SECOND SUNDAY OF

DECEMBER 4, 2022

John the Baptist appeared,
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MATTHEW 3:1

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SAINT JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

9600 Caritas Street ~ Fredericksburg, VA 22408

www.stjudechurch.us

Pastor: Rev. J. Kevin O'Keefe
Deacon: Bob Lyons
Deacon: Dick Cronican
Deacon: Aaron Zaccagnino

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, Vigil 5:00 pm Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Daily Mass 9:00 am
Friday Daily Mass 9:00 am followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction
Confessions Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Saturday at 3:30 pm, or by appointment

Daily Masses and the 9:30 am Sunday Mass are livestreamed at www.bit.ly/StJudeYoutube.

Telephone Numbers:

Parish Office	540-891-7350	Fax	540-891-1810
Religious Education	540-891-7350	St. Vincent de Paul	540-898-8065

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3	5:00 PM	Mass	Joan Jameson+
Sunday, December 4	7:30 AM	Mass	Mary Cimini+
	9:30 AM	Mass	Bill Woolf+
	11:30 AM	Mass	All Parishioners
Monday, December 5	9:00 AM	Mass	Parish Office
Tuesday, December 6	9:00 AM	Mass	Paul Quigley+
Wednesday, December 7	9:00 AM	Mass	Ruth Guillotte+
Thursday, December 8	9:00 AM	Mass	John Werning+
	12:15 PM	Mass	Kathy McDevitt
	7:30 PM	Mass	Mary Ann Litterio+
Friday, December 9	9:00 AM	Mass	Marilu Cuevas
Saturday, December 10	5:00 PM	Mass	All Parishioners
Sunday, December 11	7:30 AM	Mass	Helen Huff & Family
	9:30 AM	Mass	All Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Mass	St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).
Psalm — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).
Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).
Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Parish Information

Parish Office Telephone -
(540) 891-7350
Parish Office Fax -
(540) 891-1810
Parish E-Mail Address -
info@stjudechurch.us
Parish Web Site -
www.stjudechurch.us

Office Hours-
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Closed on federal holidays.

Parish Staff -
Helen Huff, Business Manager
David Brandao, Music Coordinator
Nancy Simms, Director of Religious Education
Courtney Leon, Office Manager
Mark Williams, Facilities Manager
Celeste O'Leary, Admin. Assistant
Tanya Rawson, Linda Hildebrand, Bonnie Gibert, Steve Perchalski, Bernadine Starrs, Erik Llufrio, Rosa Domenech, Barbara Brandao, Marichelle Dinglasa and Lydia Gerong, Sacristans

Anointing of the Sick - Call the parish office. Notify us of parishioners who are hospitalized.

Baptisms - Please call the office at 540-891-7350. Baptisms will be celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. A class is required for all who have not previously had a child baptized at St. Jude. Registration for the class at the parish office is required.

Bulletin Deadline - Sunday by 5:00 pm to appear in the next week's bulletin. Send information to admin.assist@stjudechurch.us.

Bulletin Inserts - Since we now have two extra pages in the bulletin, we will no longer be adding inserts. Full and half page ads for events still need to be submitted at least three weeks in advance of publication. We will do our best to advertise your events.

Communion for Homebound - Please call the office to enquire about Homebound Communion.

Confessions - Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Saturday at 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Choir/Music Ministry – Interested in joining the choir? Please contact David Brandao at 891-7350 or davidb@stjudechurch.us. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm.

Donut Social - Please join us after the 9:30 am Mass in the Activity Center for donuts and coffee. No charge but donations are accepted.

Electronic Contributions - To have your contributions handled by direct debit or credit card contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 or visit faithdirect.net. Our parish code is VA 512.

Envelopes - Please use envelopes **provided by St. Jude Church** to enable us to accurately record your contributions to prepare annual statements for tax purposes.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Holy Hour, and Benediction - Friday after 9:00 am Mass. Third Sunday of the month, 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

Flocknote - allows parish staff to send announcements to parishioners via email and text messaging. Please consider registering at https://stjudecatholicchurch9.flocknote.com.

Marriages - Registered members of the parish should contact the office for information on Pre-Cana counseling and wedding ceremonies.

Marriage Difficulties - Contact **Retrouvaille** at 703-351-7211 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Mass Intentions - The 2022 Mass book is now full. Unscheduled Masses are available. Please call the office for more information.

Moving - Please advise the parish office of changes of address, phone numbers and family status to enable us to keep our records up-to-date.

Parish Registration - Please fill out a card, found in the church vestibule or in the office.

RCIA - Interested in becoming a Catholic? Please email admin.assist@stjudechurch.us. Classes will begin in the fall.

Religious Education - We are now registering for the 2022-23 school year. Please contact Nancy Simms for information at 891-7350 or religioused@stjudechurch.us.

SHARE - If you or someone you know is in need of quality food at a reasonable price, please consider a SHARE value package consisting of a variety of proteins and fresh in-season fruits and vegetables. Contact Mark Williams at 891-7350.

