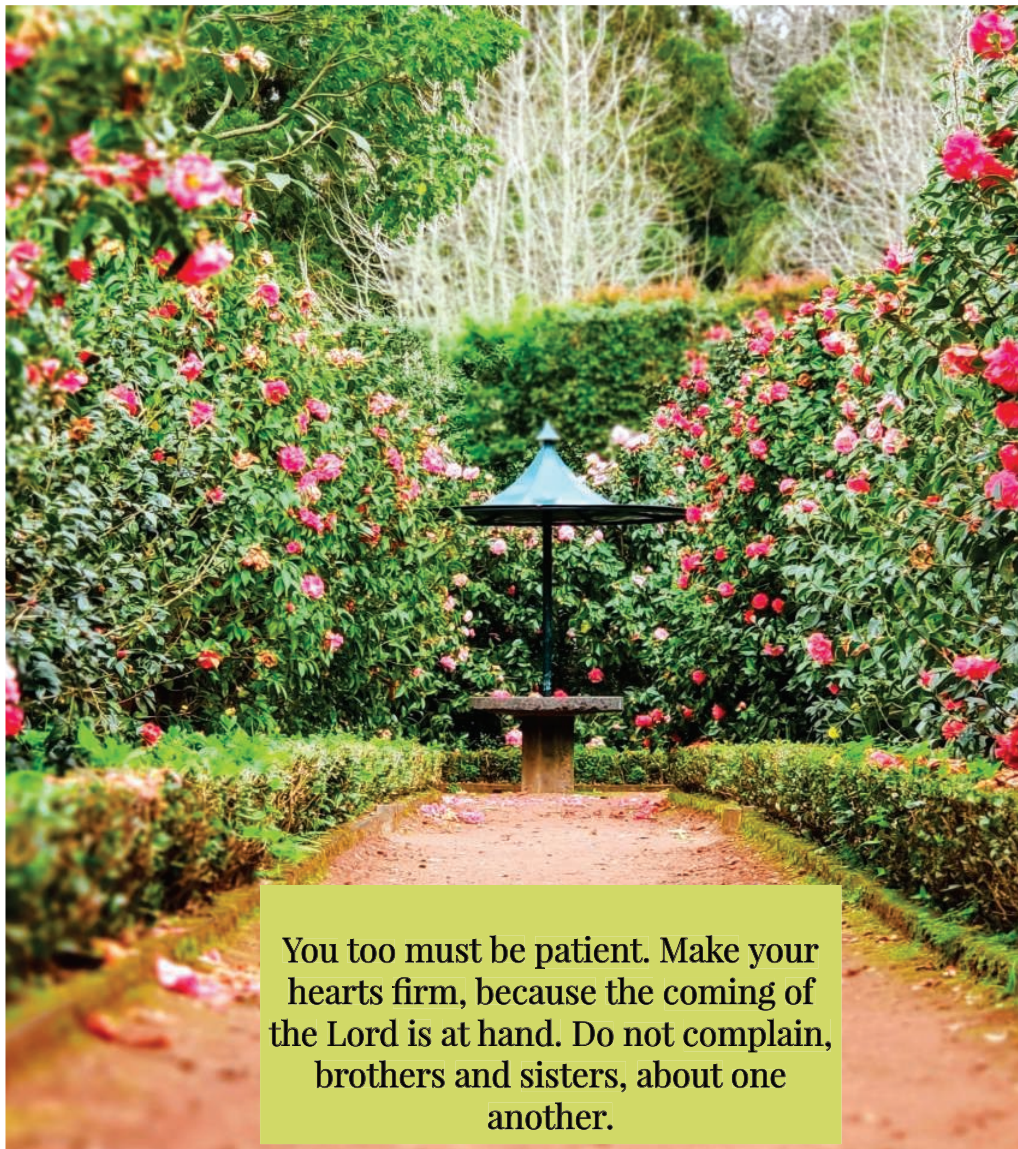




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Reverend Frederick H. Edlefsen, *Pastor*
Reverend Joseph R. Kenna, *Parochial Vicar*
Reverend Daniel L. Mode, *In Residence*
Reverend Steven R. Walker, *In Residence*

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.

OUR PARISH

LAST ADVENT LECTURE SERIES: SPIRIT OF THE LORD

Dec. 13 * Parish Hall

Father Edlefsen will give a series of Advent talks on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Hall 7-8:30 PM. All are welcome to join in the conversation and fellowship!

Tuesday, December 13: "Gifts of the Holy Spirit"

TODAY! OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Dec. 11 * Parish Hall

Join in on the fun at the 2nd Annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Dinner this December. The Sunday Mass at 5 PM will be followed by a festive dinner for the whole parish with live music from a mariachi band.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS BACK!

