

## *St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church*

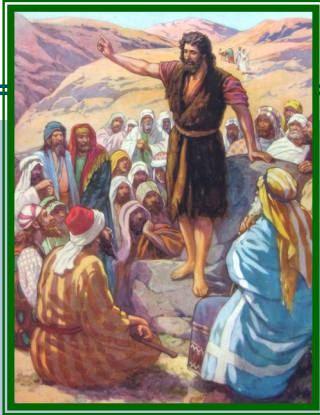
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January 18, 2026 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /YEAR A



**JANUARY 18, 2026**

### Readings in *Worship* hymnal # 1112

#### Entrance Antiphon: Ps 66:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

#### Reading I: Is 49:3, 5-6

The “Songs of the Servant” describe a figure who may be a future prophet or the nation itself. The Church has applied all four of the “Servant Songs” to Jesus.

#### Psalm Response: Ps 40

Today's verses come from the first half of this psalm, an individual's thanksgiving for salvation from difficult circumstances. (The second half is a lament.) Verses 7-10 are quoted in the Letter to the Hebrews to summarize Jesus' mission.

#### Reading II: 1 Cor 1:1-3

This is the first selection in an extended (semi-continuous) set of readings from this important letter. Paul introduces himself and describes how he views the community at Corinth.

#### Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

In Year A, most of the gospel readings are taken from Matthew, but the Second Sunday in each cycle reads from John—either John

Entrance Hymn.....Christ Is the World's Light | # 602  
 ..... ( Sun. 5pm) Christ, Be Our Light | # 584

Gloria .....From Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius  
 ..... (Inside Hymnal back cover)  
 .....( Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 257

Responsorial Psalm ..... Psalm 40 | O. Alstott

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

..... ( Sun. 5pm) Psalm 40 | R. Cooney

Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation ..... | O. Alstott

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

Preparation of the Gifts ..... Here I Am, Lord | # 783  
 ..... Parish Choir: Behold the Tabernacle of God – W. Harris  
 ..... ( Sun. 5pm) Songs of Thankfulness and Praise | # 451

Preface Acclamation..... From Mass for the City | # 374  
 .....( Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 260

Memorial Acclamation .....From Mass for the City | # 375 B  
 .....( Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 261

Great Amen .....From Mass for the City | # 376  
 .....( Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | #264

Fraction Rite ..... 8am | # 311  
 ..... Holy Cross Mass | # 381  
 .....( Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 265

Communion Procession ..... The Baptist Bore Witness | # 765  
 ..... ( Sun. 5pm) Here I Am, Lord | # 783

Meditation Hymn .....Anima Christi - Beale  
 ..... Parish Choir: Thy Perfect Love – Rutter  
 .....( Sun. 5pm) Send Down the Fire

Concluding Hymn ..... O Days of Peace | # 811  
 ..... (Sun 5pm) We Are Marching | # 589

the Baptist's witness to Jesus or, in Year C, the account of the wedding at Cana.

In today's text, John gives witness to Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." In this version of the baptism account, it is John who sees the Spirit descend on Jesus.

**Communion Antiphon: 1 Jn 4:16**

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

## ALTAR SERVERS FOR JANUARY 17 AND 18

**SATURDAY**

5:00 pm A. Krimitzas, C. Krimitzas, B. Burgess

**SUNDAY**

8:00 am D. Driscoll, M. Driscoll, M. Baker

10:00 am W. Walker, L. Walker, M. Walker

12:00 pm M. Almy, K. Mydlarz, **1 Server Needed**

5:00 pm H. Fotopoulos, **2 Servers Needed**



**Servers Needed** - Please sign up online through the Ministry Scheduler at <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/29/web-terminal/login/stjanedechantal>



St. Jane Frances de Chantal  
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app/giving/  
StJaneBethesda](http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/StJaneBethesda)



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**OPENING THE WORD: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

When we say the words of the Agnus Dei, or Lamb of God, during Mass, we are directly quoting John the Baptist. The scene is set on the banks of the Jordan River. John has been gathering disciples by powerfully calling for repentance in light of the coming kingdom of God. One day, as he sees Jesus, he cries out, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!" Listen to Edward Sri as he offers prayer and insights on today's Gospel at <https://watch.formed.org/videos/2nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-january-15-2017>.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

In honor of the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22, resources are available via <https://watch.formed.org/january-22-day-of-prayer-for-the-legal-protection-of-unborn-children>.

