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NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

*Be vigilant
at all times*

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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From Our Rector

"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah." Jeremiah 33:14

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to a people in turmoil. Enemies surrounded Israel, a nation which once again had turned to idolatry. Eventually, Jerusalem was destroyed leaving a people adrift; they needed a leader. The Gospel writer Luke takes up this theme in the verses before today's reading when he describes the "end of days." Natural disasters and man-made wars would herald the coming of the Messiah. The time was ripe for a savior; someone to deliver them from all that kept them from God and from peace.

Sound familiar? Today it may seem difficult to prepare for Christmas with a world in such a state of disunity and beset by natural calamities. Even within our own homes, it may not be a time of holly and ivy. But Jeremiah and Luke ask us to pay attention and to prepare. The first candle of Advent symbolizes hope, and it is right that we should look to examples of goodness in our world: to friends supporting one another, strangers coming together to advocate for the poor or marginalized; communities striving to welcome the stranger and combat bigotry. Hope is here at the Cathedral as well – in all the works of mercy, compassion, and simple fellowship you offer.

So let us set up our nativity scenes. Place the figurines in positions of anticipation, for the coming of our Savior is near. Prepare your homes and open your hearts.

This Advent at the Cathedral, we have many opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship. What better way to begin this wonderful season than by listening to the word of God and praising Him with song at Lessons and Carols?

Join Bishops Burbidge and Loverde Sunday, December 5 at 4:00pm in the Cathedral. I hope you can attend this magical event. More information on upcoming events can be found on our website, mailings to your home, here, and on social media. Come O Emanuel!

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://cathedralstm.org)



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Bulletin deadline is two weeks prior to publication date.

**Please go to <https://bit.ly/2YDnyPH>
for bulletin, lector and Cathedral Connection
submissions.**

Today's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Responsorial: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 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: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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>

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 Quinn, 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.

Daily Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 27

5:00pm Declan Lukehart

Sunday, Nov. 28

First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins

7:00am Eugene Wingert (D)
 9:00am Stanley Sargol, Sr. (D)
 11:00am Alberto Giraldo (D)
 1:00pm Parishioners
 7:00pm Nicholas M. Vukasin (D)

Monday, Nov. 29

7:00am Francisco Sainz (A)
 12:05pm Maria Bui Thi Huong (D)

Tuesday, Nov. 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

7:00am Quentin Marcial Garcia (D)
 12:05pm Theresa Sulkowski

Wednesday, Dec. 1

World AIDS Awareness Day

7:00am Alfred Pizzaro, Jr.
 12:05pm Sally Yovish (A)

Thursday, Dec. 2

7:00am Eugene Wingert (D)
 12:05pm Agnes Bui Thi Nhung (D)

Friday, Dec. 3

St. Francis Xavier; St. John Damascene; First Friday

7:00am Marilou Cajulis (A)
 12:05pm Victor and Kathleen Mortenson (D)

Saturday, Dec. 4

First Saturday

9:00am Gertrude Creed

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;



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



Now more than ever we are called to
make a difference.

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Consider a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or school. You can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains on stock appreciation. For more information, please call (703) 841- 3896 or visit:

www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.aspx

Those 70½ Years Old and Older

You can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$100,000) per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as STM without having to pay income taxes on the money. This gift option is commonly called the **IRA charitable rollover**, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or **QCD** for short.

This gift can also **reduce your annual income level**. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

Help those less fortunate in our community by filling a

Christmas Dinner Box. We're accepting filled boxes this weekend. Our goal is 200 boxes this year. Christ House hopes to add a Ham, Chicken, or Turkey to the boxes. We are also collecting Presents for Christ House Residents and Homeless.

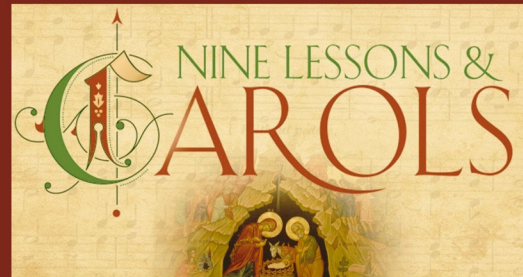
The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Cards after the Vigil, & Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am and 1pm Masses until December 19. You can also purchase online at <https://kofc6790.square.site>. Spanish language cards are also available.

Advent Begins This Next Week! We have a host of activities to make your time of preparation joyful, spiritual, and fulfilling! Look for more information in your mail, on our website and social media.

