St. Louis Catholic Church

SaintLouisParish.org

December 11, 2022 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Office
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Office Hours: Mon - Fri
9:30am - 1:00pm
1:30pm - 5:30pm

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St. Vincent De Paul Helpline
703-765-0050

Pastor: Rev. Keith O'Hare
Parochial Vicars:
Rev. Mark Mullaney
Rev. Gregory Thompson

Sunday Mass
7:30am 8:45am
10:30am *Traditional Ad Orientem*
12:30pm *Traditional Ad Orientem*

Saturday Mass
8:45am
5:30pm Vigil Mass

Monday-Friday Mass
7:00am 8:45am
Novus Ordo Latin Mass ~ Tues. 7am

Confessions
Mon-Sat: 7:45am-8:15am
Wednesday: 6:00pm
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am-9:15am

Misa en Español
Domingo 3:00pm
Confesiones: Dom. 2:15pm-3:00pm
Grupo de Oración
Sábado 6:30pm

Poor Clare Monastery
703-768-4918
2505 Stone Hedge Drive
Mass Every Day
7:00am (Gregorian chant)
Sunday Devotions
Eucharistic Exposition
8:00am - 4:00pm
Rosary 4:00pm
Benediction 4:30pm

Pro Deo et Pro Patria

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM (Children's Mass; flute/trumpet) Fr. O'Hare

6:00 PM (Children's Mass; flute/trumpet) Fr. O'Hare

8:00 PM (Trumpet and Strings) Fr. Thompson

10:00 PM (Trumpet and Strings) Fr. Mullaney

Sunday, December 25

7:30 AM (Classical Guitar) Fr. Thompson

8:30am Mass at the Poor Clares Monastery ~ Fr. Mullaney

8:45 AM (Trumpet and Strings) Fr. Thompson

10:30am (Trumpet & Strings) Fr. Mullaney

12:30pm (Trumpet and Strings) Fr. O'Hare

3:00pm (Spanish) Fr. O'Hare

Don't be shy! Invite a friend or neighbor to join you for Mass!
All are invited - Catholics AND non-Catholics, too!

HIGH SCHOOL HANG OUT

WHERE
McClunn Hall
after 10:30 Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 11
Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

HOLIDAY BREAK
December 18th—January 1st
Returns January 8th

WorkCamp '23

Saturday June 17th to Friday June 23rd 2023

REGISTER NOW!

What is WorkCamp?

1. a week-long experience for 800 high schoolers organized by the Diocese of Arlington - focused on direct service, fellowship & faith.
2. an intentional community, living our Catholic faith, impacting the lives of others within our Diocese.

Who goes to WorkCamp?

1. any high school student, with a desire to get their hands dirty, know Jesus better, and be part of something bigger than themselves in a very real way.
2. any adult with a desire to serve the young people- there are many ways for everyone to help support the mission

Interest Meetings

December 14th 7pm
School Library
December 17th 4:30pm
Walsh Hall
January 4th 6pm
Walsh Hall

Team formation in progress.

Questions or Registration:
Tom Canning
thomas.seth@me.com or 571-722-6050

FELLOWSHIP

Mothers' Group

- The St. Louis Mothers' Group meets every Wednesday from 10:15am to noon - feel free to drop-in for any length of time. All mothers are invited and all children are welcome!
- We meet in the Youth Activities Room (YAR) at the back of the Church - there is parking in the back, please follow the steps down to the back entrance. We also have field trips and park days.

THIS WEEK - This Wednesday, December 14th, we will have our annual Christmas Cookie Exchange! If you'd like to participate, bring 4 dozen cookies, along with the recipe, to share with our moms. Also, remember to bring an empty tin to fill with cookies to take home! (Meet in YAR)
CONTACT: For more information or to join our email list or Facebook page, please contact Theresa Talavera at (571)331-8441 or tatalavera@yahoo.com

Are You Grieving?

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? You may have lost him/her recently or years ago…. Come to a monthly opportunity for prayer and conversation. "Grief and Grace" begins with a holy half-hour in the church followed by informal conversation led by one of our priests. The next session will be Wednesday, December 21, from 12:30pm-1:30pm.

St. Lucy's Guild - All are Invited!

St. Lucy's Guild will be attending 8:45 a.m. on Dec. 13, 2022 which is St. Lucy's Day -- patron saint for eye problems. After Mass, we will enjoy fellowship at the Little Way Cafe. Come and join us and learn about our Guild which was established in 1968. Contact Andrea Corsillo 703-960-4973.

R³

R³ for Women ~ Second Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 12/12

R³ for Men ~ Fourth Monday of the Month 7pm ~ Cancelled

R³

SERVICE

Prayer for the Homebound

Lord, you have a special love for those who are weak, infirm, and dependent. Bless the homebound parishioners of our parish as they carry their daily crosses. May our prayers bring them strength and consolation, and the Sacraments sanctify and inspire them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. This week we pray especially for following homebound parishioners: Joseph Zable, Mary Blanes, Andrew Corrigan, Elaine Davidson, John "Jack" Davis, and Imelda Druke.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

Parish Christmas Collection
December 10-11, 2022

My Soul *Rejoices* in the Lord

Photos top to bottom: Mother and child at St. Margaret of Cortona transitional housing; patients at Mother of Mercy clinic receive free care; new arrivals tripled this year due to the emergency evacuation efforts in Afghanistan.

We recall the words of Our Blessed Mother: My Soul Rejoices in the Lord. We Rejoice because the of the graces God pours upon us. Out of gratitude, we respond by carrying the love of Jesus to our neighbors, especially those most in need.

Catholic Charities serves all those in need regardless of their faith.

To make your gift today, scan the QR code or give online at **ccda.net/Christmas**

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Impact of 2021 gifts

Provided free health care to **1,229** who are uninsured or under-insured.