**FORMED NOW: SAINT ANTHONY OF EGYPT**

On January 17th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony the Great. In this episode, Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor discuss St. Anthony of Egypt, or "Anthony the Great," a hermit who lived from around 251 to 356 A.D. Anthony is widely regarded as the most famous of the Desert Fathers, a class of Christians who fled to the wilderness in order to give themselves wholly to prayer and asceticism. This radical devotion to the Lord made the Desert Fathers serious threats to the Evil One. In fact, Satan would often send legions of demons to attack Anthony, yet the Saint always prevailed. Anthony's heroic life of humility and prayer inspired many other great Saints, including Athanasius and Augustine. Watch this episode at <https://watch.formed.org/videos/st-anthony-of-egypt>.

**NEW** to St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church? We **INVITE** you to **REGISTER** as a **PARISHIONER!**

Joining our parish family is much more than filling out a registration form. We hope to meet you in person at either a doughnut social after Mass or another parish event, and we invite you to become an active part of our community. As a member, you will be encouraged to prayerfully consider the gifts of time, talent and treasure you might be able to give back to God through parish ministry. Registration will also ensure that your contributions are recorded properly, as well as making the process much easier when it is time for sacraments or registration for Faith Formation or when asked to be a sponsor for a Baptism or Confirmation. Registration will also ensure that you will receive important communications such as emails and our annual report.



Visit [stjanedechantal.org/register](http://stjanedechantal.org/register)





# Revelation

## *The Kingdom Yet to Come*



### WINTER SCRIPTURE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Start the new year by joining a Scripture Study exploring the Book of Revelation—one of the most fascinating, symbolic, and hope-filled books of the Bible. Together we will look at its historical context, rich imagery, and message of Christ’s ultimate victory. No previous Bible study experience is needed. All are welcome!

**There will be three options to participate in the 11 week study:**

- 1) Virtual sessions on Sundays 7-9 PM, (Jan 11 - Mar 29)
- 2) In person sessions on Tuesdays 7- 9 PM in the Seton Center Library (Jan 13 -Mar 31)
- 3) Virtual sessions on Thursdays 9:30-11:30 AM between (Jan 15 - Apr 2).

Please register online at [stjanedechantal.org/scripture-study](http://stjanedechantal.org/scripture-study) or with the parish office. The workbook is available from Ascension press in electronic and hardcopy versions at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/revelation-the-kingdom-yet-to-come#study-materials>.



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#### 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

301-530-1221  
 9525 Old Georgetown Road  
 Bethesda, MD 20814-1723  
 MRS. CATHERINE SKIBO, Principal  
 Grades Pre-K-8

#### BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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

#### PARISH ADVISORY BODIES

Pastoral Council: DR. CYNTHIA TRACY, Chair  
 Finance Council: MRS. M. ANNE STRAND, Chair  
 School Board: DR. LOREN WILKERSON, Chair

#### SODALITY

MRS. SUZIE NALLS, Chair

#### SETON CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

301-530-9100  
 9625 Old Georgetown Road,  
 Bethesda, MD 20814-1725  
 MR. JAMES CAULFIELD, DRE  
 Grades K - 8, Youth Ministry (Grades 9 - 12),  
 Faith of Our Toddlers, Special Religious Education,  
 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Adult Faith  
 Formation.

#### 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stjanedechantal.org/register), and send in your completed form or email this to [parish.office@stjanedechantal.org](mailto:parish.office@stjanedechantal.org).

