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*for the kingdom
of Heaven is at
hand*

MATTHEW 3:2

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church

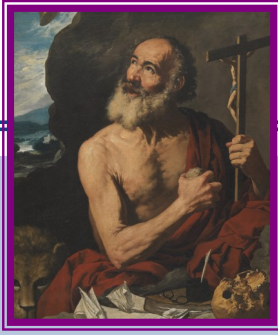
9601 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-1795

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December 7, 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT /YEAR A



DECEMBER 7, 2025

Readings in *Worship* hymnal # 1004

Entrance Antiphon: Is 30:19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Reading I: Is 11:1-10

Isaiah's dream of a messianic age focuses on a descendant of David's line who will be an ideal king, filled with the "spirit of the Lord," who will create Jerusalem as a holy mountain on which "there shall be no harm or ruin." Compare this image with the angry image John proclaims in the Gospel.

Psalm Response: Ps 72

A royal psalm that offers prayers for the royal family, echoing the hope (first reading) for a king who will be a "real" king, one who judges justly and with mercy. Christian theology applied such royal imagery to Jesus.

Reading II: Rom 15:4-9

Paul offers a standard Christian interpretation of the Bible: It was "written for our instruction," and from it we are to develop reasons for hope, patience, and encouragement. He is especially concerned that Christians will imitate Christ and have patience with each other because that is the only way they will "think in harmony with one another."

Gospel: Mt 3:1-12

John preached an angry, judgmental message in order to

Entrance Hymn..... On Jordan's Bank | # 392

Kyrie Advent Kyrie

Cantor Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Cantor Chri - ste e - le - i - son. *All* Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
Cantor Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Responsorial Psalm..... Psalm 72 | G. Grisi ^{G.G.}

Jus-tice shall flour-ish in his time, and full-ness of peace for ev - er.

..... (Sun. 5pm) Psalm 172 | L. Jonkas

In his days jus - tice will flou - rish;
in his days full - ness of peace for - ev - er - more.

Gospel Acclamation. | O. Alstott

R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

..... (Sun. 5pm) Advent Gospel Acclamation

Preparation of the Gifts Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice | # 390

..... (Sun. 5pm) Maranatha, Lord Messiah | # 412

Preface Acclamation..... from Compostela Mass

..... (inside "Service Music" booklet # 1)

.....(Sun. 5 pm) from Mass of Creation

Memorial Acclamation from Compostela Mass

..... (inside "Service Music" booklet # 4)

.....(Sun. 5 pm) from Mass of Creation

Great Amen from Compostela Mass (inside "Service Music" booklet # 5)

.....(Sun. 5 pm) from Mass of Creation

Fraction RiteAgnus Dei | # 311 Vatican Chant

.....(Sun. 5pm) from Mass of Creation

Communion ProcessionComfort, Comfort, O My People | # 402

..... Parish Choir: Advent Litany in Procession (Isaiah 30:19)

....."Cong. Response:"

Come, Lord Je - sus! Come!

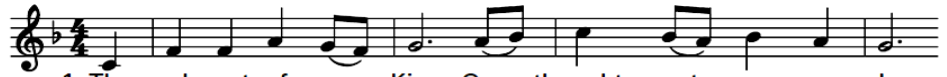
..... (Sun. 5pm) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | # 386

encourage the reform at the heart of his proclamation. Notice the image of the one-who-is-to come, who will baptize with fire— a contrast between the peaceful messianic age (first reading) and the judgmental Day of the Lord.

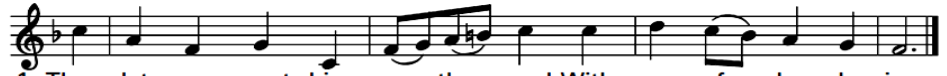
Communion Antiphon: Bar 5:5; 4:36
 Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Meditation Hymn This is Jesus - J. Cowan
Parish Choir: Comfort, Comfort, O My People – Goudimel
 (Sun. 5pm) Even So, Come - C. Tomlin

Concluding Hymn The Advent of Our King - St. Thomas



1. The ad-vent of our King Our thoughts must now em - ploy;
 2. The co - e - ter - nal Son A maid - en's off - spring see;
 3. In glo - ry from his throne A - gain will Christ de - scend,
 4. Our joy - ful prais-es sing To Christ, who set us free;



1. Then let us meet him on the road With songs of ho - ly joy.
 2. A ser-vant's form Christ put - teth on, To set his peo - ple free.
 3. And sum-mon all who are his own To joys that nev - er end.
 4. Like trib - ute to the Fa - ther bring, And Ho - ly Ghost, to thee.

