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OUR CHURCH

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Ms. 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! Register online at www.ololcc.net. Paper registration forms are available in the entrance of the church and in the rectory office, and should be submitted to the rectory office.

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.

ROSARY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Monday – Friday: 6:15 AM, 11:30 AM

Saturday: 9:30 AM

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CCD

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**.

ADULT EDUCATION

Second Tuesdays, Monthly | 7:00 PM | Parish Hall

We are excited to announce a new Adult Education class for our parish community, "Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life" published by Ascension Press. Classes will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the parish hall beginning January 12, 2021. All parishioners are invited! Please contact our Director of Religious Education dre@ololcc.net with questions or if you would like to be sent an invitation to join the class virtually. Class Dates: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11

MASS INTENTIONS: 2021 CALENDAR OPEN

Our Lady of Lourdes' 2021 Mass Intention calendar is now open! We are accepting intentions for 6:45 AM and 12:00 PM Masses Monday-Friday, Saturday 9:00 AM Masses, 5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Masses, and 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM Sunday Masses. Our 10:00 AM Sunday Mass will continue to be celebrated for all parishioners. Please contact Tatyana at **703-684-9261** or olol@ololcc.net to arrange. Bishop Burbidge suggests a voluntary stipend of \$10.00 per Mass.

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.

DIOCESAN PODCASTS

Find these Arlington Diocese podcasts on your favorite podcast service: **The Walk Humbly Podcast**, **Searching for More**, and **Arlington Catholic Herald Podcast**!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

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 8th graders applying to a Diocese of Arlington high school. The HSPT will be offered on 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 the Great has to offer! Visit 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 to schedule an appointment for registration and tuition details.

CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION

Dec. 24 & 25: 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. Donations also keep our church warm and dry in the colder weather, and our parking lot and walkways clear of ice and snow throughout the winter. 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

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

(LUKE) 1:28

After Jesus, we look to His mother, Mary, as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

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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

"Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the sacrament of Reconciliation." (The Gospel of Life, Pope Saint John Paul II) You are invited to heal from the pain of abortion. For a confidential referral to a priest and/or counselor, please contact Project Rachel at **1-888-456-4673**, info@helpafterabortion.org, or visit www.helpafterabortion.org.

VOCATIONS

"Be it done unto me according to Your word." Obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If you think God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, deacon, religious brother, or sister, call Fr. Michael Isenberg at **703-841-2514** or write to michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

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.

MOTHER OF LIGHT PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Lady of Lourdes is collecting gift cards to Walmart and Target on behalf of Mother of Light Center with this year's parish giving tree. Our Lady of Lourdes is ONLY accepting gift cards! With your charity, MoLC will give gifts to 500 local children this holiday season. Place your gift card in the envelope provided and drop it in the Poor Box at the back of the Church. They will be delivered to MoLC in December. Throughout the year, MoLC helps men, women, and families who are poor, needy, and homeless identify their talents and potential, redirect their lives, find jobs, find permanent housing, and discover how much God loves them. Learn more about MoLC at www.motheroflightcenter.com.

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Get in the spirit this Christmas with faith-focused Christmas movies, educational programs, cartoons, and spiritual reflections on FORMED. As a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes, you have pre-paid access to FORMED, an online Catholic media streaming service. Enjoy hundreds of Catholic films, audiobooks, podcasts, study courses, and more on your computer, tablet, and smartphone. Go to formed.org/signup and select Our Lady of Lourdes in Arlington, VA to start.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RESCUE & SORT FOOD

Help Catholic Charities fight food insecurity over the holidays! Food Rescue Drivers are needed to pick up food from local grocery stores and deliver items to our St. Lucy Warehouse using their personal vehicle (<https://tinyurl.com/slpfoodrescue>), and Food Sorters are needed to receive and sort food items at the St. Lucy warehouse (<https://tinyurl.com/slpwarehouse>). Please see the provided URLs for info on shifts and to sign up. Thank you!