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

This Monday, January 19, is Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday. The parish office will be closed. Dr. King fought tirelessly to eliminate injustice and segregation from the minds and hearts of the American people. He understood that eliminating poverty is not simply a handout; it is restoring the respect that all persons deserve. Read more from Dr. King's 1967 speech "Where Do We Go From Here?" at [www.plough.com/en/topics/justice/social-justice/where-do-we-go-from-here](http://www.plough.com/en/topics/justice/social-justice/where-do-we-go-from-here).

# 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](http://bit.ly/StJaneSodalityRetreat2026)

### HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE - WED. JAN. 22 AT 7PM

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, Wednesday, January 22 is to be observed as a particular Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. In observance of this day, we invite you to join us for a Holy Hour for Life the evening prior, on Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm in church, to pray for the end of abortion and to fully restore a culture of life in our nation.

### NEW JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Pastoral Council is starting a program to help Parishioners in their job search activities. If you are interested in helping others find a new job/career opportunity, OR you are seeking help in finding a new job. Please contact the Social Concerns Committee, Wes Chin via email ([wmchin987@gmail.com](mailto:wmchin987@gmail.com)) or a note sent to Wes thru the parish office or in the collection basket. Just include your name (first name only if you wish) and contact information.

### BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORMS/LETTER REQUESTS

Many parishes require those who would serve as a sponsor/godparent for Baptism or Confirmation to obtain a letter of good standing from their own parish or to obtain the signature of the pastor on a form declaring that the prospective sponsor/godparent is a registered and active member of the parish. Those seeking a letter of good standing or the signature on a form **must be a registered and active member of St. Jane de Chantal parish for six months prior to the request**. Also, children of registered parishioners who are 22 years or older need to be registered in their own name and be active too for a letter or signature on a form to be furnished.

### ADVENT FOOD DRIVE RESULTS ARE IN!

The parish Food Drive that took place on Saturday, December 13, 2025 was a big success. We are pleased to report that we have collected 1080 lbs. of food, along with \$560 worth in Giant gift cards, and \$100 total donations in combined checks and cash. The food collected had been distributed, to our recipient organizations and client individuals of St. Martin's Cloak as broken down below.

◆ Catholic Charities	340 pounds
◆ Bethesda Help	310 pounds
◆ McKenna Center	340 pounds
◆ Parishioner-CK	40 pounds
◆ Parishioner-RN	50 pounds

We distributed \$100 worth of Giant Gift Cards to each of the organizations and \$100 as well to each of the parishioners we support. On behalf of our Pastor, Father Giese, the St. Martin's Cloak Guild, our recipients listed above, and our many volunteers, we wish to thank the St. Jane de Chantal parish community for the compassion and generosity that you exhibited for others in our immediate community and beyond.

### 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.

## COLLECTION FOR THE LOCAL HOMELESS!

**Let the least among us not be forgotten during the cold winter months.**

The Elizabeth Ann Seton Sodality Unit is collecting new underwear and socks to be distributed to the homeless and poor through the Bethesda Cares Clothing program around St. Valentine's Day.

**Please drop off or ship contributions by February 1st!**

**To: EAS Underwear Drive,  
9403 Fresno Rd, Bethesda MD 20814**

*There will be a bin by the door, emptied frequently.*

If you would like confirmation that your amazon or other delivery arrived, please include a 'gift tag' with your email address.

### Requested items are:

- Socks (Everyone prefers men's winter socks, they are warmer and last longer!)
- Men's underwear sizes S-XXL
- Men's undershirts sizes s-XXL
- Women's underwear sizes S-XL



In addition, new toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, ChapStick, shampoo, conditioner, razors, and deodorant can be accepted.

Any extra underwear will be given to Suburban Hospital, where they are used for the homeless who come into the emergency room & need fresh clothing.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS TO CELEBRATE THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE - Saturday, February 14, 2026

Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. All married couples and their families are welcome, regardless of how long you have been married. Couples are invited to register with the parish office by February 6, 2026, to attend the Mass and/or request a certificate in honor of their anniversary year, by sending an email to [parish.office@stjanedechantal.org](mailto:parish.office@stjanedechantal.org) or call 301-530-1550.