Save the date for an Advent Morning of Reflection on December 18 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Take time for yourself to refresh and renew.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3noIEyl>

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF SAINT THOMAS MORE
PRESENTS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 4:00PM

Join Bishops Burbidge and Loverde as the Cathedral Choir once again provides us with a wonderful start to our Advent season. Sunday, December 5 at 4:00pm

Cathedral of St. Thomas More Parish and School

**2ND ANNUAL
COUNTRY CHRISTMAS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021, 6PM - 8PM



Join us on December 11 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Celebrate the season with horse drawn carriage rides, pony rides, petting zoo, carolers, hot dogs, hot coco and cookies, pictures with Santa, Christmas music and much more!

Sign up here:

<https://www.cathedralstm.org/2021/11/country-christmas/>

Our **"Bible in a Year" Study Group** next meeting is **Saturday, December 11 at 10:00am.** To sign up go to: <http://bit.ly/39vW1oS> You will receive the link to join the group. Watch The Bible here: <https://bit.ly/2Mld4fz>

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>



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Kelly Polsinelli, First Grade Teacher

I am a wife, mother of two STM children and an educator entering my 13th year. Previously, I have worked as a Kindergarten teacher, Pre-K teacher, Program Manager, Reading Specialist and Preschool Director. I have a background in Elementary Education and a Masters Degree in School Counseling. This is my second year at STM teaching First Grade.

Both my children attend STM. They are in 2nd and 4th grade this year. I live in Arlington with my husband and two children. I enjoy being active in my children's activities/sports, school events and church. My favorite things to do is spend time with friends, our dog "KC," and family. I love to workout, swim, travel, read children's books, and (when no one is looking) snack on chocolate, ice cream and Sour Patch kids.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education is looking for aides & substitutes for all grades. We also need hall monitors. You will receive training & support. Go to our website or <https://bit.ly/3AscQgb> for more information. Contact Maria Paniagua at mpaniagua@cathedralstm.org

Around the Diocese



Bishop Burbidge Podcasts:
<https://bit.ly/3nHboS8> Bishop Burbidge discusses 50th Anniversary, speaking with high schoolers, upcoming events and more!

Join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant death. The novena begins on Saturday, December 4 and concludes on Sunday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bishop Burbidge will also be offering a Mass for this intention in his private chapel. To submit your intentions and to find the novena prayers, visit OurFruitfulLove.com

Exalt: An Evening of Worship Thursday, December 16
Each month, Exalt will travel throughout the regions of the Diocese to gather young adults for a night of inspiring witness and worship. Come and spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration accompanied by music and periods of silent meditation.



Celebrating 50 Years: Remember. Rejoice. Renew.

As we prepare to mark our first half-century since we were established, the Catholic Diocese of Arlington is embarking on a spiritual and intellectual renewal in the foundational truths of the

Catholic Faith. Our anniversary commemoration will begin with two preparatory years, crowned by the celebratory golden jubilee year. The celebration, REMEMBER, begins on the Feast of Christ the King, November 21.

For more information on upcoming events, go to: jubilee.arlingtondiocese.org

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.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL : FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 28

12:15-1:00pm	Confesiones en Español	Cathedral
After 1:00pm Mass	Spanish RCIA	School Library
4:30-5:30pm	Emmaus Closing Mass (Women)	Cathedral

Monday, November 29 Rectory Office Closed

7:00-8:00	English Legion of Mary	School Library
7:00-8:30pm	RCIA	Burke Hall Classroom

Tuesday, November 30

6:30-8:30	Walking With Purpose	Burke Hall
6:45pm	Spanish Rosary, Mass & Bible Study	Cathedral

Wednesday, December 1

6:45-8:00pm	Religious Education Classes	School
7:30-9:30pm	Knights of Columbus Membership Meeting	Burke Hall

Thursday, December 2

12:30-6:30pm	Adoration	Cathedral
6:30-8:00pm	Community Evening Prayer & Confessions	Cathedral
7:00-8:00pm	First Communion Parent Meeting	School Cafeteria
7:30-9:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Burke Hall

Friday, December 3

Saturday, December 4

10:00am-11:00am	Baptism Class	Burke Hall
11:00am-1:00pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Burke Hall
1:00-3:00pm	Lessons & Carols Rehearsal	Cathedral
3:30-4:30pm	Confessions	Cathedral

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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Reserve la fecha para una Mañana de Reflexión de Adviento el 18 de diciembre de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. Tómese el tiempo para refrescarse y renovarse. Regístrate aquí: <https://bit.ly/3noIEyl>

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