

St. Jude Church
9600 Caritas St.
Fredericksburg, VA
22408

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



December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am
Daily Mass (Mon-Wed, Friday) 9:00 am
**Daily Masses and the 9:30 am Sunday Mass are livestreamed at
www.bit.ly/StJudeYoutube.*

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday 7:00 pm
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm
By Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/HOLY HOUR

Friday after 9:00 am Mass
Third Sunday of the month 3:00—4:00 pm

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS

Contact Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE

Telephone: 540-891-7350
Fax: 540-891-1810
St. Vincent de Paul: 540-898-8065
Parish Email: Info@StJudeChurch.us
Website: StJudeChurch.us
RE Email: religoused@stjudechurch.us

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

Contact Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday, 8:30 am—4:30 pm
Closed on federal holidays

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please fill out a card, found in the church vestibule or in the office

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact: Nancy Simms at religoused@stjudechurch.us

CHOIR

Contact: David Brandao at davidb@stjudechurch.us

PARISH STAFF

Business Manager:	Courtney Leon
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Director of Religious Education:	Nancy Simms
Director of Sacred Music:	David Brandao
Administrative Assistant:	Cheryl Bornschein
Facilities Manager:	Mark Williams

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16	5:00 PM	Mass	Gaston Choiniere +
Sunday, December 17	7:30 AM	Mass	Dominic Tam Nquuyen+
	9:30 AM	Mass	Rev. James Hudgins
	11:30 AM	Mass	Bonnie & Tony Gibert
Monday, December 18	9:00 AM	Mass	Gabriel Quirino +
Tuesday, December 19	9:00 AM	Mass	Dominic Tam Nquyen +
Wednesday, December 20	9:00 AM	Mass	Wayne Rowland +
Thursday, December 21	NO	MASS	
Friday, December 22	9:00 AM	Mass	St Vincent de Paul Volunteers
Saturday, December 23	5:00 PM	Mass	All Parishioners
Sunday, December 24	7:30 AM	Mass	All Souls +
	9:30 AM	Mass	Bill Woolf +
Christmas Vigil (12/24)	5:00 PM	Mass	Llufrio Family
Christmas Vigil (12/24)	9:00 PM	Mass	McClure/Flanigan Families



*Come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

Sunday, December 17
3:00 – 4:00 pm

*“When you look at the Sacred Host
you understand how much
Jesus loves you now.”
-Mother Teresa*



Jean Mahoney

Prayer REQUESTS

Allison Peterson, JDM, Eva Maria Kress, Neal Weierbach, Tom Yench, NSF, Pam Cleveland, JoAnn Hay, Jimmy Colangelo, Rene Robert, Larry Grondin, PEG, JF, Melissa Werning, Benjamin Desmet, Henry Hynolski, Mike Simms, Sharon Walsh, BH, Tim Carney, Nora Nicholson, JDC, Ida Mardi, John and Betty Power, Willie Mahoney, Mary Jane Costa, Jacob Shornagel, Colleen Warner, JS, Stan Whisant, L.E., Madden and Baby McGraw, Jean Mahoney, Jacob Toulouse, Brenda Chemelewski, Renee St. Dennis, John and Peggy Colangelo, Dan Lochr, Fr. Stephen Schultz, Mary Stewart, Lisa Sutton, Mary Roberts, Melinda & baby son, Elijah, Charles, John & Mary Anne Buccigrossi, Douglas Tabada, Br. Mark Liggett, Clemencia Ferguson, and Lisa LaCasse.

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 published 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.

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 17; 3:00
Adoration and Holy Hour

Tuesday, December 19; after 9am Mass
Cenacle Prayer Group meets in Church

Tuesday, December 19; 6:30 pm
Women's Bible Study meets in the Activity Center

Tuesday, December 19; 7:00 pm
Confession The sacrament is available until the line ends; **This is the last scheduled opportunity for Confession before Christmas.**

Wednesday, December 20; 5-6:15 or 6:30-8pm; Parent/Adult RE classes meet in the Church

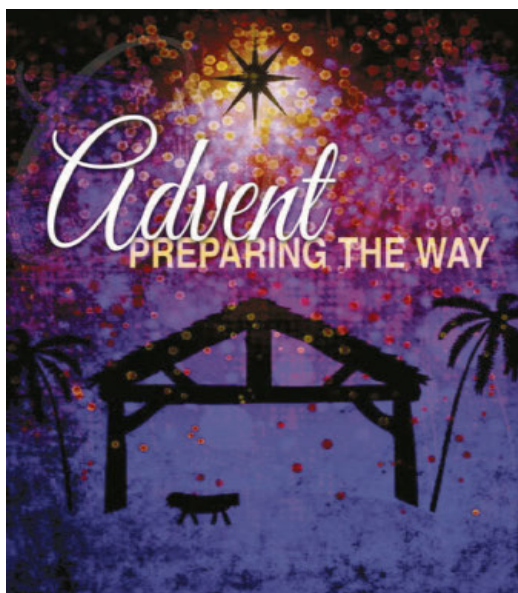
Thursday, December 21; 7:00 pm
Divorce Support Group meets in the Activity Center. Text "Support" to 84576 for more information or see flyer on p 2

Friday, December 22
Adoration and Holy Hour after 9am Mass

Saturday, December 23
There is **NO Confession** today.