### USED CLOTHING SHED

Our used clothing drop-off shed remains open and continues to accept donations of all clothing, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toy. After each pick-up, our parish receives a stipend; and the full amount is distributed to the St. Jane de Chantal School Excellence Fund.

### 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, visit [www.gpmoco.com](http://www.gpmoco.com), or email Cynthia Masison at [c\\_masison@yahoo.com](mailto:c_masison@yahoo.com).

### WELCOME TO PARISHSOFT GIVING

Faith Direct is now ParishSOFT Giving—our new, secure giving platform. *No action is required from you!*

◆ Your recurring gifts and payment information were securely transferred.

◆ Log in here: [giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-30](http://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-30) and log in using your Faith Direct credentials. If needed, use "Forgot Password" to reset your access. Need help? Support articles and contact information are available on our parish website at [stjanedechantal.org/news/faith-direct-transitioning-to-parishsoft-giving](http://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](mailto:donorsupport@parishsoft.com) or call 866-507-8757, Option 6 - (Monday–Friday, 8 AM–5 PM).

### 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.

## 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, and Rosa Lecuona.

. . . those who have died, especially Hunter & Jeannette Bryant, Marie Kelley, Karen Fisher, Philippe Pradel, Mary Hyland, 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, Michele Cole, Jacob Varghese, Joseph Malone Jr. and Jaime Cuzzi.

## IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at [stjanedechantal.org/faith-formation/](http://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/](http://recruiting.ultipro.com/ARC1012ARCHW/), type "St. Jane" on the search box and scroll to locate the job listing. Interested candidates can send cover letter and resume to [james.caulfield@stjanedechantal.org](mailto:james.caulfield@stjanedechantal.org).



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY EVERY SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

During Saturday's 5pm Vigil Mass' Liturgy of the Word, children ages 4 - 8 will be invited to Caulfield Hall. Teen volunteers and adult Catechists will escort the children downstairs. They will enjoy Gospel lessons and enrichment with music, play, and art and will be returned to their parents in the church during the presentation of the gifts. No registration is needed, and all children are welcome as long as their parents are attending the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass.

### SPRED BIRTHDAY PARTY EVENT

It was wonderful to be together last Saturday morning and get 2026 off to a great start. Many thoughtful prayers and the blessing of being together. We did, of course, remember those of the SPRED family that were with us in spirit that day. To mark a truly special day, we had a fantastic birthday celebration for Julia – thanks to Molly's delicious cupcakes and festive hats! Pictures of a great day, below. Thanks so much! - Lisa and Bill



## IN OUR LITURGY & MUSIC MINISTRIES

Visit the Music Ministries page at [www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry](http://www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry) for information on the many music ensembles at St. Jane.

### WEEKEND USHERS NEEDED

St. Jane de Chantal parish is in need of volunteers to assist as Ushers during weekend Masses. If you are interested to serve in this role or have already served in the past, please prayerfully consider offering your ministry once again. We will help with getting you ready for this vital task in our worship of God. If you are interested to serve or return to serving as Usher, please contact Dr. Giuliano Grisi via email at [giuliano.grisi@stjanedechantal.org](mailto:giuliano.grisi@stjanedechantal.org) or call the Parish Office at 301-530-1550. For more information or to obtain a print-ready Liturgical Ministry Interest Form, visit to [stjanedechantal.org/liturgical-ministries](http://stjanedechantal.org/liturgical-ministries)

## IN OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

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

### KEYBOARDING CLASS

Keyboarding Class 2026 starts Thursday, January 8 and runs until Thursday March 26. Learn to keyboard using the "home row keys"! Class will take place in the STEM Lab from 3 to 4:45pm on Thursdays. Available to students in grades 4-8. Any snow days will be made up at the end of class. 12 Lessons for \$250. Checks made payable to Nancy Ramsayer or Venmo at @Nancy-RamsayerBurch-1. Questions? Please email Nancy Ramsayer at [nramsayer@dechantal.org](mailto:nramsayer@dechantal.org).