Youth Ministries

High School Youth Ministry-
Please contact HSYM@stjudechurch.us.

Baptisms

We recently welcomed the following people into the Church through the waters of Baptism: Sanpha-Baimba Aloysius Kanu, Jr., Yema Cecilia Kanu, and Max Benedict Kanu, children of Aloysius and Yenoh; and Brady Rai Parico Sapno, son of Boniface and Ruth.

Parish Calendar

December 3 & 4, after all Masses
The St. Jude Women's Guild Christmas Cookie Bake Sale and 50/50 Raffle.

Sunday, December 4
Tree of Love unwrapped gifts must be returned this weekend. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for those in need.

Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 pm
Confessions in the church. Confessions will end when there is no one in line.

Thursday, December 8
Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 9:00 am, 12:15 pm and 7:30 pm.

Saturday, December 10, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Confessions in the church.

December 10 & 11, at all Masses
Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Collection Our Lord invites us to follow His example of serving others, and we do this in remembrance of Him. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to this Collection which helps those in need in our diocese.

Sunday, December 11, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Cookies with Santa in the St. Jude Activity Center. Decorate cookies, make ornaments and have a chat with St. Nicholas (aka Santa Claus). All children (with a parent) of the parish (and the young at heart) are invited.

Sunday, December 18, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, December 19, 7:00 pm
An Evening of Confession at St. Jude. Multiple priests will be available to hear Confessions. This will be the **last time** Confession is offered prior to Christmas. **No** Tuesday (12/20) or Saturday (12/24) Confession.

Donations in the **December Charitable Works** envelope will go toward our Holiday Hope program, providing a merrier Christmas to our neighbors in need. Thank you for your support.

Prayer List

Please pray for: Allison Peterson, Amy Whittaker, Rosario Bautista, Mary Ellen Sabo, Eva Maria Kress, Neal Weierbach, Mary Jane Costa, Anthony D'Ostilio, Robert Recupero, Tom Yencha, Larry Grondin, John Colville, Taylor Hubbs, Jimmy Colangelo, Jeanne Valzenzano, Emma Smith, Karen Smith, Denise Bartleson, Charlotte S., Lauren H., Christine Mammen, Irene Jenson, Gloria Licup-Ante, Aurora Hill, Sophie Nanny, Mr. & Mrs. Groves, Shirley Kelly, Mike B., Ernie Bintz, August Garner, Henry Hynoski, Marj Stup, Paul O'Brien, Kellie Harper, Renee St. Dennis, Patty O'Brien, Virginia Hayden, the Wiggins family, Jim Luckey, Dan Loehr, Christine and Olivia Zilleckis, Diane McHugh, Heather Clemens, Carlos Enrique, Evadine Cooper, Jo Ann Spall, Marci Spellman, Frances Shopp, Carolyn Berta, Debra Walker, CD, Alaina Amburgey, Jeanne Bushell, Peggy, Randy James, Iris Castro, Fr. Paul Grankaukas, Terry Galvin, Melissa and Brett Gardner, Catherine, Barbra Zaccagnino, Jeanne Giebelhouse, Mark Mergler, Ivy Castro, John McHugh, Matthew Ahart, Pam Cleveland, Bruce Hall, Barb Carr, Carla Morales, Rose Ellixson, Clyde Bryant, Lara Elley, Diana Amburgey, Tom Ellis, Donna Wheatley, John Mahoney, PEG, Ray C. , JF, MB, George Nazionale, Harper Pender, Sue Ellis, Stan Whisnant, Lisa Sutton, Courtney Leon and David Huff.

If you have a name to be put on the Prayer List or on the Prayer Chain, please call the office at 891-7350. Names on the bulletin Prayer List are listed for 4 to 6 weeks, unless otherwise instructed.

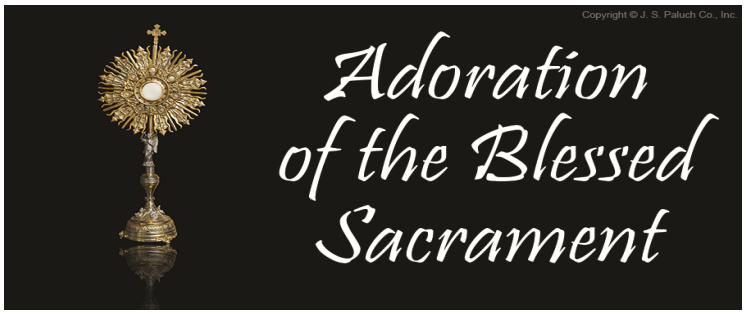
Let us pray: A book for your prayer intentions is at the back of the church near the St. Jude alcove.

Due to the holidays, there will be **early bulletin deadlines** in December. For the December 18 bulletin, items must be submitted by close of business on December 7. For the December 25 bulletin, deadline is COB on December 14 and for the January 1, 2023 bulletin, deadline is December 18. Thank you for your help.

Shop and help St. Jude at the same time!

