



The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More
 3901 Cathedral Lane Arlington, VA 22203
 Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington



FIRST SUNDAY

OF Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know
 when the lord of the house is coming,
 whether in the evening, or at midnight,
 or at cockerow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



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 Saturday 4:00-5:00pm and by appointment;
 Sunday en Español: 12:15pm—12:45pm

BAPTISM AND MATRIMONY: Please contact the
 Rectory or go to the website for information. In-class
 preparation is required. Please call the Rectory to
 register.

ANOINTING of the SICK: Please contact the
 Rectory for a priest.

Phase 3 Adjusted Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 7:00am & 12:05pm
 Saturdays: 9:00am
 Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
 Sundays: 7:00am, 9:30am, 12:45pm
 en Espanol and 7:30pm
 (Contemporary Music)
 Federal Holidays: As announced

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EXPLORE MORE at THE CATHEDRAL!

WELCOME and thank you for joining us. The Cathedral is the Mother Church of the Diocese, and home to many events throughout the year, as well as an award-winning School. Whether you need to update your contact information, or want to register, the process is easy. Registration forms can be found at the Cathedral entrances or you can go to <https://www.cathedralstm.org/about/registration/>



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for bulletin, lector and Cathedral Connection
submissions.**

From Our Rector

Infighting. Sinfulness. Pettiness. Feelings of superiority. A seemingly slow slide away from the truth. 2020? Sure. But it's also the state of the Church in the early 50s AD; and in the hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. Not exactly a warm welcome to the start of Advent. We know that from Isaiah the Israelites were besieged once again, falling into idolatry, wondering where their God was and why He had forsaken them. Paul reminds the Corinthians of their baptism, the salvation it brings, and the responsibility it carries. Watch Jerusalem. Stay alert disciples. Wait early Christians: your Savior is at hand.

In this first week of Advent we need to remember that the Holy Spirit works in and through us to share Christ with those we encounter in our daily lives. While we anticipate Jesus' coming, each of us has our own role to play in the salvation of the world. Sometimes we give up and give in to temptation. Sometimes we fail to control our temper or our appetite. God knows that we are human and fallible. He loves us, forgives us, and invites us to try again to conduct ourselves well because my sisters and brothers, we are "not lacking in any spiritual gift."

Two thousand years later, we are bound together as Christians just as those who came before us. Bound by faith, by hope, by expectation. Today we yearn for things to come: for vaccines; for sustained employment; for peace; for family; for connection.

Our Christmas rope bracelets are another invitation to holiness. By sharing Jesus with those we meet throughout our day we remind ourselves to stay connected to each other, and to God, during this busy season. I did this project at my last parish six years ago. Years later I recall running into two of my former parishioners and one of their friends having dinner at a local restaurant. The friend noticed our rope bracelets and asked us to explain them. When she heard what we were doing and why, she wanted a bracelet too.

We all yearn for goodness; now more than ever know that we can find it together through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. I pray that these humble ropes draw you closer to Jesus and his infinite Love.
God bless Fr. Posey



Today's Readings

First Reading:	Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Responsorial:	Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel:	Mark 13:33-37

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

Did you know? The custom of requesting a Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be physically present at the Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church. Masses can be offered to celebrate Baptisms, Birthdays, Anniversary, Confirmations, Special Intentions, and/or to commemorate the anniversary of a loved one's death. Please contact the Rectory Office 703-525-1300.

Your offering can be mailed or done online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA326>

**The 2021 Mass Intention Book is now open.
Please contact the Rectory Office to schedule a
Mass for a loved one.**

Join us to pray the Rosary, daily at 11:40am, before the 12:05pm Mass.