Saint  
Jane De  
chantal  
Catholic School



OPEN HOUSE

January 27  
March 18

Please register at [dechantal.org/admissions](http://dechantal.org/admissions)




**SARAH'S HANDMADE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. JANE DECHANTAL**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH - ALL DAY**

**WILDWOOD SHOPPING CENTER  
10219 OLD GEORGETOWN RD,  
BETHESDA, MD 20814**

**MEET UP WITH FRIENDS.  
ORDER A CONE, PIE OR ICE CREAM CAKE.  
PLEASE MENTION DECHANTAL AT THE REGISTER**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH ALL DAY**      **DECHANTAL WILL RECEIVE 15% OF SALES**

**HSPT PREP CAMP ! SAVE THE DATE !**

For rising 7th and 8th graders  
Camp Dates: June 15th - June 18th  
Camp Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
*More details coming soon!*

**CYO BASKETBALL CLINICS - JAN. AND FEB. 2026!**

This 4-week basketball clinic is open to boys and girls in Pre-K (4), Kindergarten, First and Second Grade. These clinics are designed as a fun way for children to learn the skills of the game - no experience required! All kids receive a De Chantal Basketball t-shirt, which is a great addition to the closet for De Chantal Spirit Days! Sign up today via SportsPilot! [stjanedechantalcyo.org/register-your-child](http://stjanedechantalcyo.org/register-your-child)

**When:** Sunday, January 11th – PreK/K: 2:00PM – 3:00PM, 1st/2nd: 3:15PM – 4:15PM \*\*No Clinic on Sunday of MLK Weekend (January 18th)\*\* Sunday, January 25th – PreK/K: 2:00PM – 3:00PM; 1st/2nd: 3:15PM – 4:15PM Sunday, February 1st – PreK/K: 2:00PM – 3:00PM; 1st/2nd: 3:15PM – 4:15PM Sunday, February 8th – PreK/K: 2:00PM – 3:00PM; 1st/2nd: 3:15PM – 4:15PM \*\*Make-Up Date: Sunday, February 15th\*\*

**Where:** St. Jane De Chantal's Christopher Gym

**Register Online:** at <https://stjanedechantalcyo.org/register-your-child> , Registration Fee: \$35.

**Volunteers Needed:** If you have interest in helping, please reach out to [dechantalhoops@gmail.com](mailto:dechantalhoops@gmail.com). No coaching experience necessary, just patience and a fun attitude.

**YOUR GIFT**  **THEIR FUTURE**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED! ON THE COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN**  
The Combined Federal Income Campaign has extended its **deadline to January 31, 2026**,

and the online pledge portal will remain open until 11:59 PM. This extension provides an opportunity for the federal community to amplify their charitable impact, as every pledge (big or small) creates lasting change. Please remember the St. Jane de Chantal School Endowment Fund (**CFC # 32653**) if you participate in this seasonal charitable campaign. To learn more or to donate, visit [GiveCfc.org](http://GiveCfc.org).



**IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE**

*For more information on vocations, education, family, youth, social concerns, & other events in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org).*

**COMMEMORATION OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to celebrate the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 18, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Mass will be held at the Shrine of St. Jude (12701 Veirs Mill Rd, Rockville, MD 20853) with His Eminence Robert Cardinal McElroy as the Principal Celebrant. This year's theme: "The Church and the Dream: Building Peace Through Justice." For information about the archdiocesan Mass or those parishes in need of support with planning a parish liturgy, please contact the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at 301-853-4468 or [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org).

**DIACONATE COME AND SEE WORKSHOPS**

Any Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate is welcome to attend a Come and See meeting held at various locations throughout the archdiocese during the months of January - early March. For more information, registrations, and for dates and locations, visit [adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program](http://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program) or scan the QR Code registration link for more details.



