



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



November 27, 2022

**FIRST SUNDAY**  
 of  
*Advent*



You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
 the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE  
 SUFFERING IN UKRAINE**

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**Sacramental Information**

**PENANCE:**

Thursday 7:00pm to 8:00pm  
 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

**\*LIVE-STREAMED**

Community Evening Prayer: Adoration, Benediction and Confession Every Thursday 6:30-8:00pm

Community Rosary 11:40am before Daily Mass

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



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**Bulletin deadline is two weeks prior to publication date.**  
Please send submissions to <https://bit.ly/2YDnyPH>

## From Our Rector

***“Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand.” Romans 13:11 -12***

Recently, I was speaking with some high school students about sin, when one of them asked me, “How late can we be and still have Mass count for our Sunday obligation?”, or “How early after Communion is too early to leave?” It is so easy, especially in today’s hectic society, to just get by, to do the bare minimum.

Yet can you imagine if we really lived our entire lives like this? What if, God forbid you have cancer, would you see a doctor who admitted to doing just the bare minimum to maintain their license? Would you invest with a financial manager who did the same? Would you want to be in any kind of relationship with someone who only did what was convenient? So why, would we do this with God, who is committed to us absolutely and unreservedly? Why would we not be all-in with matters of faith?

It is not easy to be fully committed; it requires effort and care. C.K. Chesterton once said, “The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.” As with every relationship if it is not nurtured it becomes stale, rote and sometimes empty. But when we give ourselves completely, we are enriched. The same is true with our faith. It is easy to put the car on auto-pilot and slide into a pew and tick that item off your to-do list. Do you get anything out of the Mass by doing this? Is your heart open to Scripture and the lessons they share? Do you allow the grace of the Sacraments into your lives?

Advent is a time when we recommit ourselves to being all-in. Try beginning your day with a short prayer or reading the Gospel; this is also a great way to end your day! Attend our Morning of Reflection on December 17. Instead of candy Advent calendar; what about a kindness calendar? Each day do one act for someone else, revealing Christ in your life. Whatever you choose, make this season where the gift of grace is always on the “must have” list.

God Bless. Fr. Posey

## Today's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5
Responsorial:	Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Second Reading:	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel:	Matthew 24:37-44

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
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 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

### **Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish**

**especially:** Lourdes Batol, Maria Cassidy, Lucy Chatelain, Fernando Delos Reyes, Edna Eagle, Carolina Gomes, Owen Keel, Ann Kelly, Karen Kelly, Barbara Ilacqua, Walter Quinn, Adm. Dave Rogers (Ret.), James Saunders, 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

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

## Daily Mass Intentions

### Saturday, Nov. 26

5:00pm Parishioners

### Sunday, Nov. 27

7:00am  
9:00am  
11:00am  
1:00pm  
7:00pm

**First Sunday of Advent**  
Kazimierz Kardash (D)  
Anna Tretter (D)  
Robert Marani (D)  
Bea Codinera  
Kimberly Meredith

### Monday, Nov. 28

7:00am Barb Mooney  
12:05pm Josephine Lynch (D)

### Tuesday, Nov. 29

7:00am Betty Colegrove  
12:05pm Deborah Snedeker (D)

### Wednesday, Nov. 30

7:00am **St. Andrew**  
Jenny Hunter  
12:05pm Aracelly & Carlos Pachon (D)

### Thursday, Dec. 1

7:00am **World AIDS Awareness Day**  
Clare Frasca  
12:05pm Barbara Paquette (D)

### Friday, Dec. 2

7:00am **First Friday**  
Fr. Tom Ferguson  
12:05pm Paul Guite

### Saturday, Dec. 3

9:00am **St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday**  
Marilou Cajulis (D)

### 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>



**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.

Stewardship



The Second Collections today are for the our Parish Charities and Christmas flowers. Thank you for helping us support those in need and for beautifying our Cathedral for the holidays.

Please scan the QR code or go to [www.membership.faithdirect.net/va326](http://www.membership.faithdirect.net/va326) Thank you for your generous support. **Next week's Second Collection will be for our award winning School.**

**Christmas Box Dinner Returns!** Return your filled boxes THIS WEEKEND at the November 26/27 Masses. Thank you for living the Beatitudes to feed the hungry.

**Operation Stocking Stuffer Comes to the Cathedral In November!** Join us as we partner with the Arlington County Police Department to bring Christmas cheer to underprivileged children in our community. Please donate a new unwrapped present for newborns to age 17 in the boxes located inside the Cathedral entrances. We are also collecting toys during Country Christmas on December 10th. Thank you for being one of Santa's best helpers.

