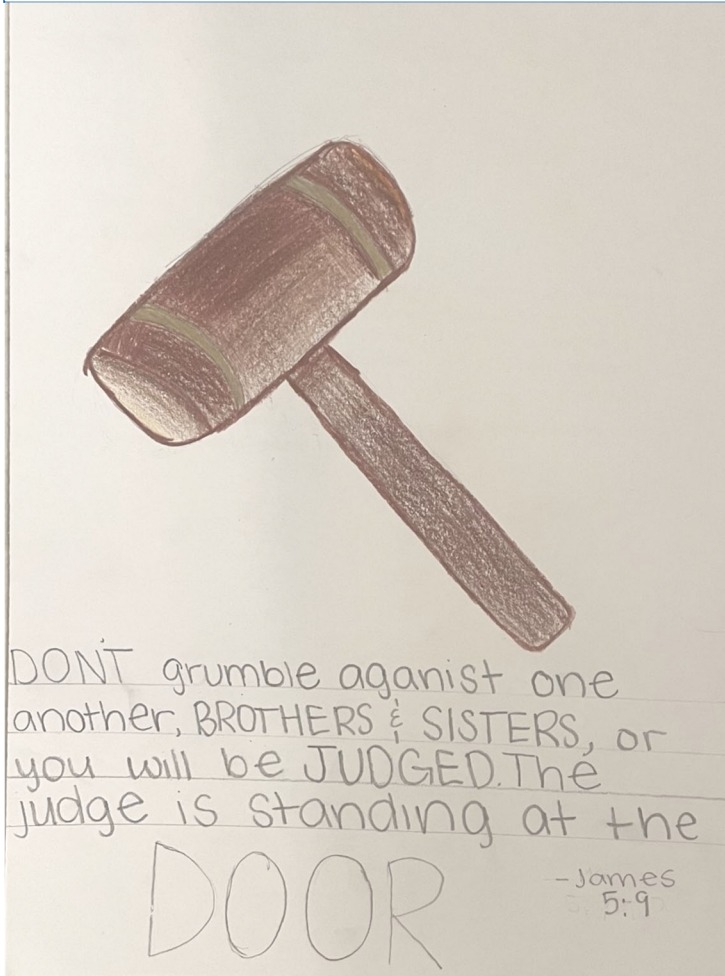




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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Sunday en Español: 12:15pm—1:00pm

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.

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 7:00am & 12:05pm*

Tuesdays: 7:00pm (en Español)

Saturdays: 9:00am*

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am*
1:00pm* (en Español) and
7:00pm

Federal Holidays: 10:00am

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Community Evening Prayer: Adoration, Benediction
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From Our Rector

"Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God ... he comes to save you." Isaiah 35: 3-4

As a priest I wear the pink of Gaudete Sunday and light the candle in joyful anticipation of the birth of our Savior. I secretly (or not so secretly) play Christmas carols during these days of Advent. Yet the readings today encourage me to patient. Wait. All good things in their time.

What struck me anew were Isaiah's words of encouragement. At my age the lines about weak knees ring truer than I would like. Both the prophet and the evangelist look towards better days when the rains come and our "ransom," our salvation, is secured.

But what if better days seem long gone or too far in the distance? In recent weeks our local community has seen the death of three young persons through accident and illness. I find myself thinking of these families especially today. While I don't want to be a "downer" on a day which is literally meant for joy, I think it's important to acknowledge that for some this is not a joyful Sunday. Perhaps they are reading this on their phone in a hospital room, or at home after an argument or a disappointment. Perhaps their bodies or minds are failing them or those of a loved one. Perhaps they are "frightened."

Dear friends, my vocation, my faith, wants you to know that it is okay to be afraid, but we must not let that fear overtake our trust in God. You may be in a desert now, but you do not have to remain. There are those who can lead you out. God is not a mirage; he exists in you and in others who can be as him to you.

While we're told to be patient for Christ's arrival, I would say no. Be impatient. Bring to others his message now. "Pray without ceasing." Be the herald that "bring[s] glad tidings" today.

You don't have to wait until December 25.

God Bless. Fr. Posey

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 [Registration - Cathedral of St. Thomas More \(cathedralstm.org\)](http://Registration-Cathedral of St. Thomas More (cathedralstm.org))



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Please send submissions to <https://bit.ly/2YDnyPH>

Today's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Responsorial:	Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Second Reading:	James 5:7-10
Gospel:	Matthew 11:2-11

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish

especially: Lourdes Batol, Maria Cassidy, Fernando Delos Reyes, Carolina Gomes, Owen Keel, Ann Kelly, Karen Kelly, Barbara Ilacqua, Walter Quinn, Adm. Dave Rogers (Ret.), James Saunders, Raymond Sy, Josephine Whibley. Please call the Rectory to submit prayer requests for the sick, or to remove a name from the list.