Sunday, December 24
Sunday Obligation Mass Times:
Vigil Mass (Dec 23): 5pm
Sunday, Dec 24: 7:30 and 9:30 am

Christmas Holy Day of Obligation
Christmas Mass Times:
Vigil Mass (Dec 24): 5:00 and 9:00 pm
Christmas Day: 9:00 and 11:00 am



Divine Mercy Support Group for Separated and Divorced Catholics

The mission of the **Divine Mercy Support Group for Separated and Divorced Catholics** is to help individuals grow in their Catholic faith while experiencing the pain of separation and divorce. The goals of the group are to offer support, hope, comfort, prayer and authentic Catholic teaching to its members. Our motto is "Jesus Christ, I trust in you!"

Divine Mercy Support Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the St. Jude Church Activity Center.

The group is using the *Recovering from Divorce* program from Divorced Catholic. It is a 13 session program. Each month a new topic will be discussed accompanied by a video showing divorced Catholics sharing their experiences, challenges and triumphs. Every session ends with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in our beautiful church.

For more information, text "Support" to 84576.

DECORATE THE TREE OF LOVE

Help us decorate the Tree of Love with new gloves, hats, scarves and warm socks for the children in our area. Hang them on the tree or leave them in the box underneath. We will be collecting items until January 7th. Then we'll distribute them to the local schools to help keep our littlest neighbors warm this winter.





Christmas Schedule

REMINDER

Catholics are required to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This year Christmas is on Monday, December 25, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Christmas Vigil Masses on Sunday, December 24. Please remember the Christmas Vigil **DOES NOT** fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation. Therefore, Catholics must fulfill the Sunday and Holy Day obligations separately.

The weekend schedule is:

December 24 Sunday Obligation Schedule

Saturday, December 23
5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24
7:30 and 9:30 am

Christmas Holy Day Schedule

Sunday, December 24
5:00 & 9:00 pm
Monday, December 25
9:00 and 11am

Come celebrate Religious Freedom January 14, 2024

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We have invited all area churches to join us for a
historic procession thru the streets of
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233rd anniversary of the Bill establishing Freedom
to choose the way we praise God.

Procession starts at 1:30 pm from VRE station

Can not march? Join us for the ceremony At the
Memorial Monument at 2:00 pm

Keynote speaker : Ret Msgr John Cregan ,Retired
USMC Lt. Colonel and current Deputy State
Chaplain of VA K of C.

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bless
America



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN *for Parents and Busy Grown ups!*

Women: 1st and 3rd Tuesday
Men: 2nd and 4th Tuesday

**6:30—8:00 pm
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Kids Corner

Prayer

Jesus, help me to be different because I love you.

Mission for the Week

Ask a friend if he or she is ready to meet Jesus.

Sharing the Gospel

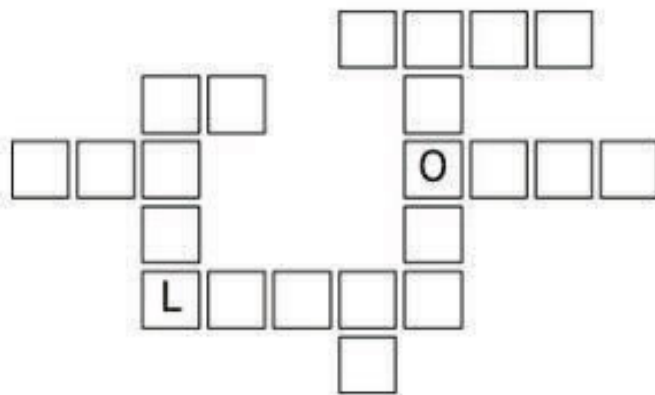
People noticed John the Baptist. He loved God, and he used words honestly. He really wanted to help people change and grow closer to God. He stood out as someone really different and special. People came from all around to hear him and learn about him. When people asked him questions, he pointed them to Jesus.

Now color the picture!



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

He came only to tell about the light.





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