

## OUR CHURCH

### CONTACT

830 23<sup>rd</sup> Street South, Arlington, VA 22202  
703-684-9261  
olol@ololcc.net  
www.ololcc.net

### CLERGY

Reverend Frederick H. Edlefsen, *Pastor*  
Reverend Joseph R. Kenna, *Parochial Vicar*  
Reverend Paul A. Berghout, *In Residence*

### STAFF

Mrs. Leigh Hasson, *Director of Religious Education*  
Mr. Tom Bartolomeo, *Director of Music*  
Ms. Marianne Rodriguez, *Office Manager*  
Ms. Tatyana Rasmussen, *Sacramental 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 Catholic residing within the zip code of 22202 or regularly attend Our Lady of Lourdes Church, please register as our parishioner! Registration forms are available in the entrance of the church and in the rectory office. Completed forms should be submitted to the rectory office (or put through our mail slot after business hours).

### MASSES

Monday – Friday: 6:45 AM, 12:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM; 5:30 PM (Vigil Mass)  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM; 5:00 PM (Spanish)  
Federal Holidays: 9:00 AM  
Holy Days: 12:00 PM, 7:30 PM

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM  
Thursday: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM  
Saturday: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM (Spanish)  
Please contact our office for Confessions by appointment.

### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Wednesday: 12:30 PM

### EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

First Friday of the Month: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

## OUR SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

Children's Baptisms and Baptism Preparation Classes are arranged by appointment. Please contact Tatyana Rasmussen at the rectory office to arrange.

### FIRST COMMUNION

Please contact our Director of Religious Education at [dre@ololcc.net](mailto:dre@ololcc.net) for more information.

### CONFIRMATION

Please contact our Director of Religious Education at [dre@ololcc.net](mailto:dre@ololcc.net) for more information.

Adult Confirmation classes for individuals who have already received both the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are available each spring after Easter. Please contact Tatyana Rasmussen at the rectory office to register.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIC & RCIA)

RCIA classes are available for adults age 18 or older in need of the Sacraments of 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. RCIC preparation is available via our Religious Education program for children ages 7-17 who need the Sacraments of initiation. Please contact Tatyana Rasmussen at the rectory office to learn more.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact a priest 6-7 months prior to your intended wedding date to begin Marriage preparation. An overview of the Arlington Diocese's Marriage preparation policies is available on the diocesan website: [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org).

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Rectory Office to arrange.

### FUNERALS

Please contact the Rectory Office to arrange.

### SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS

#### For 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

## PRAYER CHAIN

Have an urgent need for prayers? Members of Our Lady of Lourdes parish will pray for your intention. Please call Eileen at **703-521-0079** with your request. No names or personal details necessary; your confidentiality is assured.

## 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.

## ADULT EDUCATION: ARE YOU INTERESTED?

We are considering offering an adult education class for our community on a weeknight beginning in 2021! This is possible because we are blessed to have a wonderful space in our parish hall to teach and learn while effectively mitigating during this pandemic. If you would be interested in attending an adult education class to grow and expand your knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Religion during a weeknight beginning in the New Year, please contact the Director of Religious Education at [dre@ololcc.net](mailto:dre@ololcc.net) to indicate your interest.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CCD

Our Parish Religious Education Program is off to a successful start thanks to the trust and involvement of our Parish Families and the support of our wonderful volunteer teachers! This year's CCD program combines virtual instruction with in-person classroom sessions. Students in grade 2 (First Communion candidates) and grade 8 (Confirmation candidates) meet for in-person classes every Sunday. Students in all other grades receive virtual lessons via the Spirit of Truth curriculum and meet monthly for in-person events on their grade's designated Saturday. All in-person activities are conducted in the parish hall with COVID-19 mitigation practices observed. CCD registration forms and calendars are available at the rectory office and on the parish website. Please submit forms to the rectory office. For more information, visit the "Education" tab on [www.ololcc.net](http://www.ololcc.net), or contact our Director of Religious Education at [dre@ololcc.net](mailto:dre@ololcc.net).