Thru Dec. 18 * 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.

TODAY! CCD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Dec. 11 * 1:00 PM * Parish Hall

Our CCD Program's Christmas Pageant will be held in the Parish Hall at 1:30 PM on Sunday, December 11. All members of the parish are invited to attend what is sure to be a memorable event!

IRISH CHRISTMAS WITH MATTIE AND EDDIE'S

Dec. 17 * 7 PM * Mattie and Eddie's Restaurant

Our Lady of Lourdes is partnering with Mattie and Eddie's Irish Bar and Restaurant and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of

Arlington to enjoy the Christmas season with dinner, music, and fundraising for Afghan newcomers.

- Donate winter Coats at Mattie and Eddie's & OLOL
- Dinner at Mattie and Eddie's with Food and Drink Specials at 7 pm
- Evening features a Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle with proceeds going to Catholic Charities and the Our Lady of Lourdes Poor Box

More Details to Come! *RSVP strongly encouraged*

RSVP to: hayley@mattieandeddies.com

THE ARLINGTON DIOCESE

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

Dec 13* 7:30-8:30 PM* St. Leo the Great

Join us for praise and worship on Tuesday, December 13, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Fr. David Dufresne will lead us in prayer along with musicians, Valerie and Rocco Repetski. Our special intention is for 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/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.

TODAY! MOTHER OF LIGHT CENTER CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

Dec. 11* 421 Clifford Avenue, Alexandria, VA

MOLC will distribute gifts to over 500 children in Northern Virginia this Christmas. Families will receive

Christmas packages with gifts for each child and a gift card (or two!). The Mother of Light Center is looking for:

- A New Gift for a child (appx \$20-35 value)
- Gift Cards to Walmart or Target

Please drop off gifts and gift cards at the Mother of Light Center from 10 AM - 2 PM Mon-Sat.

To order a gift and have it delivered directly, visit the Amazon Wish List at <https://bit.ly/MOLCChristmas>.

Questions? Email motheroflightcenter@gmail.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jan 27-29, 2023 in North Myrtle Beach, SC

Feb 3-5, 2023 in Warrenton, VA

Are you looking to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day? Do you want to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Jan 27-29, 2023, in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. or Feb 3-5, 2023 in Warrenton, VA. Early 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTER NOW FOR CCD

It's time to enroll your loved on 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@ololcc.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

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Dec. 17 & 18 * Parish Christmas Flowers & Greenery

Help us decorate for our Savior's birth! Donations for Our Lady of Lourdes' Christmas flowers, poinsettias, and garlands may be made using either your designated offertory envelope or one of the specially marked Christmas Flowers & Greenery envelopes in the church vestibule. To donate on Faith Direct, scan the "Make a One - Time Donation" QR code on the bulletin cover. We appreciate your help in filling our church with Christmas cheer!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer, God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us.

We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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.

If you would you like to help decorate the Church for Christmas Select "holiday decorating" on our volunteer survey or email the Rectory Office.

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December 11, 2022

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 10
9:00 AM	Mary Lou Ruddy Karun +
5:30 PM	Rocque (Rock) Kramer by Eve Kramer
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 11
8:00 AM	Lucie & Rafik Carali
10:00 AM	All parishioners, living and deceased
12:00 PM	Martin Edlefsen + by Angela Vindel
5:00 PM (Spanish)	Ruben Requejo + by Ada Requejo
MONDAY	DECEMBER 12
6:45 AM	Mary Downey by James and Maryellen Tibbs
12:00 PM	Juan Francisco by Elyzabeth Hernandez
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 13
6:45 AM	Jeff Karpinski by James and Maryellen Tibbs.
12:00 PM	Gary Smialek + by Mary Downey
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 14
6:45 AM	Frances and Anthony Perry + by Mary Downey
12:00 PM	Beverly Long + by Dianne Duzan
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 15
6:45 AM	Janet Vetrano by James and Maryellen Tibbs
12:00 PM	Albert Perry + by Mary Downey
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 16
6:45 AM	Conrad & Nancy Kiser by James and Maryellen Tibbs
12:00 PM	Catherine O'Connell + by Mary Ellen O'Collen

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Extra Confession times are available from Monday December 19- Friday December 23 at 7:00PM in addition to the regular confession times Monday through Saturday.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday Dec 24, Mass will be at 9 AM & Confession will be at 4 PM.

The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will be Saturday December 24 at 5:30 PM.

Before the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass, the Choir will perform a Christmas Prelude Program of Music to include carols, readings, and choir performances, beginning at 5:10 PM.

The Christmas Day Masses will be Sunday December 25 at 8:00 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM and the Spanish Mass will be 2PM.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation on the weekend of Dec 31, 2022 & Jan 1st, 2023. 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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