

OUR CHURCH

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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 for more information.

CONFIRMATION

Please contact our Director of Religious Education at 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.

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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 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, or contact our Director of Religious Education at 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.

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 or call the rectory office at **703-684-9261**.

LATIN MASSES AT ST. RITA IN ALEXANDRIA

Latin Masses are celebrated at St. Rita Parish (3815 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305) every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 PM. Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes are most welcome to participate in these nearby Latin Masses!

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) on the page for the Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Dec. 5 & 6: Maintenance & Improvement Fund

Help us keep our church strong, safe, clean, and comfortable by donating to our parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund! Your donations help us cover the costs of extra cleaning supplies and equipment to combat COVID-19, as well as help us transition into the colder seasons of the year. Thank you!

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 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

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." (MARK 13:33)

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, and even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift! None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Athena Pallas Restaurant

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.

PROJECT RACHEL: HELP AFTER ABORTION

Feeling haunted by a past abortion? If you are experiencing spiritual alienation, depression, grief, or suicidal thoughts relating to the loss of a child, you are invited into God's mercy and forgiveness! Please contact Project Rachel healing ministry for confidential care and assistance: **1-888-456-4673**, info@helpafterabortion.org, or visit www.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.

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 Tuesday, 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!

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL VIRTUAL CONCERT

Dec. 3 | 8:00 PM | Online

Every December, the Daughters of Saint Paul Choir goes on tour to bring the Christmas message to thousands of people around the country. This year, most people will be home for Christmas, so we decided to try something new: a "Home for Christmas" Virtual Concert! Our sisters will sing a virtual concert at 8:00 PM on Thursday, December 3, free to stream on our YouTube page: www.youtube.com/c/DaughtersofStPaul.

LESSONS & CAROLS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Dec. 4 | 4:00 PM | Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Online

Join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for this traditional Advent offering on Sunday, December 6, at 4:00 PM in the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203). Hear God's words and our songs heralding the coming of our Savior. COVID-19 restrictions for social distancing and mask wearing are in place. Please use the following link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3f1MeZY>. This event will also be livestreamed on the diocesan YouTube channel.

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. Deadline to sign up is Friday, December 4!

VOCATIONS

"O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay and You the potter: we are all the work of your hands." Is God's work to be revealed through your vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life? Call Fr. Michael Isenberg at **703-841-2514** or write to michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28

9:00 AM Lois Jones + by the Maddox Family
5:30 PM (Vigil) Rito G. & Angelita S. Baylon (L/D)
by Hubert Baylon

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Rev. Paul Berghout by Jasmine Clark
10:00 AM All Parishioners (L/D)
12:00 PM Rosemarie Faucher + by the Hagen Family
5:00 PM (Spanish) Special Intention

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

6:45 AM Robert Olson + by Eve Kramer
12:00 PM Carmen Lanos + by Ana Rivera

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1

6:45 AM Ruth Kramer + by Eve Kramer
12:00 PM Modesto Lopez + by Ana Rivera

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2

6:45 AM Rev. Msgr. Robert Avella + by Janet Vetrano
12:00 PM John McHale + by Diane Dusza

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

6:45 AM Special Intention by Janet Vetrano
12:00 PM Margaret McHale + by Diane Dusza

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4

6:45 AM William V. Fischetti + by the Fischetti Family
12:00 PM Jane Bellizzi Fischetti + by the Fischetti Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR

**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.

IN MEMORIUM

Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Avella

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION & HOLY HOUR

This Friday, December 4, and every first Friday of the month, we will hold a Holy Hour with Adoration beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 12:00 PM Mass and concluding with Benediction at 1:30 PM. No sign up required!

DIOCESAN COVID-19 RESOURCES PAGE

The Arlington Diocese has a Covid-19 resource page with links to livestreamed and recorded Masses, prayers, daily readings, and more! Please visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/covid19resources.

WEEKLY EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY

4:15 PM

NOVEMBER 29

Spanish Confessions (Church)

MONDAY

6:45 PM

NOVEMBER 30

Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)

7:00 PM

RCIA (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY

12:30 PM

DECEMBER 1

Confessions (Church)

5:00 PM

Fill the Cruiser Toy Drive (Parking Lot)

7:00 PM

Pro-Life Rosary (Church)

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 2

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 3

12:30 PM

Confessions (Church)

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 4

12:30 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)

1:30 PM

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 5

1:00 PM

CCD Grade 3 & 4 (Parish Hall)

4:00 PM

Confessions (Church)

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 6

8:45 AM

CCD Grade 2 (Parish Hall)

10:45 AM

CCD Grade 8 (Parish Hall)

4:15 PM

Spanish Confessions (Church)

7:45 PM

Spanish Vocations Prayer Group Mass (Church)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES COVID-19 SAFETY

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 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.