

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."*

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**SAINT JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

9600 Caritas Street ~ Fredericksburg, VA 22408

[www.stjudechurch.us](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/StJudeYoutube).

**Telephone Numbers:**

Parish Office 540-891-7350

Religious Education 540-891-7350

Fax

St. Vincent de Paul

540-891-1810

540-898-8065

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 17	5:00 PM	Mass	Nick & Judith Eissen +
Sunday, December 18	7:30 AM	Mass	Martin Devaney +
	9:30 AM	Mass	Bonnie & Tony Gibert
	11:30 AM	Mass	All Parishioners
Monday, December 19	9:00 AM	Mass	Loretta & William Gallagher +
Tuesday, December 20	9:00 AM	Mass	Wayne Rowland +
Wednesday, December 21	9:00 AM	Mass	Diane Shandor+
Thursday, December 22	No	Mass	
Friday, December 23	9:00 AM	Mass	Barish & David Families +
Saturday, December 24	5:00 PM	Mass	Virginia Colangelo +
	9:00 PM	Mass	McClure Family
Sunday, December 25	7:30 AM	Mass	All Parishioners
	9:30 AM	Mass	Jeremy Miller +

To dedicate the Perpetual Candle or Altar Flowers, please call the Parish Office.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

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 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

## 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](http://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** - Please contact Nancy Simms for information at 891-7350 or religious@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.

## PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the souls of Mike Shelton, Angelo Ignudo, Jay Miller and Jason Corona.

May God call them to light, peace and happiness in the company of all the saints





## Parish Calendar

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

**Sunday, December 18, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**  
Come join the fun with the **High School Youth Ministry** Group as we go on a **Scavenger Hunt** in Spotsylvania Towne Mall. Scavenger Hunt in the Mall, for what you say? Join us and find out. For more info and to RSVP, email [HSYM@stjudechurch.us](mailto:HSYM@stjudechurch.us).

**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.**

**Tuesday, December 20, 12:30 - 2:30 pm**  
**Fredericksburg Food Bank Mobile Pantry** will be distributing from the St. Jude parking lot.

**Tuesday, December 20 and Wednesday, December 21**  
Religious Education classes do not meet!

**December 20, 24, 27 & 31**  
**No Confession** will be offered.

**Monday, December 26**  
The **parish office** will be closed. Mass will be held as scheduled.

**Tuesday, December 27 & Wednesday, December 28**  
Religious Education classes do not meet.



## Prayer List

**Please pray for:** Allison Peterson, Rosario Bautista, Mary Ellen Sabo, Eva Maria Kress, Neal Weierbach, Mary Jane Costa, Anthony D'Ostilio, Robert Recupero, Tom Yench, Larry Grondin, John Colville, Taylor Hubbs, Jeanne Valzenzano, Denise Bartleson, Charlotte S., Lauren H., Gloria Licup-Ante, Aurora Hill, Sophie Nanny, Shirley Kelly, Mike B., Ernie Bintz, August Garner, Henry Hynoski, Marj Stup, Paul O'Brien, Kellie Harper, Renee St. Dennis, Virginia Hayden, the Wiggins family, Jim Luckey, Dan Loehr, 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, Terry Galvin, 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, Donna Wheatley, John Mahoney, Ray C., JF, MB, George Nazionale, Harper Pender, Stan Whisnant, Lisa Sutton, David Huff, Elaine Huff, Barb Welch, Elise Pettinger and JoAnn Hay

*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.

