

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Welcome Home!

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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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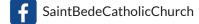
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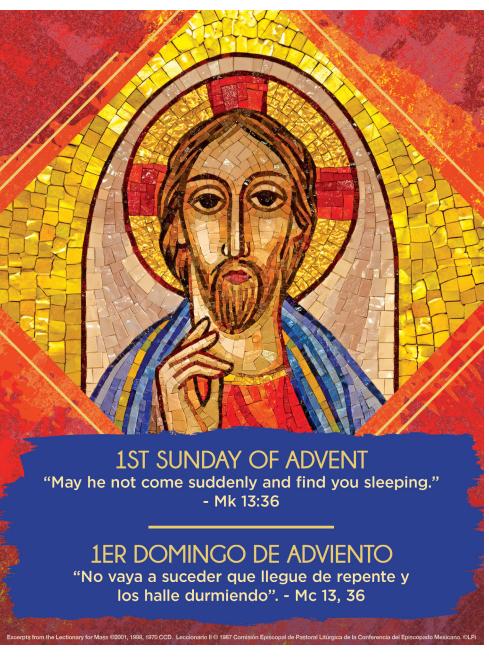
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"Unfurl the sails, and let God steer us where He will." - Saint Bede

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#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

**DeStefano Family** 

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Joseph Berthiaume Bill McMillan Marie Mullenberg James Reagan Marilyn Roither Franco Triolo

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

May the healing hand of God rest on

these people and all others in need. Barbara Andrilla Joe Andrilla Frank Carruba Courtney Chenevey Reyna Chenevey Familia Contreras Familia Diaz

Tom Duffy Kathy Elias Dylan B. Flores Imelda Foley Anabel Galarza Joe Gordineer Cindy Germain Richard Hamon Yun Mee Hong Jenny Dick Johnson

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Whit Armbruster Cullen Anderson Kellen Baye Ryan Carey **Brian Connolly** Adam Dillon Matt Gray Patrick Hart **David Holland** Sorenna Jean Thorin Jean

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James M. Ryan Logan Sarina Anders Stanker Frica Stanke Lee Stephens **Edward A.Ustaris** Jonathan Weiler Veronica Williams

Yishai

#### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Katherine Campanella † 9:00 am

Eli King † Vittorio Minichiello †

Jerri Godfrey † Stanley Stout †

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3** 

5:30 pm

8:30 am Lauren Guzda †

Willard McPeek, Sr. † James O'Reardon, Sr. †

11:00 am **Parishioners** 2:00 pm Miguel Vega † 5:00 pm David J. Whelan †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 am Bede E. Abbott † David J. Whelan †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Fr. John Abe † 9:00 am

Sasha Digges † Vittorio Minichiello † THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

William Grove † 9:00 am

Vittorio Minichiello † Theodore Zlydaszek †

7:00 pm Parishioners<sup>2</sup>

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED MARY

9:00 am Sarah Skelly Keatley †

Andrea Henna & Unborn

Daughter Carmela Young †

7:00 pm Parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:30 pm Vittorio Minichiello †

Lynne R. Wallace †

Subject to change if there is a funeral or if a celebrant is unavailable

#### MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES

#### **DAILY MASS**

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am 1st Saturday 9:00 am

#### RECONCILIATION

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 am - 8:45 am Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

#### **ADORATION**

Monday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm 9:45 am - 11:00 am Friday



#### **WEEKEND MASS**

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm 8:30 am Sunday 11:00 am

(Español) 2:00 pm 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass is also live-streamed at 8:30 am and 2:00 pm

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#### **BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Articles should be submitted two weeks prior before the weekend you want it printed.

