The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More

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Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.
Luke 2:46

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass Schedule on Pages 4 and 6

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Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm and by appointment;
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.

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

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 and Confession Every Thursday 6:30-8:00pm

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From Our Rector

"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family." Mother Teresa

Regardless of size, families are our introduction to community. How that community interacts with one other (or doesn't) can often play out in ways great and small over generations. Even as we learn elemental things like walking and talking, we are learning about sacrifice, patience, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and unconditional love. How we experience these aspects of love (or sadly how we don't experience them) are reflected in how we relate to those around us.

I haven't been able to spend time at Christmas with my family for two years, something many of us can relate to. In remembering that Christmas, I recall my brother's love of animals.

Upon my arrival I was greeted by a large, very large, Saint Bernard. Then another dog. And another. And another. It was like Noah's Ark. Six dogs of various sizes and breeds which all wanted to say hello. My first instinct was, honestly, to run, or to all of a sudden remember I had made hotel reservations.

Of course, I stayed. Because I wanted to see my family, and that's worth a little dog hair, or, more accurately, a LOT of dog hair.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we listen as the Scripture writers encourage us to live peaceably with one another; to honor our parents; to show love and "let the peace of Christ control your hearts." That is most certainly easier said than done. We argue; we lose patience; sometimes we say or do hurtful things. We test those limits of love, and sometimes even those limits are breached. Sometimes the story of the Prodigal Son doesn't end as well in our own lives.

But I ask you, as we close out one year and prepare to start another, to seek, and to give, the mercy our Lord offers us. As imperfect as we are, God still loves us and wants only what is best for us. And if we, with all our imperfections, can still be lovable, can we not offer that chance to others who may seem (or who have seemed for years) to be unlovable? Can we try, for the umpteenth time in many cases, to mend that breach? So too, can we honor and foster those loving relationships we have so as to not take them for granted?

On behalf of my brother priests, our deacon, faculty, and staff we wish you a New Year of peace. God bless.

Today's Readings

First Reading:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Responsorial:	Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
Second Reading:	Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel:	Lk 2:41-52

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish especially: Lourdes Batol, Maria Cassidy, John Ford, Owen Keel, Karen Kelly, Barbara Ilacqua, Andrew Pinella, Walter Quian, James Saunders, Steve Schemmel, 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:
Captain Timothy P. Blaine, USMC; Louis Crishock; FSO, 2nd Lt. Dylan Cate, USA; 1st Lt. Robert P. Coffin, USMC; Major Anthony Colella, USAF; Lt. Col. Justin M. Coons, USMC; 1st Lt. James Law, USMC; ENS. Mikayla Patrick, USN; Cpl. Joseph A. Patrick, USMC; Nick Tengtio; SSg. Ryan Wagner, USAF; Major Thomas J. Wissler, USMC;

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.

Daily Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 25

Sunday, Dec. 26	**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
7:00am	Guilluame Turpin (D)
9:00am	Parishioners
11:00am	Eugene Wingert (D)
1:00pm	Julia Villa Acuna (A)
7:00pm	Jack Simonik (D)
Monday, Dec. 27	**St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**
7:00am	Ellen Mazzara (D)
12:05pm	Michael Carestio (D)
Tuesday, Dec. 28	**The Holy Innocents**
7:00am	Cathedral Parish Priests
12:05pm	Eugene Wingert (D)
Wednesday, Dec. 29	**Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket**
7:00am	Donald J. Connors (D)
12:05pm	Michael Levock, Jr. (D)
Thursday, Dec. 30	**Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**
7:00am	Heather Klein
12:05pm	Stanley Sargol (A)
Friday, Dec. 31	**Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve**
10:00am	Mary Lou Kurman (D)
6:00pm	Catherine and Joseph Pooler
8:00pm	Santos Roberto Castillo (D)
Saturday, Jan. 1	**The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year's Day; First Saturday**
9:00am	Sr. Marie Virginia Walters, OP (D)
11:00am	Joseph Krauth (D)
1:00pm	Parishioners
5:00pm	Thomas Schnoring (D)

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.