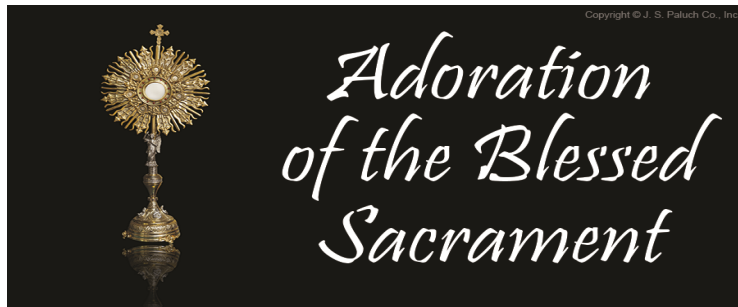
## FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL FOOD BANK

**MOBILE PANTRY AT**  
**St. Jude Catholic Church**  
**Tuesday, December 20**  
**12:30 - 2:30 PM**

## From the Office of Vocations

"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

Due to the holidays, there will be **early bulletin deadlines** in December. For the January 1, 2023 bulletin, deadline is December 18. Thank you for your help.



**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.** (Caroling with the choir will begin at 8:30.)

**Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day**

**Mass times are 7:30 am and 9:30 am.** (There is no 11:30 am Mass.)

\*\*\*\*\***(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 Church has partnered with Hallow this Advent to encourage all parishioners to prepare their heart this season by incorporating prayer into each day. This Advent, we're inviting you to join Hallow's #Pray25 Challenge: Journey through Salvation History featuring the cast of 'The Chosen.' Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes 1,000 prayer sessions available for free, and over 5,000 audio-guided sessions in an upgraded premium subscription. Hallow is designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer, and includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!) daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more!



PRAY EVERY DAY THIS

# Advent

## Find Peace in Prayer this Advent with Hallow

"This app has been an answer for my weary soul. I am finding peace for the very first time."

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**Daily Prayers**

Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, Examen, or one of over 5,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.

**Family Content**

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, or guide your little ones with introductory prayer sessions for ages 3 and up as well as sacrament prep.

**Bible Stories & Sleep Content**

Close your day with Christ with an Examen, Night Prayer, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.

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Google Play

 Download on the  
App Store

[hallow.com/pray](https://hallow.com/pray)

Scan with  
your phone







# HOW TO High School

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Workshop

@ SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday, January 7, 2023 12:00 - 4:00 PM

### LEARN HOW TO...

- Make the Team
- Ace the Test
- Manage Money
- Organize Your Planner
- Enjoy High School
- Find Your Thing
- Explore Your Brain
- Achieve Great Things



**Free! Lunch included!**

RSVP: [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org)  
[admissions@jpthegreat.org](mailto:admissions@jpthegreat.org) · 703.445.0246  
 17700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, VA 22026  
 Snow Date: Saturday January 21, 2023



**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](http://www.saintmichaelhs.org)

# The Summit Academy

Now accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year



*The Summit Academy exists to provide a rigorous liberal arts education rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to partner with parents to form their sons and daughters in Christian virtue so that they become mature, responsible young adults who are equipped to engage the world.*

**APPLY NOW** at [www.thesummitva.org/apply](http://www.thesummitva.org/apply)

Application deadline - February 1, 2023

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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

We are very excited to share the news of **Prepare the Way Video Series!** Bishop Burbidge invites us to make a spiritual journey this year to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. For each week of Advent, the diocese will be releasing a video meditation, led by three diocesan priests and a religious sister, with accompanying reflection questions to aid us as we climb God's holy mountain. The videos, each 3-5 minutes in length, will premiere on the diocesan [YouTube channel](#) and shared out via diocesan email newsletter. Parishioners can also find the videos via [arlingtondiocese.org/preparetheway](http://arlingtondiocese.org/preparetheway) and on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter as they release. Please consider posting on your website and sharing with your parishioners as the videos are sure to make an impact on our personal Advent season.

**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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

**Thank you and best wishes**

to Celeste O'Leary, who is retiring this month after working in the parish office for eleven years. Celeste and her husband, Dennis have been members of St. Jude since its founding. They will be moving to Arizona next summer to be closer to family, but until then you will hear them singing with the choir at 9:30 Mass most weekends.

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	<a href="http://www.marysshelterva.org">www.marysshelterva.org</a>
Gabriel Project	1-866-444-3553
Paul Stefan Homes of VA	<a href="http://www.paulstefanhome.org">www.paulstefanhome.org</a>
	854-2300