DECEMBER 20, 2020

The 4th Sunday of Advent

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

9:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Avella +
5:30 PM (Vigil) Rito G. & Angelita S. Baylon (L/D)
by Hubert Baylon

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20

The 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Avella + by Pamela Kokal
10:00 AM All Parishioners (L/D)
12:00 PM Michael Hardesty + by Eve Kramer
5:00 PM (Spanish) Special Intention

MONDAY DECEMBER 21

6:45 AM Theresa, Colleen, & Laura Gilfrich
by James & Mary Ellen Tibbs
12:00 PM Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Avella + by Juana Songco

TUESDAY DECEMBER 22

6:45 AM Andrew, Karin, & Monica Billerbeck
by James & Mary Ellen Tibbs
12:00 PM Tatyana Rasmussen by Barbara Benoit

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23

6:45 AM The Kramer Family (L/D) by Eve Kramer
12:00 PM William & Jane Fischetti +
by the Fischetti Family

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

12:00 PM Paul Schendeler by James & Mary Ellen Tibbs
5:00 PM Brett & Christina King
9:00 PM The Souls of the Faithful Departed Written in
Our Book of Remembrance +

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25

Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM Residents of Regency Care Nursing Home
who have Passed Away During the
COVID-19 Pandemic +
11:00 AM All Parishioners (L/D)
2:00 PM (Spanish) Special Intention

HOLIDAY RECTORY HOURS

The rectory office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays from Thursday, December 24, 2020 – January 3, 2021. We will reopen with our regular hours Monday, January 4, 2021.

TUESDAY ADVENT ADORATION

Each Tuesday throughout Advent, Our Lady of Lourdes will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 12:00 PM Mass from 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM. If you can commit to a particular time, please sign up on the board in the entrance of the church.

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.

WEEKLY EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY

1:00 PM
4:15 PM
6:00 PM

MONDAY

6:15 AM
11:30 AM
6:45 PM
7:00 PM

TUESDAY

6:15 AM
11:30 AM
12:30 PM
12:30 PM
7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

6:15 AM
11:30 AM
12:30 PM

THURSDAY

11:30 AM
12:30 PM

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:30 AM
4:00 PM

SUNDAY

4:15 PM

DECEMBER 20

CCD Christmas Party 2 (Parish Hall)
Spanish Confessions (Church)
Spanish Baptism Class (Parish Hall)

DECEMBER 21

Rosary for Religious Freedom (Church)
Rosary for Religious Freedom (Church)
Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)
RCIA (Parish Hall)

DECEMBER 22

Rosary for Religious Freedom (Church)
Rosary for Religious Freedom (Church)
Confessions (Church)
Adoration (Church)
Pro-Life Rosary (Church)

DECEMBER 23

Rosary for Religious Freedom (Church)
Rosary for Religious Freedom (Church)
Miraculous Medal Novena (Church)

DECEMBER 24

Rosary for Religious Freedom (Church)
Confessions (Church)

DECEMBER 25

DECEMBER 26

Rosary for Religious Freedom (Church)
Confessions (Church)

DECEMBER 27

Spanish Confessions (Church)

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

DECEMBER 19

Confessions

SUNDAY

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM

DECEMBER 20

Spanish Confessions

MONDAY

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

DECEMBER 21

Confessions

TUESDAY

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

DECEMBER 22

Confessions

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Confessions

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

DECEMBER 23

Confessions

THURSDAY

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

DECEMBER 24

Confessions

5:00 PM

Christmas Vigil Mass

9:00 PM

Christmas Vigil Mass

FRIDAY

9:00 AM

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Mass

11:00 AM

Christmas Mass

2:00 PM

Spanish Christmas Mass

THURSDAY

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

DECEMBER 31

Confessions

5:00 PM

Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

FRIDAY

9:00 AM

JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary Mass

11:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary Mass

2:00 PM

Spanish Solemnity of Mary Mass



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