



SAINT BEDE

Catholic Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Therefore the child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God." - Lk 1:35

4º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Por eso, el Santo, que va a nacer de ti,
será llamado Hijo de Dios". - Lc 1, 35

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Jack Carmichael



The sanctuary candle burns for the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is a majestic place of repose for the Holy Eucharist – the True Presence of the Body, Blood, Soul and

Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. If you would like a loved one to be remembered in the chapel during this time of private prayer, adoration and quiet, please contact the parish office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

May the healing hand of God rest on these people and all others in need

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:30 pm Lynn R. Walker

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMAS EVE

8:30 am Jesus Martinez†
11:00 am Parishioners
4:00 pm Pro Populo
6:30 pm Pro Populo
8:30 pm Pro Populo
10:30 pm Pro Populo

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 am Pro Populo
11:00 am Pro Populo



DAILY MASS

No Masses December 26 - 29

RECONCILIATION & ADORATION

Please visit our website www.bede.va.org for the full Liturgical schedule. Due to the holidays and special events changes in times will vary.

WEEKEND MASS



BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:30 pm The Claxton Family

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

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
11:00 am
2:00 pm (Spanish)
5:00 pm

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading:

"Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever." (2 Sm 28:16)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

Gospel:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

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Saint Bede Catholic Church
invites you to join us for
Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

- 4:00 pm Saint Bede Youth Choir Mass w/Brass Quintet
6:30 pm Saint Dunstan Ringers w/ Bell Choir and Brass Quintet
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 Quintet
11:00 am Saint Cecilia Choir w/ Brass Quintet



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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
Wesołych Świąt
MALIGAYANG
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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." Lk 2:11

NAVIDAD

"Hoy les ha nacido, en la ciudad de David, un salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor". - Lc 2, 11

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**Solemnity of
Mary,
Mother of God**

January 1st

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY

NEW YEARS DAY 2024 - 9AM MASS

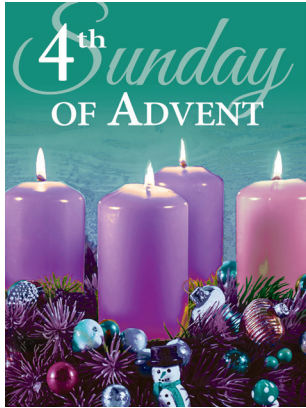
On Monday, January 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and World Day of Prayer for Peace.

The Church recognizes Mary as Theotokos or God-bearer, for "God sent his Son, born of a woman" (Galatians 4:4). This solemnity is usually a holyday of obligation, but since it falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

However, there will be a 9am Mass that day. Consider beginning the new year honoring Our Blessed Mother and praying for the peace that is sorely needed in our world.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



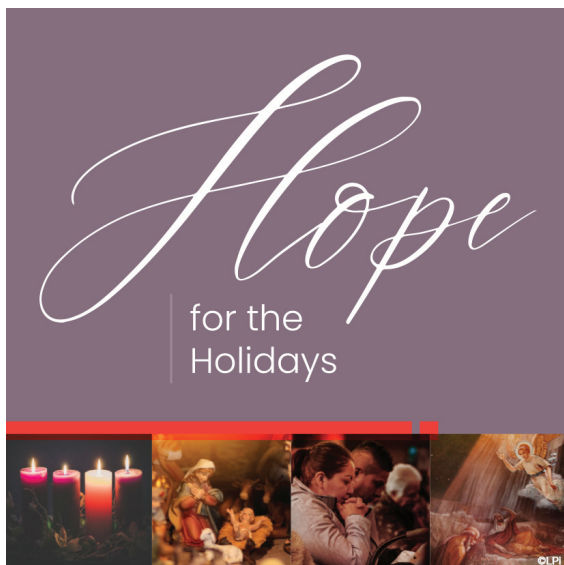
Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed

Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



"She gave birth to her firstborn son." The pain of childbirth is something that boggles my mind. I'm sure I couldn't handle it. I can't even watch scenes in movies in which a woman gives birth. I understand it's a beautiful part of nature, but there's still something awful about it and the attendant suffering.

Which is why it's worth pondering an often

neglected and currently unpopular part of the Church's theology around the birth of Christ, his was miraculous because it caused no pain to his mother. Even her physical virginity remains intact. Of course, we modern scientific people scoff at such an idea.