**HOPE AFTER ABORTION**

Having unresolved feelings about your abortion experience? You just don't feel forgiven? Feelings of guilt, shame, regret and sadness return? The Project Rachel Ministry of the Archdiocese of Washington, is for those women and men who have experienced an abortion and are suffering from these unresolved feelings. Please contact the Project Rachel Ministry at 301-982-2008 or email at [ProjectRachel@adw.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@adw.org). Contacts are confidential due to the personal nature of this experience. For more information, visit [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).

**THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2026**

The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. Join us on January 23, 2026 in Washington, D.C.

for March for Life, an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. The 2026 March for Life route will be made public closer to the date of the event. Check [marchforlife.org/](https://marchforlife.org/) for updates. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected.

### YOUTH MASS FOR LIFE

Youth from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington are invited to the Youth Mass for Life at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle (1725 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036) on Friday, January 23, 2026. Local schools, youth ministries, and young people from across the archdiocese will gather to worship in thanksgiving for the gift of life. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. The program will begin with music, reconciliation, a witness talk, and a Q&A session with Cardinal Robert McElroy leading into the celebration of the Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please visit <https://adw.org/event/youth-mass-for-life/> or contact the Secretariat for Evangelization and Synodal Renewal at [malteza@adw.org](mailto:malteza@adw.org). Volunteers may register at <https://adwyouth.org/volunteer-form>.

### JOIN THE CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

The Maryland General Assembly has begun and spans 90 days, concluding at midnight on Monday, April 13. The Maryland Catholic Conference is encouraging anyone who wants to stay informed and get involved on important Catholic issues to sign up for the Catholic Advocacy Network. The Conference's Catholic Advocacy Network uses email and a simple online system to alert you when action is needed and give you the tools to quickly and easily send a message directly to your legislators. To join, visit [www.mdathcon.org/joincan](http://www.mdathcon.org/joincan).

### 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.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Starting February 17, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church is offering 8 bereavement sessions. The focus of the sessions is to honor the life of your lost loved one. Although it can be difficult, attendees tell the story of their loss, review photos that reveal the special relationship that existed with their loved one and explore how their loved one influenced their life. This program is for adults who have

experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The next series will begin Tuesday February 17, 2026, and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through April 7, 2026 from 7:00-8:30 PM. The meetings are VIRTUAL. For more information or to sign up contact Jim Hoffman at [hoffmanlpc@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanlpc@gmail.com) or call cell: (202) 577 – 2213.

## STEWARDSHIP

*In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits — the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!*

### POOR BOX: CATHOLIC CHARITIES' SANCTUARIES FOR LIFE

The Poor Box this weekend, January 17 and 18, will benefit Catholic Charities' Sanctuaries for Life as they assist qualifying pregnant women receive affordable prenatal and labor/delivery services. They connect pregnant women to additional services such as housing, food, maternity and infant clothing, spiritual support, educational programs, rental and utility assistance. [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/sfl/](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/sfl/)

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND ARCHDIOCESE OF THE MILITARY SERVICES

Next weekend, January 24 and 25, our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), next weekend, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, visit [www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org).

### TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

You can deduct your contributions to St. Jane de Chantal only in the year you actually make them. You make a contribution at the time of its unconditional delivery, e.g., in the Sunday collection basket. When a check is mailed, the IRS considers the U.S. Mail postmark to be the delivery date [see IRS Publication 526 and U.S. Treasury Regulation 1-170A-1(b)]. Contributions for the 2025 calendar year must have a U.S. Mail postmark dated no later than December 31, 2025. The date on the check has no consequence. For example, if we receive a check dated December 31, 2025 with a U.S. Mail postmark of January 2, 2026, the contribution will be credited to the 2026 calendar year. Contributions made by credit card or bank debits through [ParishSoft Giving](#) are deductible in the year you process the charge. Contributions by stock delivered electronically through a financial services firm are considered to have been made on the date that the stock is delivered to our broker.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18 – Saturday, January 24, 2026  
View "Complete Parish Calendar" at [www.stjanedechantal.org](http://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, JANUARY 18