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### FIRST DAY OF ADVENT

#### First Reading:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

#### Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

#### **Second Reading:**

The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

#### Gospel:

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming." (Mk 13:35)

#### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### **Sunday:**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

#### Monday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

#### Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

#### Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

#### Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

#### Friday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

#### Saturday:

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Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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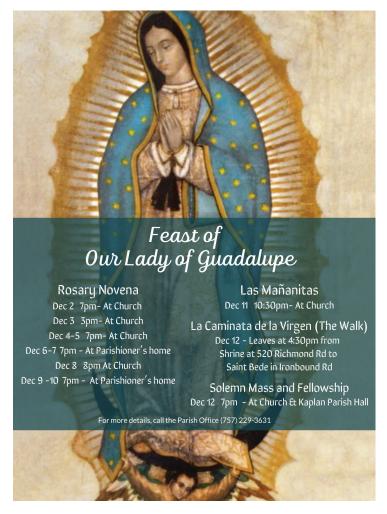
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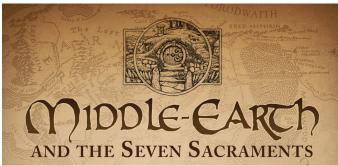
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## MIDDLE-EARTH AND THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

DECEMBER 16 - 10:3- AM - 12:00 PM WALSH RM

In colobration of the 20th appiversary of the release

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the release of the final Lord of the Rings film, Fr. Anthony Ferguson will be offering a one-time presentation about the rich Catholic symbolism found in JRR Tolkien's book trilogy. Each of the Seven Sacraments, from Baptism to Holy Orders, will be covered in this rousing catechetical adventure for the entire family... wizards, halflings, and all. Registration is limited, so sign up today!

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## ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 6 - 7:00 PM

Join the Saint Cecilia Choir, Saint Dunstan Ringers, and Saint Bede Senior and Junior Choristers in this beautiful candlelit service of choral music, scripture readings, and traditional congregational hymns of the season. In this hectic and chaotic time of year, set aside this hour to immerse yourself in the music of the season and prepare your heart and mind for the coming of Christ as an infant.

## MEMORIAL MASS FOR MSGR. JOSEPH LEHMAN

**DECEMBER 13 - MASS 9:00 AM**We will commemorate the passing of Msgr. Joseph Lehman with a Mass offered in his honor.

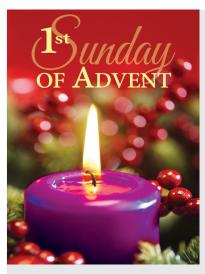
All are welcome to attend and remember our beloved pastor.

The offices will open at 10:00 AM instead of 8:30 AM, so the staff may attend this Mass.



**DECEMBER 19 - 7:00 PM** 

The Sacrament of Reconciliation brings us to deeper conversion so that we may more fruitfully receive both Christ's first coming at Christmas and await his second coming at the end of time. More than twelve priests will be available to hear confessions and grant the Lord's absolution. Use this opportunity to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas.



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### **FIRST DAY OF ADVENT**

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when

the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a timetested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days.

You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

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#### MASSES CELEBRATED - THE IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION

December 7 7:00 pm Vigil Mass

December 8 9:00 am

7:00 pm Español

Prepared by God from the very first moment of her life to receive Jesus Christ. God's grace preserved Mary from sin from the womb to the end of her life because of her role in the mystery of salvation as the Mother of God. This Solemnity is a holy day of obligation.

#### **SIMBANG GABI**

DECEMBER 9 - 5:30PM



All are invited to celebrate with Bishop Knestout and our parish Filipino community a kick-off Mass for the Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Mother. The Second Sunday of Advent 5:30pm Vigil Mass, with reception following, will include traditional music, vesture, language, and food of the Philippines.

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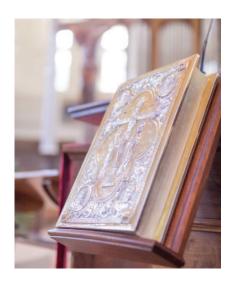
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### ADULT FORMATION NOW "LIVE"

Please go to our Ault Formation Webpage for Signups.

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL- CHRISTMAS PARTY





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### DECEMBER 8 -9 ANNUAL FRESHMAN LOCK-IN RETREAT

All freshman welcome to the Annual Freshman Lock-In Retreat, at Saint Bede.

December 8 - 5pm there will be dinner, snacks

December 9 - 10 am begins with breakfast, ends with fun and fellowship provided.

