



OUR LADY *of* LOURDES

Arlington, Virginia

DECEMBER 25, 2022 * THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



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joy: today a Savior is born for us,
Christ the Lord.



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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

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.

MASSSES

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.

PRO-LIFE

GIFT OF LIFE ADVENT GIVING TREE

Today! 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"

Learn more about Gabriel

Project: www.helpforpregnantwomen.org

and more about Project Rachel: www.helpafterabortion.org

THE ARLINGTON DIOCESE

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.

MAKE A GIFT TO THE PARISH FROM YOUR IRA

You can take your Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) and use it as a qualified charitable gift. These qualified direct distributions to charity are not added to taxable income. For information, contact your financial institution, or visit <http://www.arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org>.

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

Mar. 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: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington provides assistance to anyone sexually abused as a minor by a priest, deacon, teacher, employee, or representative of the Arlington Diocese. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are encouraged to contact the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator to receive support, consultation, and referrals. Our diocese is committed to assisting victims/survivors throughout the healing process. For more information, please call **703-841-2530** or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection.

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/CDA> offers a great work-life balance, generous time off, tuition assistance, professional development, and a competitive salary and benefits package, including a pension plan.

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

"He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

FIAT DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Jan. 28, 2023* St. John Paul II National Shrine

Can prayer be a joy? Join the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy for some prayer tips and tricks along with fellowship and fun. This event will be held Saturday, January 28, 2023, at the St. John Paul II National Shrine and will also include Mass and adoration. For girls currently in high school. Deadline to register is January 20. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations. For more information visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT

STEWARDSHIP

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Jan 1 * Solemnity of Mary

The Collection next weekend is a Holy Day Collection for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." John 1:14. God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus, we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus -- the best gift we could ever receive.

SPREAD JOY THIS CHRISTMAS!

During this Advent and Christmas season, it's important to stop and reflect on the many blessings that God has given us. It is also a time to be mindful that not everyone is as fortunate. While shopping for gifts and planning time with loved ones.

Please consider setting aside an extra part of your budget to support the work of Our Lady of Lourdes (LOL) with a tax-deductible donation. May God bless you and your family this Christmas!

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.lolcc.net to learn more about our parish ministries.

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

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

American Red Cross

December 25, 2022

The Nativity of The Lord

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| SATURDAY | DECEMBER 24 |
| 9:00 AM | All those suffering from addictions by James and Maryellen Tibbs. |
| 5:30 PM | Victoria & Ramez Nakhla |
| SUNDAY | DECEMBER 25 |
| 8:00 AM | Mary Downey by James and Maryellen Tibbs. |
| 10:00 AM | All parishioners, living and deceased |
| 12:00 PM | Karen Leef Rogers+ Jodeph D. rogers |
| 2:00 PM (Spanish) | TBD |
| MONDAY | DECEMBER 26 |
| 6:45 AM | Bob McWhorter by James and Maryellen Tibbs |
| 12:00 PM | Jean & Jim Stover + by Mary Downey |
| TUESDAY | DECEMBER 27 |
| 6:45 AM | Arnie Lerna by James and Maryellen Tibbs. |
| 12:00 PM | John Shaughnessy + by Mary Downey |
| WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 28 |
| 6:45 AM | Ruth & Paul Joyce + by Mary Downey |
| 12:00 PM | Yvette Fallin + by Mary Downey |
| THURSDAY | DECEMBER 29 |
| 6:45 AM | Lynn Argain by James and Maryellen Tibbs |
| 12:00 PM | Father Edlefsen by James and Maryellen Tibbs |
| FRIDAY | DECEMBER 30 |
| 6:45 AM | John Riley by James and Maryellen Tibbs |
| 12:00 PM | Angelita S. Baylon+ by Rito G. & Hubert Baylon |

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.

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 lolol@lololcc.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.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. EDLEFSSEN

Dear Our Lady of Lourdes parish family and visitors,

History has taken some perilous turns in 2022. Though the worst of the COVID pandemic seems behind us, other events have emerged: the war in Ukraine and other threats to peace, concerns about global security and human development, economic troubles, and continued attacks on innocent human life. Also, many people continue to experience personal difficulties. Nonetheless, St. Paul reminds us that, "When the fullness of time had come, God send forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4). St. John says in the Prologue his Gospel: "The Light came into the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).

Though we may feel helpless to resolve the world's problems, the Light of Christ – born innocent into this world – invites us to look beyond our troubles. His peace pervades the chaos. His Light transforms the darkness. His love resolves hatred. "Behold, I make all things new!" (Revelation 21:5).

Jesus reveals us to ourselves. None of us is a mistake. Despite the harshness of this world, God loves man. He is Emmanuel – "God-with-us." As St. Augustine said, God is closer to us than we are to ourselves. No one is forgotten. Everyone counts. "Are not two sparrows sold for a coin? And yet not one of them falls to the ground without your father knowing it" (Matthew 10:29).

Christmas reminds us that we are all willed, loved, known, wanted, and planned by God. The Cross reminds us that our sins are forgiven, and our sufferings redeemed. We are destined to rise from the dead to a new age beyond time. And that journey to Heaven begins now – in Christ who is "the fullness of time" – regardless of our circumstances.

Our prayers go with you all during this sacred season.

In Christ and His Mother,

Fr. Frederick Edlefsen