Resettled **1,244** men, women and children and assisted an additional 2,000 migrants and refugees.

WELCOME HOME

Enabled **2,121** neighbors to avoid eviction or utility cutoffs or helped with critical car repairs.

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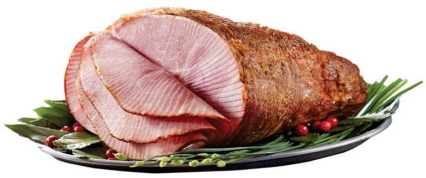
11 lb (Serves 18-20)	$ N/A



For a full menu check your FlockNote email

SLICES

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Bone-In Ham	$15.99
Roasted or Smoked Turkey Breast	$16.99

Order by Tuesday, Dec. 20, 8 pm, at www.kofc5998.org.
Pick up Friday, Dec. 23, 9-11 am, 8592 Richmond Hwy, in rear, small awning.

The Truth About Islam

Fr. Mullaney will present his class on Islam on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. He has taught this several times at previous parishes; updating the course over the years with current events and information. This serious topic will be viewed from several angles, including Mohammed's life, Islam's historical timeline, religious beliefs, and social structure. Both Western and Muslim sources will be used in order to gain a full understanding. To participate in this class, each attendee is required to see and then sign an Agreement of Understanding before class begins. This is to safeguard the distribution of information, Father, and the Parish. Please see Fr. Mullaney for more information and the necessary form.

Your Journey Into the Catholic Church Begins Here

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Open Wide the Doors to Christ!

All those adults interested in becoming Catholic or those who need one or more sacraments are invited to join us for RCIA classes. Please contact the parish office at 703-765-4421

What is the origin of the word "Christmas"?

The word "Christmas" comes from the Old English phrase *Christes maesse* ("Christ's Mass")—that is the Mass celebrated in honor of Christ's birth. From this original reference to a particular Mass celebrated in the Church's liturgical year, the term came to apply both to the day on which the Mass was celebrated and to the liturgical season associated with it (i.e., the Christmas season, aka *Christmastide*). The term *Christes maesse* began to be written in English as one word in the mid-1300s.

Note that this *only* applies to English and languages that English has influenced. Other terms are used for this day (and season) in other languages. For example, in Spanish, "Christmas" is *Navidad*, in Italian it is *Natale*, and in French it is *Noël*. These terms are derived from the Latin root *nativitas*, from which we also get the word "Nativity" (i.e., birth).

Saint of the Week

St. John of the Cross ~ Dec 14

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met St. Teresa of Avila and vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. While imprisoned he composed the famous poem "*Spiritual Canticle*." He died on December 14, 1591, at the age of 49.

"Prayer makes us anticipate heaven; it lets us glimpse and savor a happiness that isn't of this world..."

~ Fr. Jacques Phillpe

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let every hawk

PREPARE HIM ROOM

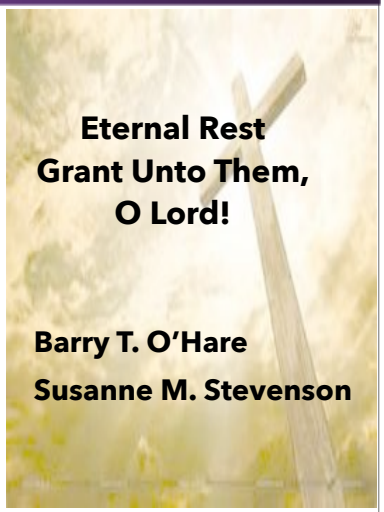
St. Louis students, staff and families are sharing how they are preparing for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Principal Anne Dyke ~ www.stlouisschool.org ~ 703-768-7732

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, December 12
7:00am, +Thomas Rieder
7:00am Poor Clares, Intentions of Urduja Braganza
8:45am, Intentions of JoAnn Cambell
Tuesday, December 13
7:00am, Intentions of Fernando Cruz
7:00am Poor Clares, +James Webb
8:45am, Intentions of St. Lucy Guild
Wednesday, December 14
7:00am, +James Webb
7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions Fernando Cruz
8:45am, Intentions of Marcia Sue Winkler
Thursday, December 15
7:00am, Intentions of Aidan Gingras
7:00am Poor Clares, Intentions of Elaine Davidson
8:45am, Intentions of Fernando Cruz

Friday, December 16
7:00am, Intentions of Fernando Cruz
7:00am Poor Clares, +Ivan Brewer
8:45am, Intentions of Cristina Haggard
Saturday, December 17
7:00am,Poor Clares, Intentions of Brady Bailey
8:45am, Intentions of Fernando Cruz
5:30pm, +Fernando Leon
Sunday, December 18
7:00am Poor Clares,
7:30am, +Douglas McCollum
8:45am, +Jack, Bea & Liz Craig
10:30am, Intentions of People of St. Louis
12:30pm, +Joseph Hribar Jr.
3:00pm, Intentions of Fernando Cruz



Monday **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday **Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**
Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday **Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 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 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Traditional Hawaiian Dance

Melissa Mokihana Scalph
Parishioner
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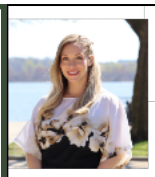

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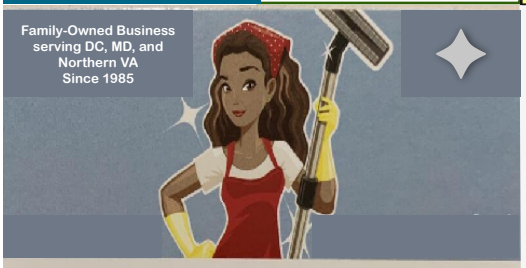

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