..... (Sun. 5pm) O Come, Divine Messiah | # 387

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 app/giving/
 StJaneBethesda](http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/StJaneBethesda)



ALTAR SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 6 & 7

SATURDAY

5:00 pm C. Donlon, G. Sadler, C. Krimitzas

SUNDAY

8:00 am E. Noguchi, M. Baker, **1 Server Needed**

10:00 am M. Raimundo-Egeberg, T. Kiiza, M. Almy

12:00 pm D. A, Mukono, L. Thomas, G. Thomas

5:00 pm R. Ugoh, V. Ugoh, H. Fotopoulos



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FORMED IN THE WORD (YEAR A)

This Advent season, dive deeply into the upcoming Sunday Mass readings with Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Israel McGrew, biblical scholars from the Augustine Institute. Each week, they will review the upcoming Sunday Mass readings, situate them in their historical and literary context, and illuminate the connection and continuity between the readings, helping you to see why the Church put them together. This series is a resource for lay people who want to prepare themselves for the Mass by reflecting on the Word of God in advance. Check in on this link, each Sunday of Advent: <https://watch.formed.org/formed-in-the-word>.

WHAT IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?

On December 8, our Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church. Visit <https://watch.formed.org/december-8-the-solemnity-of-the-immaculate-conception/videos/what-is-the-immaculate-conception>.

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 PARISH UPDATES
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Hunger is still a daily burden for children and families in our community. This Advent season, St. Jane de Chantal Parish will host a food drive on **Saturday, December 13 from 10am –12pm**, at the front door entrance of the church facing Old Georgetown Rd. The food will benefit Bethesda Help, the Father McKenna Center, and Catholic Charities. All three locations are in need of the following items: Grains, Oatmeal (individual packets are helpful), Cereal, White and brown rice, Macaroni and cheese, Pasta, Canned protein-tuna, chicken, salmon, Canned fruit -peaches, pineapples, mandarin oranges, etc., Canned vegetables- beans, corn, etc., Spaghetti Sauce-canned or in plastic jars (No glass), Peanut butter, and jelly. Grocery store gift cards are also greatly appreciated! For those who wish to make monetary contributions to help in these efforts, please make a check payable to St. Martin's Cloak, or online at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjanebethesda> and select St. Martin's Cloak on the drop down fund-options. Donations are greatly appreciated. Our volunteers will collect the food from your car for your convenience.

SHARE YOUR

HOPE

ARE YOU READY?

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope

1 Peter 3:15



St. Jane de Chantal Sodality

Women's Retreat

Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America

Saturday January 31, 2026

\$20 per person

bit.ly/StJaneSodalityRetreat2026



St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church

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E-mail: parish.office@stjanedechantal.org ♦ Web site: www.stjanedechantal.org

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday – Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Holyday Masses as announced.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. & by appointment.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: during every

Saturday 5 p.m. Mass, September - May.

DR. GIULIANO GRISI, Director of Liturgy & Music

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Monday – Saturday 8:00 am.

First Friday:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after

8:30 a.m. Mass; Benediction 10:00 a.m.

First Saturday Fatima Devotion:

After 8:30 a.m. Mass.

ST. JANE DE CHANTAL SCHOOL

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Grades Pre-K-8

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The Friday that is nine days prior to publication on a Sunday.

PARISH ADVISORY BODIES

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PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office (301-530-1550) when a parishioner is in the hospital, a nursing home, or confined to home and wishes to receive a visit or any of the sacraments.

BAPTISMS

Second and Fourth Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Parents are required to attend a pre-Baptismal instruction class.

MATRIMONY

Couples are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Program prior to marriage. Please make arrangements with one of the parish priests at least six months in advance. Do not set a date until you have met with the priest.

HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

If you believe that you or someone you know has a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, contact the archdiocesan Vocations Office (202-636-9020), the archdiocesan Delegate for Consecrated Life (301-853-4576), or one of your parish priests, or visit www.adw.org/allvocations.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners! All new parishioners are asked to complete a registration form available in the narthex of the Church, online, or come to the parish office. Please notify the parish office of a change of address, or if you plan to move out of the parish.