Daily Mass Intention

Saturday, Nov 28

5:30pm Deceased Members of the STM
Secular Franciscans Fraternity

Sunday, Nov. 29

7:00am **First Sunday of Advent**
Leo Beffa (A)
9:30am Francisco Sainz (A)
12:45pm Parishioners
7:30pm Kathy Cassidy

Monday, Nov. 30

7:00am **St. Andrew**
Esperanza Montesa (D)
12:05pm Theresa Sulkowski

Tuesday, Dec. 1

7:00am **World AIDS Awareness Day**
Krista Bell (D)
12:05pm Sally Yovish (A)

Wednesday, Dec. 2

7:00am Dennis Barrett (D)
12:05pm Lucille Jeffries (S)

Thursday, Dec. 3

7:00am **St. Francis Xavier**
Larry & Steve MacFarland (D)
12:05pm Marilou Cajulis (A)

Friday, Dec. 4

7:00am **St. John Damascene**
First Friday
Vince Jones (D)
12:05pm Alexandra Quaadman

Saturday, Dec. 5

9:00am **First Saturday**
John Grant (D)

Please pray for those serving our country:

Captain Timothy P. Blaine, USMC; Louis Crishock; FSO, 2nd Lt. Dylan Cate, USA; 2Lt. Robert P. Coffin, USMC; Major Anthony Colella, USAF; Major Justin M. Coons, USMC; COL Richard Creed, USA; 1st Lt. James Law, USMC; LCpl Joseph A. Patrick, USMC; Pvt. Killian Smet, ARNG; Nick Tengtio; SSG Ryan Wagner, USAF; Major Thomas J. Wisler, USMC;

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish

especially: Lourdes Batol, John Ford, Joan Janaro, Owen Keel, Karen Kelly, Andrew Pinella, James Saunders, Josephine Whibley. Please call the Rectory to submit prayer requests for the sick, and also to remove a name from the list.

Stewardship:

“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, 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, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at the

Cathedral. We invite you to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the Christmas Flowers Envelopes found at each entrance to the church. Donations may be made in memory or honor of your family members and friends. Your loved ones will be remembered in our parish bulletin the weekend of January 16. Donations must be received by December 22. You may also donate online at <https://bit.ly/3lHsWvm>



SCAN ME

Forget your checkbook? Just enrolled in Faith Direct but you'd like to make an additional gift? Visiting and would like to support the Cathedral? Scan the STM code to make your donation today. Help us do MORE for our community.

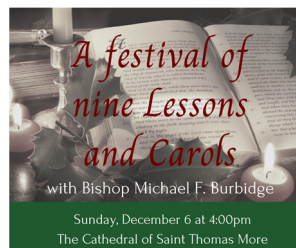
Join Partners in Prayer! Offer to pray for special intentions a few minutes daily. Right now we can all use prayers! To learn more about becoming a PIP or to request a prayer, go to: <https://bit.ly/32CPYgn>

Remember to pray for our health care workers, first responders & all essential employees who continue to keep us safe, care for us, and provide us with life's necessities.

The Knights of Columbus Christmas cards again while supplies last. Net proceeds support K of C Charitable activities at the Cathedral. Cards are sold online at <https://kofc6790.square.site> - Pickup/Delivery available. Cards will also be sold after the 5:30pm and 9:30am Masses.



Plan Ahead — Sign-up for Christmas Mass
Due to COVID-restrictions, we must limit the number of attendees at these Masses. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please contact the Rectory Office. SIGN UP here: <https://bit.ly/3n69rgi>



Join Bishop Michael Burbidge for this traditional Advent offering on December 6 at 4:00pm in the Cathedral. Hear God's words and man's songs heralding the coming of our Savior. COVID restrictions for social distancing and mask wearing are in place. Please use the following link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3f1MeZY>



Join us as we walk to the Inn during **Las Posadas**. This traditional celebration, which takes place over nine days, commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. To sign up, go to: <https://bit.ly/3f3JtHv>
Únase a mientras caminamos hacia la posada durante Las Posadas. Para registrarse, vaya a <https://bit.ly/3f3JtHv>

Catholic Charities Christ House Thrift Shop volunteers are needed for regular shifts (three hours per week) on Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers will provide support and assistance to shoppers and also monitor the maximum number of customers allowed to come into the shop at one time. Contact aniliza.juan@ccda.net for information.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Join the STM Divine Mercy Group to pray the Chaplet on weekdays 15 minutes after the conclusion of the 12:05pm Daily Mass.

STM SCHOOL "You were Designed for MORE"

Good luck to our 8th grade students taking the High School Placement Test on December 3. Most importantly, God bless our School and Religious Education students receiving Confirmation after being postponed. Remember practice is Sunday, November 29 after the 9:30am Mass.