Please pray for those serving our country:

Major Timothy P. Blaine, USMC; LTJG. Bradley Buchter, USN; 1st Lt. Dylan Cate, USA; 1st Lt. Robert P. Coffin, USMC; Major Anthony Colella, USAF; Lt. Col. Justin M. Coons, USMC; Pvt. James Gnecco, USA; 1st Lt. James Law, USMC; ENS. Mikayla Patrick, USN; Cpl. Joseph A. Patrick, USMC; Nick Tengtio; SSg. Ryan Wagner, USAF; Lt. Col Thomas J. Wissler, USMC

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.

Daily Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 10

5:00pm

Msgr. Timothy D. Hogan

Sunday, Dec. 11

7:00am

9:00am

11:00am

1:00pm

7:00pm

Third Sunday of Advent

Tekla Salapata (D)

Emilia Palumbo (D)

William Belk (D)

Santos Roberto Castillo Rosas (D)

Parishioners

Monday, Dec. 12

7:00am

12:05pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Anna Mayewsky and Family

Alfred and Mary Nugent

Tuesday, Dec. 13

7:00am

12:05pm

St. Lucy

Anna Mayewsky's Doctors

George Waringo (D)

Wednesday, Dec. 14

7:00am

12:05pm

St. John of the Cross

Francis McInerney

Ralph Parziale (D)

Thursday, Dec. 15

7:00am

12:05pm

Genoveva Clinger (D)

Fernando Garcia, Sr. (A)

Friday, Dec. 16

7:00am

12:05pm

Las Posadas begins

Helen Alavare

PFC Conor McGinn, USA

Saturday, Dec. 17

9:00am

Mary F. Coury Adams (A)

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>

Stewardship



The Second Collection today is for Catholic Charities. The theme for this year's collection recalls the words of Our Blessed Mother: My soul rejoices in the Lord. We rejoice because of the grace God pours upon us. Out of gratitude, we respond by carrying the love of Jesus to our neighbors, especially those in most need.



We are called to serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer. You can do so with your support of today's collection. If you forgot to bring a check, you may make a gift in next week's collection

remembering to note Catholic Charities on the memo line. You may also make a gift online at ccda.net/Christmas. **Look for more information in this week's bulletin insert.** Please scan the QR code or go to www.membership.faithdirect.net/va326 Thank you for your generous support. **Next week's Second Collection will be for our Maintenance Fund.**

Our cup overflows! Our boxes to be more accurate. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we had to call Arlington County Police officers early to pick up donated presents! You will have helped to make Christmas a little brighter for underprivileged children in Arlington. We are grateful! Thank you as well to our neighbors at 200 Glebe who have also participated in this program. Diocesan staff and other tenants donated generously. Special shout out to Fusion Technologies!



As Christmas approaches, please give a "Gift for Life" for **Diocese of Arlington's Gabriel Project** to help expectant moms in need, and also for Rachel Project after-abortion care ministry. The "Gift for Life" advent tree is located in Burke Hall or donations can be made online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

Notice a change on our front cover?

STM Students will be our guest artists depicting how they interpret the Sunday Readings. This week Art Teacher Sue Walia and 4th graders Aurelia Wright, Natalee Urquijo Guerra, Gilsie Urbano, and Lucia Fernandez remind us not to be judgmental in our dealings with others.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

5:00pm Mass with Youth Choir

8:00pm En español

9:15pm Carols & Musical Prelude

10:00pm Mass During the Night

Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Celebrant & Homilist

Christmas Day

7:00am, 9:00am

11:00am Mass During the Day with Cathedral Choir;

1:00pm En español; 7:00pm

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Have a holly, jolly time at **Pancake Breakfast this Sunday**, December 11, after all morning Masses. Thank you to our Knights for bringing food and fellowship to our community.

Pray to Your Mother

Join us next Saturday, December 17, after the 9:00am Mass for the Pro Life Rosary. We also gather at 6:30pm before the 7:00pm Sunday Mass on December 18.

All are invited to join us on Saturday, December 17, for an **Advent Morning of Recollection**, reflecting on "Finding Jesus in Mary's Fiat." We will begin with mass at 9:00am and end with confessions before noon. The cost of admission is one decade of the Rosary for Bishop Burbidge and his intentions.

For more information and to register, go to: <https://bit.ly/3VWLo4Z>

Join us Thursdays at 6:30pm for **Evening Prayer, followed by Benediction and Confessions**. For more information on Vespers, go to <https://bit.ly/39qKNmS>

READY FOR ANOTHER SWING?