IN OUR PARISH

*Can't find the bulletin you brought home from church?
Want to keep up on what's happening in the parish even
when you are away on vacation or sick in bed?*

*Visit our parish website, www.stjanedechantal.org to view
a copy of the bulletin and for more information on parish
events and organizations.*

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Jane de Chantal Parish welcomes those who have recently registered in our parish. If you attend Mass at St. Jane Frances de Chantal regularly, we encourage you to register as a member. Please complete a registration form, which can be found in the Church gathering space, at the parish office, or online at www.stjanedechantal.org/register, and send in your completed form or email this to parish.office@stjanedechantal.org.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

The annual communal reconciliation service during Advent will take place on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm in Church. After a brief Liturgy of the Word, priests will be available for confessions in English, French and Spanish.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS STORE

The Ladies of Charity will be opening Religious Items Store in the church narthex area - next Sunday, December 14th after the 10am, 12pm, and 5pm Masses. Among the items featured are Christmas children's story and activity books as well as newly added Christmas ornaments and Advent calendars, rosaries, crucifixes, holy water bottles, holy cards, and prayer books for all ages. Please consider giving a religious gift this holiday season.

DONUT SUNDAY WITH ST. NICK!

All parishioners, young and young at heart, are invited for donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate after the 10:00 am mass on Sunday, December 21. St. Nicholas will visit and read a few Christmas stories and his helpers will be there with Christmas crafts for the kids.

THE PARISH ANNUAL REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE

The parish annual report for fiscal year 2024-2025 is now available to view. Access it online by visiting stjanedechantal.org/annual-report. Printed copies were also mailed out to registered parish families in October. However, some families may not have received their copies in the mail as some have been returned to the parish office by the US postal service. If you wish to receive a hard copy in the mail, please send an email to mae.villaagustin@stjanedechantal.org and provide us with your mailing address for verification. More printed copies are also made available on the Church Narthex tables for your convenience.

SNOW POLICY FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

If the Federal Government is closed due to inclement weather, St. Jane de Chantal will not hold the 8:30 am weekday Mass. Please stay safe at home, and allow our snow removal crews to clear and treat our parking lots and walkways. If the Federal Government is opening on a delayed schedule, St. Jane will hold the 8:30 am Mass.

PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Pro-life Committee thanks everyone who bought Christmas cards the weekend of November 8 and 9, in support of Right to Life of Montgomery County. For anyone still wishing to purchase cards, please contact Lisa Tennant at 301-897-5412.

DONUT SOCIAL

On Sunday, December 21, all parishioners are welcome to share fellowship, coffee and donuts in Caulfield Hall immediately following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

The parish Environmental Committee shares that Pope Leo XIV called for greater climate action and leadership during remarks he made in a video that was shared on the sidelines of the United Nations climate summit earlier in November in Brazil. During his roughly 3-minute video address shared Monday, November 17 with religious leaders gathered at the Amazonian Museum of Belém, the

SOLEMNITY OF THE *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Monday, December 8
8:30 AM | 7:00 PM



SUPPORT BABIES IN BETHLEHEM AGAIN THIS CHRISTMAS

The Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, located just 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Jesus, extends their gratitude for the generosity of St. Jane de Chantal parishioners for our support of the Angel Tree program last Advent in December of 2024. This year, for two consecutive weekends, the Pro-life Committee will have donation tags available on the narthex Christmas trees.

DECEMBER 13/14 - AND - DECEMBER 20/21.

Support the hospital again this year by taking a tag or donating online at birthplaceofhope.org/angel-tree. Help ensure that there will always be a **“Room at the Inn”** for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. For more information, please contact Lisa Tennant at 301-897-5412.



Thank You. Your generosity at St. Jane de Chantal raised \$4,551.16 through the Giving Tree program last Advent. Your kindness allowed us to deliver life, peace, and hope in the Holy Land; providing 153,000 services in 2024 to a catchment area of 1 million people in the Bethlehem region. Due to the regional wars, many families of Bethlehem find themselves without jobs and little food to put on their table. Every dollar allows us to help extend their tables and provide hope. Your gifts enable the Hospital to deliver lifesaving medical care to the most vulnerable and at-risk families in Bethlehem. We are profoundly grateful for your support and prayers for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

To hear more Good News, please visit us at
birthplaceofhope.org.

leader of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics touted the progress created through the Paris Agreement reached a decade ago. As part of the landmark accord, nearly 200 countries, including the U.S., pledged to hold the average global temperature increase to well below 2 degrees Celsius. "But we must be honest: it is not the agreement that is failing, we are failing in our response. What is failing is the political will of some," Pope Leo said. "True leadership means service and support at a scale that will truly make a difference." The pope called for hope and determination to be renewed, "not only in words and aspirations, but also in concrete actions."