We know you love STM but sometimes you can't be here in person. Share your love and commitment by ensuring your partnership continues. Faith Direct is Safe, Secure & Simple. Go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/va326>

Proceeds from our Poor Box collection this month will go to St. Lucy Food Project. Thank you for your kindness.



**Cathedral Concert: Sunday, December 4 at 4:00pm**  
Join us for this free concert to prepare for the coming of our Lord. Our Cathedral and Youth choirs will offer Advent and Christmas pieces from the Middle Ages to present day. Practice your chords because there will be opportunities for audience sing-a-long! Stay afterwards for a festive reception in Burke Hall. For more information, go to: <https://www.cathedralstm.org/music-ministries/cathedral-concerts/>



**It's Time to Celebrate! Country Christmas returns** in just a few weeks. Join us and celebrate the Christmas season with family and friends during an evening of holiday fun! Enjoy horse drawn carriage

rides, petting zoo, carolers, hot dogs, hot cocoa and cookies, pictures with Santa, Christmas music, 50/50 Raffle and much more!

To join us there is a suggested donation of \$10 per family, you can give more or less – our goal is to ensure the event is accessible to the whole community and is subsidized by the PTO and Parish.

**Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will go to benefit Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, Jerusalem. Help save a child's life as we prepare to welcome the Prince of Peace. Information and Registration: <https://www.cathedralstm.org/2022/10/country-christmas-2022/>**

**Special Religious Development (SPRED)** is a program designed to support and serve children with developmental disabilities, such as Down syndrome, Autism, and Learning Disabilities. The SPRED program invites those with disabilities to come together in a small faith community to discover God's presence in their lives and to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, based on individual levels of readiness. St Thomas More is seeking to bring SPRED to the Cathedral community in early 2023, but adult volunteers are needed. SPRED pairs up an adult friend with a student for a one-to-one ratio in the classroom. These adult catechists are given all the materials they need for every lesson plan, and as a group prepare for each session which includes crafts, music, snacks, and a spiritual lesson connected to Mass, scripture, and daily life. If you are over 18 years of age and interested in working with people with disabilities, please consider volunteering with the SPRED Program. You will receive far more than you can ever give! Questions about volunteering or seeking to enroll your child can be sent to the Director of Faith Formation, Benjamin Paczak, at [BPaczak@cathedralstm.org](mailto:BPaczak@cathedralstm.org).

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>



Not only did we collect lots of Halloween candy to send to 300 troops stationed overseas but we also sent handwritten notes of appreciation from our little corner of the world. Hoping this small act of kindness brightens the day of our brave men and women in uniform.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

**Registration for the 2022-2023 School year has closed.** Contact Benjamin Paczak at [BPaczak@cathedralstm.org](mailto: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](mailto:BPaczak@cathedralstm.org) o llame al 703-525-1300, ext. 26.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE



**Bishop Burbidge Podcasts:** <https://bit.ly/3DHO8eY> Bishop discusses Election Day, National Vocation Awareness Week, Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory 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.

**Called and Gifted Workshop: Saturday, December 3**  
9:00am-3:30pm St. Agnes Church. This seminar is designed to help you discern your Charisms, or spiritual gifts. These are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness. Registration information at: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/called---gifted-workshop/>

**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: First Sunday of Advent**

<b>Sunday, November 27</b>		
12:15-1:00pm	Confesiones en Español	Cathedral
<b>Monday, November 28</b>		
7:00-8:00pm	English Legion of Mary	School Library
7:00-8:30pm	RCIA	Burke Hall Classroom
<b>Tuesday, November 29</b>		
6:30-8:30pm	Walking With Purpose	Burke Hall
<b>Wednesday, November 30</b>		
3:30-4:30pm	Youth Choir Practice	Burke Hall
6:45pm	Religious Education Classes	School
<b>Thursday, December 1</b>		
12:30-6:30pm	Adoration	Cathedral
6:45-8:00pm	Community Evening Prayer, Adoration & Confessions	Cathedral
7:30-9:30pm	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	Burke Hall
<b>Friday, December 2</b>		
<b>Saturday, December 3</b>		
12:00-3:00pm	Women's Council Crafting	Cathedral
3:30-4:30pm	Confessions	Cathedral

**Necesitamos catequistas para el programa de Educación Religiosa** para los Miércoles de 6:30pm-8:30pm (Setiembre-Mayo). Sea parte de inculcar la fe en los jóvenes a medida que crecen en la Iglesia. Se proporcionan esquemas de lecciones y libros de trabajo, lo que facilita la preparación de la clase. ¿Enseñar suena difícil? Los catequistas tienen asistentes, recursos y el Director de Formación en la Fe les brinda apoyo y los guía en el camino de ser un catequista. Comuníquese con el Director de Formación de Fe para obtener más información sobre esta gratificante oportunidad en la Iglesia: [bpaczak@cathedralstm.org](mailto:bpaczak@cathedralstm.org)

**¡Vuelve la cena de caja navideña!** Las cajas vacías se distribuirán los próximos dos fines de semana. Devuelva sus cajas llenas a la Rectoría entre el 14 y el 22 de Noviembre.