Around the Cathedral

Stewardship

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Year-End Giving Opportunities Tax Savings
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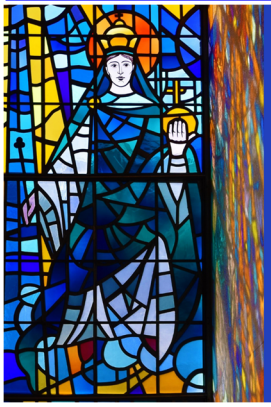
Proceeds from our Poor Box collection this month will go to Christ House. For more information on their programs and to volunteer, go to: **https://bit.ly/3tZpNet**

Please note that the Rectory Office will be closed Monday, December 27 and Friday, December 31
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE PRIESTS, DEACON, FACULTY AND STAFF



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Mass Schedule

December 31 Vigil
6:00pm, 8:00pm en Español

January 1
9:00am, 11:00am,
1:00pm en Español

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**

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**

Bishop Burbidge Podcasts: **https://bit.ly/3ES0vEp** Bishop Burbidge discusses recent abortion case, the Cathedral building anniversary, Rome visit 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)**

Diocesan Events
Please go to **https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/all-events/** for the most update information.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible: especially our volunteers, the PTO, Murphy's, The Knights of Columbus and Women's Council, DJO Jazz Band, STM Youth & Adult Choirs, Girl Scouts, Boy & Cub Scouts, Zoo-to-You, Harmon Carriage Rides, Tara Quaadman, Maria Paniagua, Maria Stillone, Chris Hughes, Beth Blaine, Dan Connole and Paul Duquette (our master sleigh builders), Sarah Harrington, Julianne Sobral, Chris Cross Photography, John Brown, Frank Savich, and of course, SANTA!

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL : The Octave of Christmas

Sunday, December 26	**Feast of the Holy Family**	
12:15-1:00pm	Confesiones en Español	Cathedral
After 1:00pm Mass	Spanish RCIA	School Library
Monday, December 27	**RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED**	
7:00-8:00	English Legion of Mary	School Library
Tuesday, December 28		
6:45pm	Spanish Rosary, Mass & Bible Study	Cathedral
Wednesday, December 29		
7:00pm	Emaus Mass with Fr. Garcia	Cathedral
Thursday, December 30		
11:00am-3:00pm	Christ House Meal Prep	Burke Hall
12:30-6:30pm	Adoration	Cathedral
6:30-8:00pm	Community Evening Prayer & Confessions	Cathedral
7:30-9:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Burke Hall
Friday, December 31	**RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED** **Vigil Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**	
10:00am	Daily Mass	Cathedral
6:00pm	New Year's Eve Mass	Cathedral
8:00pm	New Year's Eve Mass en Español	Cathedral
Saturday, January 1	**HAPPY NEW YEAR! FELIZ AÑO NUEVO!** **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**	
9:00am	New Year's Day Mass	Cathedral
11:00am	New Year's Day Mass	Cathedral
1:00pm	Misa en Español	Cathedral

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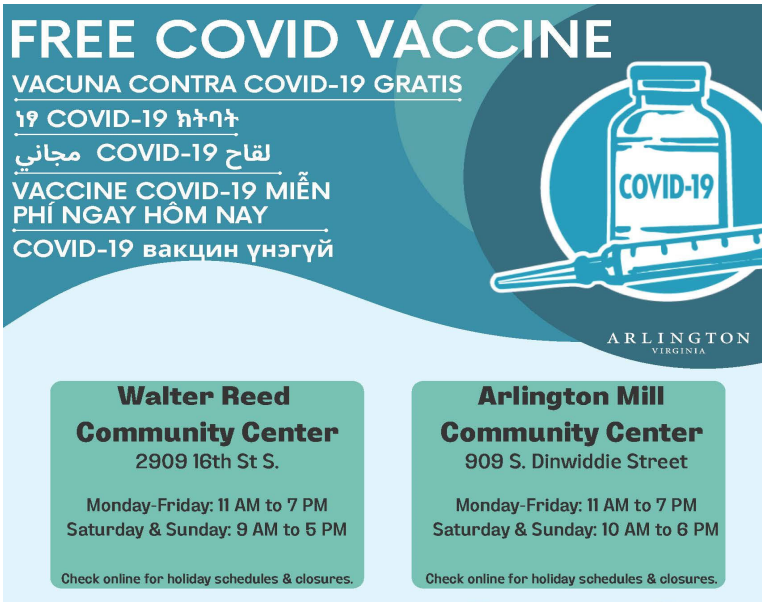

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Acompáñenos los jueves a las 6:30pm para **la oración vespertina, seguido de Bendición y Confesiones**. Para más información sobre las Vísperas, vaya a **https://bit.ly/39qKNmS**

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