"For me and so many others, our parish home has been a source of constancy, consolation, and hope. Like the familiar Gospel story of the pearl of great price, this is a gift that can never be repaid. But I can at least show my gratitude for it by returning to God a portion of the treasure He has entrusted to me as His steward."

Vicki Marani



Confirmation



GIVING TUESDAY
December 1, 2020

Around the Diocese



Bishop Burbidge Podcasts:

<https://bit.ly/36pVxPt>

Bishop Burbidge discusses Knights founder to be beatified, Pope Francis on "civil unions," vocations awareness, and more!



Listen to Father Kevin Dansereau on the diocese's next "Searching for More" podcast where he talks about a spirit of thanksgiving in a time of trial; how to be thankful during difficult times when we cannot be with loved ones.

Read Bishop Burbidge's statement on Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's new COVID restrictions as of November 15: <https://bit.ly/35FtCvC>

Diocesan Events

Please go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/all-events/> for the most update information.

Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CDAsignup>

Novena with Bishop Burbidge for Couples Struggling with Infertility, Miscarriage and Infant Loss

Join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriages or early infant death. The novena starts December 4, ending December 12. A concluding Mass will be offered by Father Jamie Workman, Vicar General of the Diocese at St. Luke Catholic Church at 9:00 am on December 12. For more information go to: <https://bit.ly/3f6oaFh>

Catholic Charities Program Liaison Network Meeting will be held via Zoom on December 2 from 10:00-11:30am. Resources for helping those who may be struggling emotionally, physically, or financially during the holidays will be offered and will offer ways to safely engage in charitable volunteer activities. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/38Tdetv>

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL: FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 29

After 9:30am Mass	Confirmation Practice	
12:15—12:45pm	Confesiones en Espanol	Cathedral

Monday, November 30

7:00-8:30pm	RCIA	Virtual
7:00-8:00pm	English Legion of Mary	Via Zoom

Tuesday, December 1

	Giving Tuesday—Support	
7:00pm	Bilingual Rosary	Virtual
7:00-8:30pm	Walking With Purpose	

Wednesday, December 2

7:30-9:00pm	Knights of Columbus	Burke Hall
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Thursday, December 3

	Good Luck 8th Graders with the HSPT!	
7:00pm	Confirmation	Cathedral

Friday, December 4

Saturday, December 5

4:00-5:00pm	Confessions	Cathedral
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Reservaciones para las Misas de Nochebuena y de Navidad

Gracias por su interes en asistir a las Misas de Nochebuena y de Navidad en la Catedral de Santo Tomas Moro. Debido a las restricciones por el COVID los puestos están limitados a 300 personas por Misa en la Catedral. Por favor reserve un sitio por cada miembro de su familia para que el total de los participantes a las Misas no exceda la capacidad permitida.

Por favor respete las reglas: Las mascarillas son obligatorias para todas las personas mayores de 10 años de edad para asistir a todas las Misas. También se recomienda el uso de las mascarillas para los niños entre 2 y 9 años de edad. Si usted no tiene una, hay mascarillas disponibles detrás del altar o le puede pedir una a los ujieres. Se recomienda traer un pequeño desinfectante de mano o toallitas desinfectantes. Mantenga 6 pies de distancia entre su familia y los demás cuando entre, se siente y salga de la iglesia. La entrada a la Misa será solo por la puerta principal.

Al entrar a la Catedral: Los asientos están limitados para asegurar la distancia social requerida de 6 pies en todas las direcciones. Las familias y las personas que vivan en la misma casa pueden sentarse juntas. No más de 8 personas por banco. Las hojas con la música del día estarán disponibles en la entrada. Los ujieres estarán presentes para asistirlos.

Enlace para Reservar los asientos para la Misa de Nochebuena y Navidad: <https://cathedralstm.flocknote.com/signup/25328>

Los estudiantes y sus familias están invitados a nuestro Rosario Bilingüe a las 7:00 pm con el Padre García y Maria Paniagua. Únase desde su computadora, tableta o teléfono inteligente.

Pope Francis November Prayer Intention For a Life of Prayer

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre Diciembre La inteligencia artificial

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.
Recemos para que nuestra relación personal con Jesucristo se alimente de la Palabra de Dios y de una vida de oración.

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