**Reserve la fecha: el panqueque de Caballeros de Colón**  
El desayuno es el próximo domingo 20 de noviembre. No hay calorías en ninguna comida de la semana de Acción de Gracias, ¡así que DISFRUTA!

Únase a nosotros para el Rosario, la Misa y los Martes de Estudio Bíblico a partir de las 6:45 p.m.

**¡La Operación Stocking Stuffer llega a la Catedral en Noviembre!** Únase a nosotros para colaborar con el Departamento de Policía del Condado de Arlington y llevar alegría navideña a los niños desfavorecidos de nuestra comunidad. Done un regalo nuevo sin envolver para recién nacido hasta los 17 años, las cajas estarán ubicadas dentro de las entradas de la Catedral. También estaremos recolectando juguetes durante Country Christmas, el 10 de Diciembre. Gracias por ser uno de los mejores ayudantes de Santa.



**APOYE A NUESTRA CATEDRAL CON FAITH DIRECT** Inscríbese una vez para recibir apoyo continuo o haga una donación única: <https://bit.ly/2X15PBv> Text-o-para dar: 703-382-5722 o escanee el código QR

¿Te encanta cocinar? ¿Tiene un plato cultural especial que le encanta compartir? El Subcomité Multicultural está produciendo 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>.

# December 2022

*“Prepare ye the way of the Lord...” Isaiah 40:3*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p><i>Spanish Confessions 12:15-12:45pm</i></p>	28	29	30	<p>1 <i>Adoration 12:30-6:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Community Evening Prayer &amp; Confessions 6:30-8:00pm</i></p>	2	<p>3</p> <p><i>Confessions 3:30pm</i></p>
<p>4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p><i>Spanish Confessions 12:15-12:45pm</i> <i>Cathedral Concert: 4:00pm</i></p>	5	<p>6 <i>Support our Cathedral:</i> <i>Giving More Tuesday</i></p>	<p>7 <i>Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception 7:00pm Bilingual</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Adoration 12:30-6:30</i> <b><i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i></b> <i>Masses: 7:00am, 12:05pm, 7:00pm Bilingual</i></p>	9	<p>10</p> <p><i>Confessions 3:30pm</i> <i>Country Christmas 6:00-9:00pm</i></p>
<p>11 <i>Gaudete Sunday</i></p> <p><i>KOC Pancake Breakfast after Morning Masses</i> <i>Spanish Confessions 12:15-12:45pm</i></p>	12	<p>13</p> <p><i>Spanish Rosary, Mass &amp; Bible Study 6:45pm</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Las Posadas: 7:00pm *All in School</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Adoration 12:30-6:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Community Evening Prayer &amp; Confessions 6:30-8:00pm</i> <i>Las Posadas 7:00pm</i></p>	16	<p>17 <i>Parish Advent Morning of Reflection 9:00am-12:00pm</i> <i>Confessions 3:30pm</i> <i>Healing Mass: 6:30pm</i> <i>Las Posadas: 7:00pm</i></p>
<p>18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p><i>Spanish Confessions 12:15-12:45pm</i></p> <p><i>Las Posadas 7:00pm</i></p>	<p>19 <i>STM School Break Begins</i></p> <p><i>Confessions 7:00-8:00pm</i> <i>Las Posadas: 7:00pm</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Las Posadas 7:00pm</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Las Posadas 7:00pm</i></p>	<p>22 <i>Adoration 12:30-6:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Evening Prayer &amp; Confessions 6:30-8pm</i> <i>Las Posadas 7:00pm</i></p>	23	<p>24 <b><i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i></b> <i>Confessions: 3:30pm</i> <i>Masses: 5:00pm (Children's) 8:00pm (Spanish), 10:00pm Bishop Burbidge</i></p>
<p>25 <b><i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i></b> <i>Masses at: 7:00, 9:00am 11:00am; 1:00pm Spanish; 7:00pm</i> <b><i>JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS</i></b> <i>Masses: 7, 9 &amp; 11am, 1pm Spanish &amp; 7pm</i></p>	<p>26 <i>Rectory Office Closed through January 2</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	30	<p>31 <b><i>NEW YEAR'S EVE</i></b> <i>Confessions: 3:30pm</i> <i>Vigil for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass: 5:00pm</i></p>

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