**We Need CCD Teachers:** Do you love your faith? Enjoy working with children? Please come help our Religious Education Program! Teachers must submit to a background check, attend a 4-hour Child Protection seminar, and sign an Oath of Fidelity to the Catholic faith. For more information, please contact our Director of Religious Education at [dre@ololcc.net](mailto:dre@ololcc.net).

## DOES YOUR CHILD NEED FIRST COMMUNION?

If your child is in second grade or above and has not yet received their First Communion, please contact our Director of Religious Education for assistance with this important Sacrament! Email [dre@ololcc.net](mailto:dre@ololcc.net) or call the rectory office at **703-684-9261**.

## PROJECT RACHEL: HELP AFTER ABORTION

You are not alone. The pain and sorrow of past abortions need not endure for a life-time. Contact Project Rachel for confidential referrals to trained clergy, professional counselors, and healing retreats at **1-888-456-4673**, [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org), or visit [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:

### NOT OPENING THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19

The Knights are sorry to announce that their Annual Christmas Tree Lot will not open in 2020, which would have been our 26th year. The uncertainties of running a fundraiser like the tree lot during COVID-19 proved to be too much. Before we sell our first tree, we have to spend over \$10K to buy all the trees and other supplies, and with no one confident in how the COVID rates will move in the next few weeks, how the county will react if numbers climb, and the additional measures we would have to take to try to keep our customers and volunteers safe, we felt the most prudent course was to not open this year.

This was a difficult decision to make, as we all look forward to the lot—for many of the Knights, it was our "beginning of Christmas." Those of us who have been on the lot for years will miss our annual visits with our long-term customers, where we have watched as your kids got older and families grew. However, we look forward to opening in 2021 and getting to see you all again.

For those who were not aware, the Knights of Columbus always ran the Christmas tree lot as a charitable fundraiser, where 100% of the profits supported various charitable endeavors, like our scholarships for the Young Man and Young Woman of the Year, the Scouts BSA program, homeless outreach, including providing food and winter coats, military and veteran's support, and Catholic programming. The tree lot also allowed us to provide emergency grants to neighbors in need for housing, medical bills and other emergencies.

We encourage those of you who want a fresh cut Christmas tree to patronize our partner Knights of Columbus Council at St. Rita Catholic Church at 3815 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305. In light of our closure this year, they have decided to try running a smaller lot there until we can both open the main lot next year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas, and happy and healthy New Year!

## GIFT OF LIFE GIVING TREE

Our Pro-Life Committee has prepared a Gift of Life Giving Tree located in the Grotto of the Blessed Mother in support of the Gabriel Project and Project Rachel. This year, through your generosity, our parish hopes to raise \$7,000.00 for Gabriel Project and provide the financing for complete medical care for two expectant mothers. This care includes prenatal vitamins and/or medications, fertility awareness classes, childbirth education, counseling sessions, doctor appointments, labs, sonograms, and delivery of the baby. Upon meeting our goal for the Gabriel Project, all additional donations will benefit Project Rachel, a program offering counseling and healing retreats for men and women suffering after abortion. To make a financial gift, please take a giving tree envelope from the Gift of Life Tree, enclose your donation, and drop it in the candle donation safe in the Grotto of the Blessed Mother. Please make checks payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes." Thank you! Learn more about Gabriel Project and Project Rachel on the Arlington Diocese website ([www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org)) on the page for the Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life.

## TRAVELING FOR THANKSGIVING?

Visit [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org) for nationwide Masses and locations!

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

### Nov. 28 & 29: The Guadalupe Free Clinic

Our second collection next weekend will benefit the Guadalupe Free Clinic. The Clinic is an apostolate of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, which operates on the grounds of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church. This donor-supported, volunteer staffed free health clinic seeks to serve the indigent, working poor and medically-uninsured residents of the Town of Colonial Beach and Westmoreland County, VA. The Clinic is committed to providing high-quality primary medical care, referrals to medical specialists, and free pharmaceutical services for its patients. Guided by Catholic principles for health care, the Clinic seeks to assist in the total healing of all patients, regardless of ethnicity or creed. Learn more at [www.guadalupefreeclinic.org](http://www.guadalupefreeclinic.org).

## FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING

Our Lady of Lourdes accepts online donations via Faith Direct! You can donate to all of our parish's first and second collections, as well as set up recurring payments on your own schedule. To sign up, please visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and enter parish code **VA327**. Online giving is quick and secure for you, and the easiest way for our church to receive and process your contributions. Thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" (MATTHEW 25:40)

Most of us are generous when it is convenient—when we have the time or the money. But true generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy even when it is difficult; when it is not on our schedule, but according to another person's need.

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

[CatholicMatch.com](http://CatholicMatch.com) of Virginia

## FORMED: "THE CATHOLIC NETFLIX"

### Free Catholic Films, Podcasts, Audio Books, & More!

As a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes, you have pre-paid access to Formed, an online Catholic media streaming service! Enjoy Catholic films, audio books, podcasts, study courses, and more on your computer, tablet, and smartphone. Learn about the lives of priests, popes, and saints; enrich your prayer life with meditations; and hear the bible come alive through audio dramas. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and enter zip code "22202" or "Our Lady of Lourdes VA" to start. Your pre-paid subscription has been provided by Our Lady of Lourdes and the Arlington Diocese.

## JOB OPENING: A WOMAN'S CHOICE

Are you Pro-Life? Have medical or counseling experience? Proficient in Spanish? A Woman's Choice pregnancy resource centers offer assistance to women in crisis pregnancies and with other needs. We are looking for a compassionate, welcoming, and friendly person to join our team at our Falls Church office—get paid to help others & change lives! Please call us at **571-599-2002** for more information, or email us at [awcHerndon@gmail.com](mailto:awcHerndon@gmail.com).

## POLICE "FILL THE CRUISER" HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

### Dec. 1 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Our Lady of Lourdes

Help spread joy this holiday season by donating new, unwrapped toys during the Arlington County Police Department's (ACPD) sixth annual Fill the Cruiser Holiday Toy Drive. This year, with families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for donations may be greater than ever. Your generosity helps ensure that the holidays are bright for some of our most vulnerable community members—children in need! Officers will collect new, unwrapped toys for children ages newborn to 17 in the Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 1. As a safety precaution, this year's collections will be contactless! Upon arrival, participants are asked to please stay in their vehicle until they reach the unloading areas, where officers will be on hand to receive donations. Toys will be distributed by the Police Department to community organizations throughout the month of December. Thank you!

## DAYS OF RECOLLECTION: FIND YOUR VOCATION

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Diocesan Office of Vocations will hold a retreat for men on Saturday, December 12, and a retreat for women on Sunday, December 13. Retreats are open to all those age 18 and older. Religious sisters will be present for the women, and seminarians, priests, and men religious for the men. For more information and to register, please contact the Office of Vocations at **703-841-2514** or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Deadline to sign up is Friday, December 4!

## VOCATIONS

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." Is Christ calling you to serve Him as a sister, brother, deacon, or priest? Call Fr. Michael Isenberg at **703-841-2514** or write to [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

### Dec. 5, Jan 9. | 8:00 AM – 11:15 AM | St. John Paul the Great

Interested in a great Catholic education for your child's high school years? Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School invites your child to take the High School Placement Test, required for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders applying to a Diocese of Arlington high school. The HSPT will be offered on Saturday, December 5, 2020, and Saturday, January 9, 2021. Registration required at least 5 days prior to the exam date. While your child tests, stay and discover what John Paul has to offer! Visit [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org) for test registration details and more information. Saint John Paul the Great is located at 17700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, VA 22026.

## ENGLISH, CompTIA, CITIZENSHIP, & GED ONLINE

Catholic Charities provides English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Citizenship, GED, ESOL for Childcare, and CompTIA ITF+ classes! Multiple class levels available, 12-week semesters, and seats are limited. Please contact Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington at **571-208-1572** or [ewd1@ccda.net](mailto:ewd1@ccda.net) to schedule an appointment for registration and tuition details.