Registration and Sponsorship Details to Follow

SAVE THE DATE: The Third Annual Royal Open travels to Army Navy Club in Fairfax, Monday, October 30, 2023.

Make sure to mark your calendars for a day of fun, fellowship and a chance to win a car from Ted Britt Automotives!

You gotta be in it to win it. Look for sponsorship and Early Bird registration information in the New Year.

Implementation Committee Update:

We had our second meeting last week with great discussion and brain-storming. Principal Davis provided an update on the Design for Excellence reaccreditation process, which is going well. Thank you to all the faculty and staff who are working so diligently on this important effort.

Committee members expressed a desire to focus on alumni efforts, in particular creating a usable Alumni database. If you, your family member, or friend are an alumnus, please contact Christine Hughes in the Rectory to update your contact information. Spread the word as we hope to keep our family up to date with current happenings at STM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Registration for the 2022-2023 School year has closed. Contact Benjamin Paczak at BPaczak@cathedralstm.org or call 703-525-1300, ext. 26.

La inscripción para el curso escolar 2022-2023 se ha cerrado. Comuníquese con Benjamin Paczak al BPaczak@cathedralstm.org o llame al 703-525-1300, ext. 26.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



Bishop Burbidge Podcasts <http://bit.ly/3UiwUv1> Bishop discusses chairing pro-life committee, update on Life Is VERY Good, a Jubilee cookbook and More!

Begun on the weekend of November 27-28, 2021 and continuing through November 2022, parishes throughout the Diocese will hold the **Forty Hours Devotion**. The celebration is part of the Diocesan-wide preparation for the Golden Jubilee in 2024. For a listing of parish dates, go to: [40 Hours Schedule \(arlingtondiocese.org\)](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/40-hours-schedule)

Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved.

Diocesan Events

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

Bishop invites us to make a spiritual journey to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Each week of Advent, the diocese will release a video meditation, led by three diocesan priests & a religious sister, with reflection questions to aid us. The videos, each 3-5 minutes in length, will be available on the diocesan YouTube channel and shared via the email newsletter. Find the videos on [arlingtondiocese.org/preparetheway](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/preparetheway) and Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

Do you love to cook? Have a special cultural dish you love to share? The Multicultural Sub-Committee is producing a cookbook including recipes from every culture submitted by you! Recipes will be selected by a diverse panel, and then published in a keepsake cookbook in commemoration of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee. Find out more here and access the submission form: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table>.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL: *Third Sunday of Advent*

Sunday, December 11		
12:15-1:00pm	Pancake Breakfast After All Morning Masses Confesiones en Español	Cathedral
Monday, December 12		
7:00-8:00pm	English Legion of Mary	School Library
7:00-8:30pm	RCIA	Burke Hall Classroom
Tuesday, December 13		
7:00-8:30pm	Women's Council Meeting	School Library
Wednesday, December 14		
3:30-4:30pm	Youth Choir Practice	Burke Hall
6:45pm	Religious Education Classes	School
Thursday, December 15		
12:30-6:30pm	Adoration	Cathedral
6:45pm	Community Evening Prayer, Adoration & Confessions	Cathedral
7:00pm	Las Posadas	School Cafeteria
Friday, December 16		
7:00pm	Las Posadas	School Cafeteria
Saturday, December 17		
After 9:00am Mass	Advent Morning of Reflection	Burke Hall
3:30-4:30pm	Confessions	Cathedral
6:30pm	Healing Mass with Fr. Garcia	Cathedral
7:00pm	Las Posadas	School Cafeteria

RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos)

Si no ha recibido los Sacramentos de la Iniciación Cristiana que son: Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación – este programa es para usted. RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos). Las clases se iniciarán el 14 de Enero, 2023 los días Sábados de 6:30pm a 7:30pm en Burke Hall. Celebraremos los Ritos y Bendiciones del RICA el 28 de Mayo, 2023. Para registrarse o información adicional, por favor contáctarse con Patty Kain a al 703-525-1300 Ext.12.

Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros el sábado 17 de diciembre para **una mañana de Adviento de recogimiento**. Comenzaremos con misa a las 9:00 am y terminaremos con confesiones antes de las 12. El costo de la admisión es una década del Rosario para el obispo Burbidge y sus intenciones. Busque información en la Conexión y en el boletín de la esta semana. Para más información y para registrarse: <https://bit.ly/3VWLo4Z>

¿Te encanta cocinar? ¿Tiene un plato cultural especial que le encanta compartir? El Subcomité Multicultural está producir un libro de cocina que incluya recetas de cada cultura enviada por usted! Las recetas serán seleccionadas por un panel diverso y luego publicadas en un recuerdo. recetario en conmemoración del Jubileo de Oro Diocesano. Para más información: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table>.



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