GABRIEL PROJECT CRIB

For the month of January (January 5-February 1), the Gabriel Project will collect needed items for pregnant mothers and their families that are struggling to make ends meet. In the narthex, a display crib has been set up where parishioners can place donations of diapers, wipes, infant formula, new and gently-used clothing for infants and siblings up to 14 years old, children's books, small toys, and small baby and maternity accessories, as well as essentially needed grocery gift cards. These families make tough decisions based on foreseen needs for both their toddlers and for the future needs of their unborn child. Let us help them choose life. If you have any questions or would like to find out how you can volunteer and be a blessing to mothers and families in need, please visit our website at www.gpmoco.com, or email Cynthia Masison at c_masison@yahoo.com. God bless you and your family!

ADVENT PARISH FOOD DRIVE

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Need help? Support articles and contact information are available on our parish website at stjanedechantal.org/news/faith-direct-transitioning-to-parishsoft-giving. These resources cover common questions, account setup, gift management, and donor support processes. For any

questions, contact our Donor Support team by emailing donorsupport@parishsoft.com or call 866-507-8757 (Monday–Friday, 8 AM–5 PM).

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PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Occasionally, the Parish Office needs a few hours of weekday help in covering the front desk (answering the phone, sorting the mail, and greeting visitors). There is also a seasonal need for volunteers who are willing to assist with stuffing and sorting of parish mailings, and completing occasional bulletin inserts. If you have some free time and are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 301-530-1550. Training and reference materials will be provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SOME MINISTRY

St. Jane DeChantal has been preparing and delivering food to SOME on the 5th Wednesday of the month (occurs 4-5

times a year) for over 40 years. The next meal delivery will be on December 31. We are always looking for drivers to bring the meal to SOME, so if you'd like to be added to the list of potential drivers, please reach out. We are also in need of new volunteers to cook and bake cupcakes. No cooking skills required—we have a simple chili recipe for the fall and winter and pasta chicken salad recipe for the spring and summer. If you are interested helping to keep this very important ministry thriving, please contact Maria Cornelius at 301-613-6991 or my email at mariagcornelius@gmail.com. Thank you!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially Beth B, Alexie Longoria, Redentor Bautista, Colleen Patton, Ernest Yambot, Pedro Gonzalez, Kathleen Lagerloft, Ashley Mican, Kim B., Cynthia Wesson, Vivi Allen, Sally-Ann Thomas, Ronald Campbell Jr., Chaz Decoteau, Tyren Jones, Michele Cole, Jessica Stevenson, Carol Blume, Larry Blume, Dallas Gilbert, Jacob Varghese and Rosa Lecuona.

. . . those who have died, especially Hunter & Jeannette Bryant, Marie Kelley, Karen Fisher, Philippe Pradel, Mary Hylind, Caroline Tice, Sandra MacDonald, Storrow Sommer, Barbara White, Pauline Kuta, Patricia Broderick, Mary Commins, Mark Navolio, Jack Fitzgerald, George Wahl, Kevin Maloney, Frederick Barronn III, Mary Ellen Maher, Joseph R. Manno, Jean V. Bort, Josefina Sistoza,

Alan Kelley, Frank Kalisz, Marcia Naranjo, Bob Flynn, Thomas Jansen and Michele Cole.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at stjanedechantal.org/faith-formation/ for information on the various programs, registration forms and calendars.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: ADRE

The Office of Religious Education here at St. Jane de Chantal Parish is looking to hire a dynamic Assistant to the Director of Religious Education (ADRE). Working under the supervision of the Director of Religious Education (DRE) the ADRE will support the Faith Formation program of the parish and all its functions to ensure a robust and successful catechetical program. The ADRE will foster relationships with our school, schoolteachers and staff, clergy, catechists, parents, and our Faith Formation students with care and enthusiasm. The ADRE will work in the Seton Center Office of Religious Education on a part-time basis (19/week). For more information on qualifications and general duties for this position, please visit recruiting.ultipro.com/ARC1012ARCHW/, type "St. Jane" on the search box and scroll to locate the job listing. Interested candidates can send a cover letter and resume to james.caulfield@stjanedechantal.org.