Without obsessing over the obstetrical details, we discover a glorious illumination in the symbolic meaning of this birth that we moderns find so embarrassing. God comes into the world in an utterly non-violent way. He himself will suffer his own bloodshed but will never shed that of others. He is so peaceful and non-violent that he will even rise from the dead without breaking the seal of the tomb. All of humanity, in the Church, will give birth to him in the Church free from the terrible pain due to original sin. How badly we need the truth of this miraculous birth today!

Let's delight in this great mystery and miracle of Jesus's birth. He is the Prince of Peace and always nonviolent. We need not fear him, ever.

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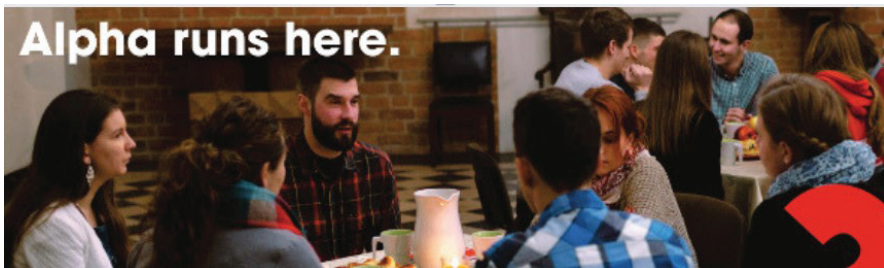
The Nursery will be closed on:

December 24th	Sunday
December 25th	Monday
December 31st	Sunday

**REMINDER:**

There is no Children's formation or Your Ministry until January 7th.

The Evangelization Staff wishes everyone a Joyful Christmas!



Alpha starts January 11, 2024. Do you have questions about your faith? Have you heard about Alpha and wondered what it's about? Does it relate to me? Alpha is a program that invites people to personally encounter Jesus Christ and be transformed into His missionary disciples.

Join us to watch a short video and explore life's questions and connect with other parishioners. Details are on the Saint Bede website www.bedevea.org/alpha or use our Q R Code to directly register.



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Todos en la vida buscamos tener espacio. Espacio en un hogar para vivir en paz, para tener privacidad y, sobre todo, espacio para valorar nuestros encuentros con el otro. Hoy, en la liturgia de este Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, se narra la Anunciación, donde el ángel Gabriel llega a la casa de María buscando un espacio para Dios. María le hace ese espacio con su ***"Yo soy la servidora del Señor, hágase en mí tal como has dicho"*** (Lucas 1,38). Esto quiere decir, sí lo acepto, aquí está el espacio de mi ser y de mi corazón, para alojar a Dios con todas sus consecuencias. Alegrémonos con María y vivamos con fe esta Navidad ya entre nosotros. ¿Qué espacio está listo en tu hogar para recibir a Jesús? ¿Tu corazón está dispuesto a decir hágase en mí como tú lo deseas? Pidámosle, a María nos ayude a preparar el corazón como una cuna, para que el niño Dios tenga su espacio especial para esta Navidad y que nunca se vaya de ahí. ©LPi

La Comunidad Hispana de Saint Bede, agradece a los Caballeros de Colón por el Convivio en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y por acompañarnos en la Caminata. Para unirse a los Caballeros de Colón, comuníquese con Chris Harvey 701-340-9314



SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS YA BAPTIZADOS

¿Recibió el Bautismo, pero le falta algún sacramento y desea recibirlo? Clases de Preparación para Confesión, Comunión y Confirmación para Adultos comienzan el 7 ENERO 2024. Para preguntas, llame a la oficina y pregunte por Alfie. Inscripciones: <https://tinyurl.com/4vdkmyx4>



CIERRES POR NAVIDAD

Las Oficinas 22 de diciembre a las 2pm
Reabrirán el 2 de enero a las 8:30am

La Iglesia 25 de diciembre a las 12pm
Reabrirá el 30 de diciembre

No habrá Misa, Confesiones ni Adoración en ese periodo.



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

La Navidad, además de ser una celebración solemne y de mucho gozo, da comienzo el 25 de diciembre y termina con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor. Su color litúrgico es el blanco. La invitación, en este tiempo, es comprometernos a vivir en armonía y generosidad familiar, imitando a José, María y Jesús. Celebramos acontecimientos muy importantes para nuestra vida de fe. La Encarnación del Hijo de Dios, su Nacimiento, junto con la Resurrección en la Pascua, nos llevan a manifestar la epifanía de Dios como gozo definitivo a los demás.

