ARLINGTON DIOCESE

ISSUES AFFECTING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Diocese of Arlington website includes a resource page where parishioners can access information regarding events affecting the church. read the policies on child protection and responses from Bishop Burbidge and the United States conference of catholic bishops at www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection

VIDEO SERIES: PREPARE THE WAY

Bishop Burbidge invites us to make a spiritual journey this year to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

For each week of Advent, the diocese will be releasing a video meditation, led by three diocesan priests and a religious sister, with reflection and questions to aid us as we climb God's holy mountain.

The videos, each 3-5 minutes in length, will be available on the diocesan YouTube channel and shared out via the diocesan email newsletter.

The videos on Arlingtondiocese.org/preparetheway, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

Jan 10* 7:30-8:30 PM* St. Leo the Great

Join us for praise and worship on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Fr. Rich Dyer will lead us in prayer along with musician, Kenny Kohlhaas. Our special intention is for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome. Please bring a friend.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is thriving, and we're looking for talented and committed employees to join our administrative and ministry teams. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities/>

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Feb 3-5, 2023* Warrenton, VA

Mar 31-Apr 2, 2023 * Herndon, VA.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Experience God's grace and peace on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on Feb 3-5, 2023, in Warrenton, VA and Mar 31-Apr 2, 2023, in Herndon, VA.

Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families, and our Church stronger & healthier.

Sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

MORNINGS OF MERCY RETREATS FOR DIVORCED

Feb 4*, 2023 * St. Luke, McLean

Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Mornings of Mercy retreats are led by Very Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Join us on February 4, 2023, at St. Luke, McLean, VA from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Go to arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy to register. This event is free.

DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

March 25* 2023. Project Rachel Ministry

After Abortion Retreat: A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, March 25, 2023. This group healing event is held in a private and peaceful setting, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have

found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry:

For the Arlington Diocese - Virginia.

Contact: Josephine, **Phone:** 703-841-2504

Email: projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org

Website: <http://www.helpafterabortion.org>

Spanish Contact: Maria Luisa Aliaga, **Phone:** 703-841-2504

Spanish Email: info@helpafterabortion.org

Spanish Website: <http://www.ayudadespuesdelaborto.org>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTER NOW FOR CCD

It's time to enroll your loved one in our 2022-23 CCD program! 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@lolcc.net with any questions.**

RCIA ACCEPTING CANDIDATES

For Adults Seeking Baptism and Confirmation

The "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults" (RCIA) is for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church, receiving confirmation, or just learn more about the faith. Our program has now begun, but we are still accepting candidates! Classes are held every Monday at 7:00 PM, and candidates will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in 2023. If interested, please submit the registration form on our website or contact the parish office.

VOCATIONS

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Dec. 25 *Maintenance & Improvement Fund

Your donations keep our buildings comfortable in the winter weather and ensure 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 cam.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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**.

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.

HOLIDAY DECORATING, THIS WEEK

Our Lady of Lourdes volunteers will be decorating the Church for Christmas this week. To Volunteer to help, please contact the Rectory Office – or sign Up using the QR Code on the cover of the bulletin.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

A St. Vincent De Paul Society member will be visiting the Parish on Jan 8, 2023, to talk about what the Society does to help provide material assistance to those in need.

If interested in learning more, please contact Paul Korkemaz SVDPCouncilpres@gmail.com

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 17
9:00 AM	Irene and Al Tyler + by Mary Downey
5:30 PM	Rolf & Barbara Lundberg + by Carolyn Harvey Lundberg
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 18
8:00 AM	Ralph Palasek
10:00 AM	All parishioners, living and deceased
12:00 PM	Nestor Pino + by Mary Downey
5:00 PM (Spanish)	TBD
MONDAY	DECEMBER 19
6:45 AM	John Hortum by James and Maryellen Tibbs
12:00 PM	Irwin Lust + by James and Maryellen Tibbs
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 20
6:45 AM	All those who are suffering from addictions by James and Maryellen Tibbs.
12:00 PM	Kramer Family by Eve Kramer
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 21
6:45 AM	Steve & Joyce Wahoski
12:00 PM	Douglas Dusza + Diane Dusza
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 22
6:45 AM	Julie Craig by James and Maryellen Tibbs
12:00 PM	Rita Knott by James and Maryellen Tibbs
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 23
6:45 AM	Beth Fricano by James and Maryellen Tibbs
12:00 PM	Chan Claggett by James and Maryellen Tibbs

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

There will be extra Confession times available from Monday December 19- Friday December 23 at 7:00PM

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will be Saturday December 24 at 5:30 PM. The Choir will perform a Christmas Prelude of Music to include carols, readings, and choir performances beginning at 5:10 PM.

The Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:00 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM and the Spanish Mass will be 2PM.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation on the weekend of Dec 31 & Jan 1st. We will have our regular Mass schedule.

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 Barbara at 703-684-9261 or olol@ololcc.net to arrange.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ed Boehme, Rosa Diequez, April Garcia, Ron Harris, Jim & Becky McManaman, Jose Silva and Kathryn Updegraff.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

HOLIDAY RECTORY HOURS

The Rectory Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays from Friday from December 23 through January 2. The Office will reopen with our regular hours Monday, January 3, 2023.

PRO-LIFE

GIFT OF LIFE ADVENT GIVING TREE

Through Dec 24 * Grotto

The Gift of Life Advent Giving Tree returned to the Grotto of the Blessed Mother the weekend of November 27. Our Pro-Life Committee would like to raise \$7,550.00 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"

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and more about Project Rachel: www.helpafterabortion.org

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