IN OUR LITURGY & MUSIC MINISTRIES

Visit the Music Ministries page at www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry for information on the many music ensembles at St. Jane.



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On #GivingTuesday, December 2, 2025 5 friends of St. Jane de Chantal Parish came together as faithful stewards and donated \$925 towards the St. Jane de Chantal School Excellence Fund.

Gifts to the School Excellence fund will make a meaningful difference in various De Chantal School operational expenses that are not covered by tuition. Thank you for being part of something special!

A Service of
Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 14
7 pm in church

This Advent, Experience the Christmas Spirit Through
Beautiful Music by Various Parish Music Groups

FEATURING:
The School's Children's Choir
The Contemporary Ensemble and
The St. Jane Parish Choir.

LECTORS, USHERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

As we begin the new Liturgical Year this Advent, the parish is in need of volunteers to help as Lectors, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Open recruitment for all parishioners

especially for those who regularly attend Mass on Sunday at 12pm and 5Pm are encouraged to serve. Please consider serving as Ushers, especially on Saturday 5pm, Sunday 12pm and 5pm. We will help with getting you ready for these important tasks in our worship of God. If you are interested to serve or return to serving in one of these ministries, contact Dr. Giuliano Grisi via email at giuliano.grisi@stjanedechantal.org or come see him after Mass. For more information on each of these available roles, or to obtain a print-ready Liturgical Ministry Interest Form, please visit stjanedechantal.org/liturgical-ministries.

IN OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Check out the St. Jane de Chantal School website at www.dechantal.org to get information on admissions, see what each classroom is studying, and more.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Book Fair the most successful to date! We couldn't have done it without your help with set up, sales and breakdown of the fair. We exceeded our goal and sold over \$12,000 in books and merchandise. Through your generosity we are able to refresh the books in the library and teacher's classroom libraries. Thank you!

2025 DE CHANTAL COAT DRIVE

Seeking new and gently used CHILDREN'S coats, hats, scarves and gloves! Collection Timeframe: December 2 – December 17. Collection Box will be in front of the school and morning door. Your donation is appreciated and will help us make certain children in our community warm and dry this winter, thank you!



Saint Jane De Chantal
Catholic School



OPEN HOUSE
January 27
March 18

Please register at dechantal.org/admissions

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

3rd Grade - The third graders visited the Bible Museum and learned about how the people of Israel lived during Jesus' time.

5th Grade - The 5th grade went undercover on Tuesday, November 18th on their field trip to the International Spy Museum. Students went to spy school to learn how to decipher secret messages. The 5th grade had fun completing their spy missions in the museum.

In-School Field Trip - On Monday, November 17th, we enjoyed a visit from Eagle Bear and his wife, Apache Native Americans from Colorado. Together they shared stories and songs that taught our students about their culture, as well as, how to respect nature, be thankful for God's gifts, and show kindness to all.

Girl Scouts - Last Tuesday, November 18th, ten members of the St Jane de Chantal 6th and 7th grade Girl Scouts troops #34136 and #34107 participated in the 64th Annual Veterans Day Observance in Bethesda's Veterans Park. The girls ushered in Veterans and recited the poem "Thank You Veteran" and applauded as they spoke clearly, fluently, and confidently.

HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE OPEN!

Students K–8, faculty, and staff can enjoy fresh, delicious meals and à la carte sides - plus, a portion of proceeds will be donated back to our school! **Sign up today at:** <https://fcculunch.ahotlunch.com/login>. **Campus code: DC1**

DUKES DEN - SPIRIT DAYS!

Students can show their Duke Pride by dressing up their uniform with any De Chantal Duke's shirts, sweatshirts, fleeces, socks, hats, DASH gear from years past and other De Chantal spirit accessories. Students participating can wear De Chantal Duke sweatpants in lieu of the uniform jumper/skirt/dress pants and sneakers. Please no PJ pants. Proceeds of the Duke's Spirit Days support the school. Pay online to participate in all days. Visit <https://store17346555.ecwid.com/>.

IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on vocations, education, family, youth, social concerns, & other events in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit www.adw.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEED PRO BONO ATTORNEY

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington's Legal Network Immigration Services counsels and provides legal representation to low- income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community and would like to learn about pro bono opportunities with Legal Network and Immigration Legal, plan to attend the Pro bono Opportunities via ZOOM on Wednesday, December 10 at 12pm. Register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/64doY81aQdq0v3m4fVLQnw#/registration>.

2025 Annual Walk with Mary

The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to the annual

Walk with Mary procession and Mass to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, which will take place on Saturday, December 13, 2025. The gathering for the procession will start at 11:00 am at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart (16th St. & Park Rd., NW), and the procession will conclude at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (4th St. & Michigan Ave., NE). Following the praying of the Rosary at 1:00 pm, Mass at the Basilica will begin at 2:00 pm, with Cardinal Robert McElroy as the principal celebrant and Bishop Evelio Menjivar as the homilist. For more information, contact the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach via email at culturaldiversity@adw.org. Priests who plan to concelebrate are kindly asked to send an email to slatterym@adw.org

BURIAL OF CREMATED REMAINS

Is your family still holding on to the cremated remains of a loved one who has passed away? The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese have new choices in ground burial, niches and columbariums. These sacred spaces meet both the requirements of the Church and the needs of families called to secure a permanent place with appropriate memorialization for their loved ones. For more information on the choices for burial of cremated remains, kindly visit ccaw.org.

VIRTUAL MID-WEEK RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The Office of Family Life with the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents will offer a virtual midweek gathering on Wednesday evening, December 17 from 8:00pm – 9:00pm for parents who have lost a child of any age from any cause. This evening offers grieving parents the opportunity to get away from everyday life for an hour to focus on their spiritual journey after the death of a precious child. It features a reflection, offered by an Emmaus Ministry Spiritual Leader or a Parent Witness, which focuses on the spirituality of the grieving process for parents. A discussion by parents interested in sharing their reactions will follow. Anyone who does not wish to talk is welcome to attend and listen. For more information, contact the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4499 or flm@adw.org.

A CONCERT OF HOPE AND JOY

Holy Cross Catholic Church at 4900 Strathmore Avenue, Garrett Park, invites you to "A Concert of Hope and Joy" on DECEMBER 7, at 3 P.M. featuring (The Boston Globe) violinist Irina Muresanu and GRAMMY nominated clarinetist/conductor Garrick Zoeter "technically superb and radiant with otherworldly majesty all played with exceptional insight" (Washington Post) with the Vivace Chamber Orchestra performing the Winter Concerto from Vivaldi's beloved Four Seasons, the magnificent Chaconne solo violin work by J.S. Bach, the British composer Gerald Finzi's pastoral Five Bagatelles for clarinet and strings, and the playful love story of Paolo and Virginia as set to music by the Italian opera composer Amilcare Ponchielli. To end the concert, the audience will be invited to take part in a festive Christmas Carol Sing-Along! Suggested donation: \$30. For more information, please contact Dr. Mariana at: music@hcrosschurch.org.

SY 2026-27 TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN Deadline for HS: 01/23 | Deadline for K-8: 02/27

The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available

for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. All tuition assistance obtained through the Archdiocese is based on demonstrated financial need. Families apply each year to receive tuition assistance. Applying for tuition assistance has no bearing on whether a student is admitted to a school. TADS financial aid and assessment manages the process on behalf of Archdiocese of Washington Catholic schools. Please note that you only need to complete one form for all children in a family, whether for elementary or for high school students, even if seeking tuition assistance for children attending different schools. To learn more, access the online application form, or to see other tuition assistance programs available in our area, visit adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance. For any questions, email tuitionassistanceprogram@adw.org.

2026 MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Men between the ages of 18 to 40s are invited to join us for a Men's Discernment Retreat on February 13 - 15, 2026. The weekend includes prayer, talks, Mass, and time for quiet reflection. You will have an opportunity to discuss the priesthood with seminarians, priests, and other men who are considering a priestly vocation. This event will take place at Saint John Paul II Seminary and Theological College, Washington, D.C. There is no cost to attend, but you must register at <https://dcpriest.flocknote.com/signup/234325> by February 6, 2026. For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at mailto:vocations@adw.org, or 202-636-9020.

STEWARDSHIP

*We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us,
receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care,
lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist
speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear
good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire"
(Mt. 3:10)*

POOR BOX: MSGR. CHRISTOPHER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Poor Box this weekend, December 6 and 7 will benefit the Monsignor Christopher Scholarship Fund, which provides need-based scholarships to our parish school. You may also make your reoccurring or one-time gifts online at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/stjanebethesda>.