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St Jude Catholic Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:
1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "St Jude Catholic Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app



Sunday

December 18

3:00 - 4:00 pm

The Sacrament of Penance at St. Jude

During the Season of Advent, Fr. O'Keefe has arranged for visiting priests to come to St. Jude and offer an evening of Penance to all.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas.

Monday, December 19

7:00 pm

(This will be the **last** time Confession is offered prior to Christmas.)

Holiday Schedule of Masses

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve
Mass times for the Nativity are 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day
Mass times are 7:30 am and 9:30 am.

**********(NO Confession on Christmas Eve.)**********

Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1
Regular weekend schedule (5:00 pm on Saturday, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am Sunday)

ST JUDE WOMEN'S GUILD
CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE SALE
50/50 RAFFLE
DECEMBER 3-4, 2022
AFTER ALL THE MASSES
CASH OR CHECKS

Cookies with Santa

Sunday, December 11

1p-3p

Activity Center

Decorate Cookies

Color Ornaments

Write a Birthday Card to Baby Jesus

A special guest in red and white
will stop by to say hello

Caring for the needs of the most vulnerable

CATHOLIC CHARITIES RESPONSE REPORT

July 2021–June 2022

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

"In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus tells us whenever we feed, give drink or welcome a neighbor, whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we are doing for him. To the pastors in our diocese who partner with Catholic Charities, please know of my appreciation for your work and tremendous support. And to those of you who support our efforts by volunteering your precious time, and to those of you who support Catholic Charities by donating your financial resources I express my deepest gratitude."

– BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE

Catholic Charities offers assistance with help from thousands of donors.

How Catholic Charities responded from July 2021 – June 2022

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington serves the poor, protects the vulnerable, and welcomes the newcomer throughout northern Virginia. We rely on partnerships with parishes from every corner of the diocese, 190 faith-filled professionals and over 3,000 volunteers who make sacrifices every day to help us share the love and consolation of Jesus Christ with our brothers and sisters in need.

Catholic Charities serves our neighbors in need by providing food, rental and utility assistance. We also offer mental health counseling, pregnancy and adoption support, immigration and refugee assistance, job training, free medical care and other essential services.

To find out more about our ministries and how you can become involved, please visit ccda.net

Days of Recollection for Discerners -- December 17 and 18

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out and enjoy some quiet prayer time this Advent. Men's Day of Recollection is Saturday, December 17, with diocesan seminarians and priests; the Women's Day of Recollection is Sunday, December 18 with the Daughters of St. Paul. These events are for those 18-35 years old interested in deepening their prayer life and exploring their vocation. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is Monday, December 12.

Novena for Couples to Our Lady of Guadalupe

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriages or early infant death. The novena starts on December 4 and ends on December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A Mass will be offered by Bishop Michael Burbidge for this intention during the novena. Sign up here to receive the Novena and submit your intentions: OurFruitfulLove.com/Novena

Give a Gift for Life

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project financially support a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother wrote: “I was very distressed and scared not knowing who would help me with my pregnancy…I could not go to anyone…and I was without the support of my baby's father. He wanted me to abort but I decided to have my son. I must thank Gabriel Project for all the moral, spiritual, and medical support…for this reason, I named my son Gabriel!” For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

Summit Academy will have Shadow Days on January 11 and 25 and February 1. RSVP to www.thesummitva.org.

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School offers Shadow Days and tours for interested families. Early enrollment discount ends December 31. Schedule your visit today**!**
www.saintmichaelhs.org

From the Office of Vocations

”They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks…” If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Ministries	Contacts
Religious Education	Nancy Simms
RCIA	Fr. O’Keefe
High School Youth Ministry	
Homebound Eucharist	Parish Office
Music Ministry	David Brandao
Parish Life	John Reosti
Money Counters	Fr. O’Keefe
Knights of Columbus Council 13599	Roger Bombard
Women’s Guild	Jane White
Legion of Mary	Maxine Grant
SHARE	Mark Williams
Secular Franciscans	Irene Theriault
7 Sisters Prayer Group	Deidra Fraser
Lectors	Roman J. Marciniak, Jr.
Altar Servers	Parish Office
Eucharistic Ministers	Parish Office
Ushers	Keith Amburgey
Vocations	John Shofi
Thurman Brisben	Maureen Weierbach
Thurman Brisben	Paulette Bugno
Prayer Chain	Parish Office
Prayer Shawl	Joanne Krzeminski
Pilgrim Virgin	Dan Galvin
Hibernians	Shawn Lenahan
Cenacle of Life	Barbara McCoy
Garden Club	Mary Ann Ante-Amburgey
Rosary for Life	Steve Perchalski
The Baby Closet	Hotline
Birthright	Birthright Office
St. Vincent de Paul	Carol Byram

Pregnant and Need Help? Alternatives to Abortion

Birthright of Fredericksburg	898-8558
Catholic Charities	371-1124
Mary’s Shelter	www.marysshelterva.org
Gabriel Project	1-866-444-3553
Paul Stefan Homes of VA	www.paulstefanhome.org 854-2300