**DECEMBER 15 - MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY** 



#### PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Velen y estén preparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento." Marcos 13:33

Oración: Señor Jesús, en este tiempo de Adviento te rogamos que nos concedas un corazón vigilante, lleno de esperanza y amor por tu venida. Inflama nuestros corazones Espíritu Santo, para que llenos de valentía, permanezcamos alertas y volcados en amor hacia nuestro prójimo, esperando tu llegada. Amén. Desdelafe.mx

#### MEDITANDO EN EL EVANGELIO DURANTE EL **ADVIENTO**

Únase a uno de nuestros grupos este Adviento...

Grupo de Fe - Para Adultos Todos los martes @ 7pm por Zoom Para el link, contacte a Ileana/Omar García 910.689.5603

Youth Bible Study - Para Jóvenes Grados 6-12 miércoles @ 6pm en el Youth Room, sótano Comenzando el 29 de noviembre

#### MISAS EN ESPAÑOL DURANTE EL ADVIENTO:

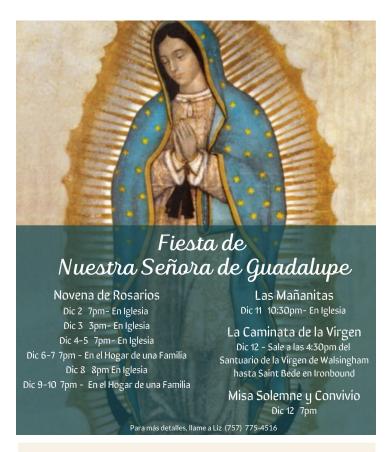
3 diciembre	2pm	Primer Domingo de Adviento
8 diciembre	7pm	Solemnidad Inmaculada Concepción
de María		
10 diciembre	2pm	Segundo Domingo de Adviento
12 diciembre	7pm	Fiesta de Ntra. Señora de Guadalupe
17 diciembre	2pm	Tercer Domingo de Adviento
23 diciembre	5:30pm	Cuarto Domingo de Adviento -
		BILINGÜE

NO HAY MISA EN ESPAÑOL el 24 diciembre 2pm

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#### MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

El Adviento es la espera alegre y activa de la preparación a la Navidad; donde celebramos el nacimiento del Salvador. Nos preparamos para recibir al Señor en gozo y acción. El Señor que viene nos invita a salir a abrir la puerta para ver más allá de nuestra propia realidad. "Cada cristiano y cada comunidad discernirá cuál es el camino que Dios le pide, pero todos somos invitados a aceptar este llamado: salir de la propia comodidad y atreverse a llegar a todas las periferias que necesitan la luz del Evangelio. La alegría del Evangelio que llena la vida de la comunidad de discípulos es la alegría misionera" (Papa Francisco). Estas palabras del Papa Francisco no están pasadas de moda. son activas para todos nosotros especialmente en este primer Domingo de Adviento.

En medio de todo lo que vivimos en la sociedad en este tiempo, la invitación continua a seguir acogiendo y consolando, en lo que se puede, al inmigrante y al que sufre toda clase de violencia. Crear nuevas posibilidades para despertar alegría en los corazones dormidos. El Evangelio nos advierte: "Estén preparados y vigilando, porque no saben cuándo llegará ese momento...estén despiertos" (Marcos 13,33-37). Hay que abrir bien los ojos para descubrir dónde está el Señor, porque no es fácil verlo. ¿Cuáles actitudes debemos poner en práctica en este Adviento? La confianza, la vigilancia, la hospitalidad y la esperanza. ¿Y tú, cuál otra actitud agregarías? ©LPi

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

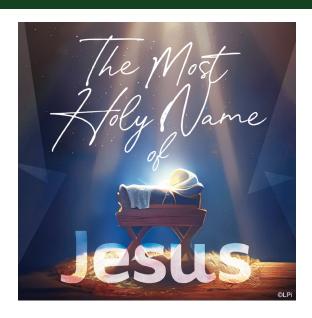
We are always in need for volunteers to help with our various liturgical ministries during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. From greeting people in the Commons to assisting with various aspects of the Mass. Please check the weekly Ministry Schedule email for opportunities to assist. Thank you for serving your brothers and sisters.

The words of this week's Gospel encourage us to "Watch". One way to contemplate and "watch" is to spend time with the Lord in Adoration.