# NOVEMBER 22, 2020

## Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21

*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 AM Gloria Barros + by Monika Burgios

5:30 PM (Vigil) Rito G. & Angelita S. Baylon (L/D)  
by Hubert Baylon

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22

*Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:00 AM Rev. Frederick Edlefsen by Jasmine Clark

10:00 AM All Parishioners (L/D)

12:00 PM Rev. Joseph Kenna by Jasmine Clark

5:00 PM (Spanish) Special Intention

#### MONDAY NOVEMBER 23

6:45 AM Laura Ryan by James & Marta Ryan

12:00 PM Rev. James O. West, Jr. + by Barbara Benoit

#### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24

*St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs*

6:45 AM Mariano Avalos + by James & Marta Ryan

12:00 PM Madonna De Grasse + by Eve Kramer

#### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25

6:45 AM Maria Angelina Rodriguez Beauchamp +  
by James & Marta Ryan

12:00 PM Jane Bellizzi Fischetti + by the Fischetti Family

#### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26

10:00 AM In Thanksgiving

#### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27

10:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Avella  
by James & Marta Ryan

### THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS WERE PROVIDED...

#### In Loving Memory of Carlos Millones

##### By Mirtha Millones

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 Tatyana at **703-684-9261** or [olol@ololcc.net](mailto:olol@ololcc.net) to arrange.

Upcoming Weeks Available: Jan. 17, Jan. 24, Jan. 31

### THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Lourdes will celebrate one Mass at 10:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, and on Friday, November 27. The rectory office will be closed November 26 and 27.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS FOR CHRIST HOUSE

A very hearty thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes for so generously donating 78 Thanksgiving Food Baskets (1,163 pounds of food!) to Christ House this holiday season. Christ House was bowled over by your generosity—well exceeding our 50 basket parish goal. Thanks also to our ushers and cantors for marshaling incoming donations, and to volunteers Judy, James, and Jorge for their muscles and vehicles. Happy Thanksgiving, and thank you for helping to feed the hungry!

### WEEKLY EVENT CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY

8:45 AM

10:45 AM

4:15 PM

#### MONDAY

7:00 PM

#### TUESDAY

12:30 PM

7:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

#### THURSDAY

12:30 PM

#### FRIDAY

#### SATURDAY

4:00 PM

#### SUNDAY

4:15 PM

#### NOVEMBER 22

CCD Grade 2 (Parish Hall)

CCD Grade 8 (Parish Hall)

Spanish Confessions (Church)

#### NOVEMBER 23

RCIA (Parish Hall)

#### NOVEMBER 24

Confessions (Church)

Pro-Life Rosary (Church)

#### NOVEMBER 25

#### NOVEMBER 26

Confessions (Church)

#### NOVEMBER 27

#### NOVEMBER 28

Confessions (Church)

#### NOVEMBER 29

Spanish Confessions (Church)

### COVID-19 NEWS: PUBLIC MASSES RESUMED

Please take the following precautions while in church:

- ◆ Face masks must be worn inside the church
- ◆ A social distance of 6 feet must be maintained at all times, including while seated in pews and while in line for Communion
- ◆ Receiving Communion via the hands is recommended
- ◆ Confessions must be heard behind the screen

**Bishop Burbidge has granted a dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation to all Catholics in the Arlington Diocese. This dispensation continues through our reopening and is extended until further notice.**

Bishop Burbidge respectfully suggests that the following individuals continue to stay home on Sundays:

- ◆ those above the age of 65
- ◆ those with an increased risk due to health conditions
- ◆ anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms or who may have been exposed to COVID-19

While unable to attend Mass, observing the Sabbath with prayer or another devotion, such as a holy hour or rosary, demonstrates good will and sincerity. A prayer of Spiritual Communion follows:

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

For detailed health and safety recommendations, please see the Arlington Diocese website for an Arlington COVID Response Guide for the Lay Faithful: [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Avella, Wilda Berry, Ed Boehme, Rosa Diequez, April Garcia, Ron Harris, & Jose Silva**

Names published for one month. Please contact Tatyana at the rectory office to arrange.