SECOND COLLECTION: MAINTENANCE

The second collection this weekend, December 6 and 7 is our monthly collection to help with the repair, maintenance and increased sanitation of our parish facilities. You may also make your maintenance contribution online at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/stjanebethesda>.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: DECEMBER 13/14

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next weekend, December 13 and 14.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7 – Saturday, December 13, 2025

View "Complete Parish Calendar" at www.stjanedechantal.org.

C = Church ♦ CH = Caulfield Hall ♦ CGS = Gathering Space ♦ CLL = Church Lower Lobby
 CRH = Christopher Hall ♦ SMR = Scanlan Meeting Room ♦ MR = Music Room
 SCH = School ♦ NMR = Nalls Meeting Room ♦ DCR = De Chantal Room (cafeteria)
 OC = Outdoor Chapel ♦ RF (AF) = Reyes Athletic Field ♦ PG = Parish Grounds
 RBR = Rectory Board Room ♦ SC = Seton Center for Religious Education
 (LL) = Lower Level ♦ (UL) = Upper Level ♦ V = Online/Virtual

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 am Mass C
 10:00 am Sodality Mass C
 11:00 am OCIA Meeting SC/Library
 12:00 pm Mass C
 1:00 pm Sodality Giving Tree Sorting/Wrapping CH
 5:00 pm Mass C
 6:00 pm HSYG Meeting SC/LL +Library

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 am Immaculate Conception Mass C
 9:00 am Sodality Giving Tree Sorting/Wrapping CH
 7:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass C

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30 am Mass C
 6:00 pm Faith Formation Classes SCH
 7:00 pm Advent Penance Service C

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 am Mass C
 7:00 pm Knight of Columbus (French) Meeting SC/LL
 7:30 pm Contemporary Choir MR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 am Mass C
 1:30 pm Ladies of Charity Meeting SMR
 7:30 pm Parish Choir C

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30 am Mass C
 11:00 am Church of St. Louis French Senior Mass C
 12:00 pm Church of St. Louis French Senior Lunch CH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30 am Breakfast with Santa (school event) CRH
 8:30 am Mass C
 9:30 am SPRED Meeting SC/LL
 10:00 am Advent Parish Food Drive PG
 10:00 am My French Classes SCH
 3:45 pm Confessions C
 5:00 pm Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Giving Tree CGS
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass with Children's Liturgy C
 6:00 pm Young Adult's Group Potluck Dinner SC/LL
 6:30 pm French Mass (Church of St. Louis) C

Second Sunday

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Matthew 3:3

POPE FRANCIS

"Peace is no more than an empty word unless it is founded on truth, built up in justice, animated and perfected by charity, and attained in freedom."

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CELEBRANTS

Dec. 14

5 pm Vigil Fr. Morgan
 8:00 am Fr. Giese
 10:00 am Fr. Giese
 12:00 pm Fr. Morgan
 5:00 pm Fr. Morgan

READINGS

Dec. 14

Reading I
 Is 35:1-6a, 10
Reading II
 Jas 5:7-10
Gospel
 Mt 11:2-11

INTENTIONS

Sun., Dec. 7 – Sat., Dec. 13

Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:00 am Fr. Samuel Giese /L
 12:00 pm Daniel Risher, III /D
 5:00 pm Mary Anderson /L
 Monday 8:30 am John Fanjoy /D
 7:00 pm Priest Intentions
 Tuesday 8:30 am Sonia Dias /L
 Wednesday 8:30 am Bob Flynn /D
 Thursday 8:30 am Christopher Alonzi /D
 Friday 8:30 am Jeannette & Hunter Bryant /D
 Saturday 8:30 am Mary Anne White /D
 5:00 pm Frederick M. Wunder Jr. /D

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever

Psalm 72:2

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Dec. 13. – Sun., Dec. 14

Saturday 5:00 pm C. Krimitzas, A. Krimitzas, B. Burgess
 Sunday 8:00 am M. Baker, D. Driscoll, M. Driscoll
 10:00 am V. Gujda, A. Matelis, N. Matelis
 12:00 pm D. A, Mukono, L. Thomas, G. Thomas
 5:00 pm L. Wolf, P. Wilkerson, M. Wilkerson