You can spend time with the Lord in our Reservation Chapel anytime the church is open. You can also spend time with the Lord in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays from 7 am until 5 pm, Wednesdays from 7pm until 8 pm with Reconciliation available, and Fridays from 9:45-10:45 am. Check the website for any schedule changes as there may be some alteration between now and the new year.

#### STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Jesus said to his disciples:
 "Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
 It is like a man traveling abroad.
He leaves home and places his servants in charge,
 each with his own work,
 and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.
 Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord of the house is coming,
 whether in the evening, or at midnight,
 or at cockcrow, or in the morning.
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.
 What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"
 Mk 13:33-37



## STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES AND REMINDERS:

#### 2024 IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER....

Look at your 2024 Giving- if you are 70 1/2 and over, consider using your IRA for a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) or if you are 73 and over, some or all of a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for your gifts to Saint Bede. This is an easy way to reduce your taxable income and benefit the parish. Contact Sam Samorian at 757-229-3631 ext. 2315

#### SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Thanks to Virginia's Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program, donations to approved foundations will provide scholarships for students from low income families at non-public schools. Individual or business donors then receive a 65% tax credit.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond's McMahon Parater Scholarship Foundation is approved by the Virginia Department of Education to receive donations under this program. The Foundation distributes scholarships to qualifying students who attend one of the 30 Catholic schools in the Diocese. For the 2022-23 school year, 1,470 scholarships were awarded, totaling \$9,384,729. This is entirely due to the generosity of people like you who have donated to the program.

Contact Sam Samorian (ssamorian@bedeva.org) for more information

## STEWARDSHIP AND MARKETING RESOURCE TEAM

Join Sam Samorian and Anabelle Morales to help shape the Stewardship and Marketing efforts of the parish.

We will have an open session in January to discuss ways to better involve the parish in our call to stewardship as disciples of Christ.

If you are interested in participating, contact Anabelle amorales@bedeva.org or Sam ssamorian@bedeva.org.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### COMING SOON.....

Stations of the Cross trail GaGa Ball Pit Stay tuned for more details!!

#### SAINT BEDE COMMUNITY PAGE

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#### ADVENT DECEMBER

Prayer and reflection resources for Advent are available at the table in

the commons.

First Sunday of Advent Dec 3

HOPE

Second Sunday of Advent Dec 10

FAITH

Third Sunday of Advent Dec 17

**JOY** 

Bilingual Mass Advent IV Dec 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec 24

PEACE



### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### **DECEMBER 11 - 6:00PM TRAINING IN CHURCH**

Bring our most sacred treasure—the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ—to fellow parishioners at Masses. Additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed. One must have a love for Christ in the Eucharist and be a fully initiated Catholic in good standing with the Church.

Contact our Eucharistic Ministry coordinator, Emma McMillan, emmamcmillan@cox. net if interested.

## THE GOOD SHEPHERDS OF BETHLEHEM

#### **DECEMBER 2-3**

Please support this ministry by purchasing a gift for you or a loved one. It is vital that we show our support to all Christian and Catholic families who create these beautiful olive wood carvings.

#### KAPLAN PARISH HALL

Are you looking to plan an event in Kaplan Parish Hall for a corporate meeting or social event?

Kaplan Parish Hall can function as primary meeting space for a large group with ministry room usage as breakout space.

You do not need to be a parishioner to rent at Saint Bede.

Wedding receptions, socials, memorial receptions and special events can be scheduled in Kaplan Parish Hall.

If you have need of a more intimate space, the Zahn Lobby can be rented for a private dinner, cocktail reception, small wedding or memorial reception. Seating capacity is appox. 40, pending room arrangements.

An event space is determined based on the anticipated guest count for the event. Call or email Jennifer Murtha| Ext. 2305 or jmurtha@bedeva.org

# Saint Bede Catholic Church invites you to join us for

# Ohristmas<sub>0</sub>Masses

#### Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Saint Bede Youth Choir Mass w/Brass

Quartet

6:30 pm Saint Dunstan w/ Bell Choir and Brass

Quartet

8:30 pm Misa en Español

Coro la Paz w/ Instruments

10:30 pm Schola Cantorum w/ String Quartet

#### Christmas Day

9:00 am Saint Cecilia Choir w/ Brass Quartet 11:00 am Saint Cecilia Choir w/ Brass Quartet