8:00 am ..... Mass ..... C  
10:00 am ..... Mass ..... C  
11:00 am ..... OCIA Meeting ..... SC/Library  
12:00 pm ..... Mass ..... C  
5:00 pm ..... Mass ..... C  
6:00 pm ..... HSYG Meeting ..... SC  
7:00 pm ..... Winter Scripture Study Groups ..... V

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

All day ..... MLK Holiday (parish office closed) .....  
8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C  
6:00 pm ..... Faith Formation (Gr. 1-8) ..... SCH  
7:00 pm ..... Winter Scripture Study Groups ..... SC/Library  
7:00 pm ..... School Advisory Board Meeting ..... SCH  
7:00 pm ..... Sodality Executive Board Meeting ..... SMR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C  
4:15 pm ..... Church of St. Louis CCD ..... SC/LL;UL  
6:30 pm ..... School Endowment Board Meeting ..... CH  
7:00 pm ..... Finance Council Meeting ..... CH  
7:00 pm ..... Holy Hour for Life ..... C  
7:30 pm ..... Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsals ..... MR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C  
9:30 am ..... Winter Scripture Study Groups ..... V  
7:30 pm ..... Parish Choir Rehearsals ..... C

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C  
10:00 am ..... My French Classes ..... SC/UL & SCH  
3:45 pm ..... Confessions ..... C  
4:00 pm ..... GS Troop 34136; 34243 Meeting ..... SC/LL  
4:30 pm ..... Church of St. Louis First Communion Prep Meeting ..... CH  
5:00 pm ..... Vigil Mass ..... C  
6:30 pm ..... French Mass (Church of St. Louis) ..... C

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JANUARY  
POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

Today begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated each year on January 18 - 25.

The 2026 theme is "**There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling**" (Ephesians 4:4).

In a world with diverse and often divided traditions and expressions of Christian faith, Ephesians 4:4 reminds us that all believers are part of the "one body" of Christ. This unity is not about uniformity but a common commitment to the core truths of the Christian faith. In a historic meeting for the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, Pope Leo XIV and Patriarch Bartholomew issued a joint declaration on Christian unity, saying

"We exhort those who are still hesitant to any form of dialogue, to listen to what the Spirit says to the Churches (cf. Rev 2:29), who in the current circumstances of history urges us to present to the world a renewed witness of peace, reconciliation and unity."

**CHALLENGE:** Think of Christians in your communities, work, schools and friendships, and reflect on opportunities to work together to serve the most vulnerable.

READINGS

Jan. 25

Reading I  
Is 8:23 – 9:3

Reading II  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel  
Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17

INTENTIONS

Sun., Jan. 18 – Sat., Jan. 24

Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners  
10:00 am Ernest C. Kung /D  
12:00 pm Lory Stabolepszy /L  
5:00 pm Bernard Gilsenan /L

Monday 8:30 am Michele Cole /D  
Tuesday 8:30 am Lucy Fox /L  
Wednesday 8:30 am Edward Tennant /L  
Thursday 8:30 am Respective of all Human Life  
Friday 8:30 am The Unborn  
Saturday 8:30 am Eleanor Stone /D  
5:00 pm Warren Burton /D

Life's most persistent & urgent question is:  
**What are you doing for others?**

Martin Luther King Jr.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Jan. 24 – Sun., Jan. 25

Saturday 5:00 pm C. Donlon, **2 Servers Needed**  
Sunday 8:00 am D. Driscoll, M. Driscoll, E. Noguchi  
10:00 am S. Gleeson, A. Matelis, N. Matelis  
12:00 pm D. A. Mukono, K. Mydlarz, M. Almy  
5:00 pm P. Wilkerson, V. Ugoh, R. Ugoh