"No tengan miedo, pues yo vengo a comunicarles una buena noticia, que será motivo de mucha alegría para todo el pueblo: hoy, en la ciudad de David, ha nacido un Salvador, que es el Mesías y el Señor" (Lucas 2:10-11). Señor, queremos agradecerte todo lo vivido en este año 2023. Tuvimos alegrías y sufrimientos, muerte de seres queridos y nacimientos de seres amados que serán alegría y esperanza en nuestra vida. Todo lo ponemos humildemente ante el pesebre en este tiempo santo de la Navidad. Quédate con nosotros. "Gracias a este Niño, todos podemos llamarnos y ser verdaderamente hermanos: de todos los continentes, de todas las lenguas y culturas, con nuestras identidades y diferencias, sin embargo, todos hermanos y hermanas" (Papa Francisco 12/25/2020). Jesús es buena noticia para todos, vayamos a compartirla. ¡Feliz Navidad 2023! ©LPi

MISAS DE NAVIDAD EN ESPAÑOL

24 diciembre	8:30pm	MISA DE NAVIDAD
31 diciembre	2pm	Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia
7 enero	2pm	Epifanía del Señor
Con la Visita de los Reyes Magos		

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As 2023 ends, just a short note of thanks and a reminder of an opportunity below.

Thanks to you, our parish continues our good work. Your prayers and actions during the past month have helped us celebrate the Joy of Christmas. This past year your commitment has contributed to meeting the material needs of others in the Williamsburg area and provided spiritual support through faith formation, sacramental preparation, small groups and daily worship. You have shown others that we are followers of Christ.

We are especially thankful for your stewardship and gifts through our electronic giving system. If you are considering a year end gift, you can go directly to our site, anything before midnight December 31 will be credited to 2023. If you write a check and drop it in the mail or collection box at Mass, just make sure the check is dated on or before December 31, 2023.

For all you do to help others and especially for all of the prayers you offer, THANK YOU

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Thus the total number of generations
from Abraham to David
is fourteen generations;
from David to the Babylonian exile,
fourteen generations;
from the Babylonian exile to the Christ,
fourteen generations.

Mt 1:17

This verse is the short version of the generational history of our faith. Have you looked at your family tree recently? Have you shared your family history?

Our families are likely filled with wonderful stories, some of them very good and perhaps some that we are not proud to share. It is our history though, just as our faith has a history. The struggles, the heartache and moments of joy all make our history and have helped make us what we are today. Traditions passed from generation to generation and new traditions all help frame our journey. The church is no different. The Christmas season offers us an extraordinary opportunity to explore the traditions and the meaning of Christmas. Come Lord Jesus, Maranatha, Ven Señor!

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

THE SPECIAL COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

Please give to Catholic Charities through the second collection at Christmas Masses. Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia served more than 7,900 local families last year by providing: free diapers, children's clothing & parenting support; adoption services; eviction prevention and financial education; mental health counseling; Guardianship services for those with no one to care for them; and much more! Please visit www.cceva.org for more information on how your support will change lives! May God bless you and your family.



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

December 25	Catholic Charities and Special Christmas Collections
New Year 2024	
January 1	Solemnity of Mary
January 19	March For Life
January 21	Respect Life Sunday

PARKING ANNOUNCEMENT

**DECEMBER 24 - 4PM
ADDITIONAL PARKING**

Weather permitting, we are hoping to use the grass field off the main circle for overflow parking.

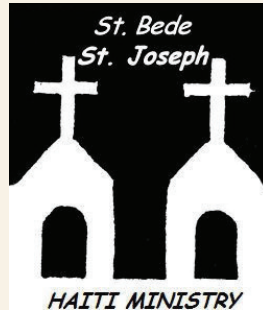
If the ground is too soft, there will be shuttle parking instead at Upward Church across the street.

Multiple shuttle buses will be running to get everyone back and forth quickly.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

We are gearing up for the sale of our Christmas ornaments after Saturday and Sunday masses in the Commons area.

\$10 each, all proceeds go to our twin parish, St. Joseph's, in Thomonde, Haiti.



OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint Bede is pleased to announce our new outdoor Stations of the Cross are now installed.

Grace Berquist and her team completed the installation this past weekend.

The stations begin near the picnic area of the south parking lot and end near the Columbarium. A formal dedication will occur during Lent.

CONSIDER HOSTING OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

Thinking about doing something meaningful and extraordinary for your family this New Year?

Consider the gift of hosting the Our Lady of Fatima statue (Traveling Pilgrim Virgin) at your home or scheduling a Home Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Legion of Mary is excited to offer these opportunities so your family can experience the mercy and graces they bring.

For more information contact Heather Clemens at heather.clemens@cox.net or Patty Morrison at patty.morrison2010@yahoo.com



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 approx. 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

