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Aaron Zaccagnino



December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm; 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am
Daily Mass (Monday-Friday) 9:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday 7:00 pm
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Or 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

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, in the office
or on the website

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact: Nancy Simms at religiously@stjudechurch.us

CHOIR

Contact: Zach Short at zshort@stjudechurch.us

PARISH OFFICE

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 20	5:00 PM	Mass	Irene Theriault
	7:00 PM	Mass (SP)	Hector Reyes
Sunday, December 21	7:30 AM	Mass	Florence Shanahan +
	9:30 AM	Mass	Auxiliary Members of the Legion of Mary
	11:30 AM	Mass	All Parishioners
Monday, December 22	9:00 AM	Mass	James Shafovaloff +
Tuesday, December 23	9:00 AM	Mass	Patricia Carroll
Wednesday, December 24	9:00 AM	Mass	Ruth Eva Wyatt +
Christmas Vigil	5:00 PM	Mass	All Parishioners
	7:00 PM	Mass (SP)	Consuelo Maygua +
	10:00 PM	Mass	Patrick Giannone +
Thursday, December 25	9:00 AM	Mass	Jeremy Miller +
	11:00 AM	Mass	Lynnette Brown +
Friday, December 26	9:00 AM	Mass	Joanne Stamey +
Saturday, December 27	5:00 PM	Mass	All Parishioners
	7:00 PM	Mass	Sherry L. Flannerty +
Sunday, December 28	7:30 AM	Mass	Ed Barish
	9:30 AM	Mass	The Perchalski Family
	11:30 AM	Mass	James King +

The Perpetual Candle and Altar Flowers are dedicated to Ann Marie and Brian Johnson.



Mark Clark
James Peter DeCaprio
James King
Thomas Harold Loftis
James Mercer
Hector Reyes
Joanne Stamey

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

AS, Allison Peterson, Eva Maria Kress, Brian Neff, Neal Weierbach, NSF, Josh Booz, Pam Cleveland, Jimmy Colangelo, Devon B., Fr. David Martin, Alyssa B and Eliyahna, The Zaccagnino Family, JKF, Tim Carney, Ida Mardi, Jacob Shornagel, Cathy Watts, Dan Loehr, Melissa Werning, Douglas Tabada, George Johnson, Monica Loya, Lori Loya, JP, MTS, Barbara Ray, Pridgen, Beth Lauer, Nancy Kilduski, Makayla Hall, John Austin, Pat Carroll, BAK, Mary Merritt, MEG, PEG, FM, Fr. Steve Schultz, Mary Ann Jarmulowicz, Bruce B., Steve S., JA, The Shercliff Family, Bobby Anderson, Mary McCann, Valerie Hall, Fr. Peter, NVD, Ruth Ritter, Mary Burnett, Judy Mish, MC, Sam Smithdeal, CH, Georgia Salvamoser, Anna Salvamoser-Goldberg, Fran Best, Kim Brooks, Josie, Axell, CJ, Alina Otal, Fr. David Meng, Corry Weierbach, Steve Bauman, Judy Laxague, MFC, Hadley Weiter, Mrs. Ward and Allison Devaney

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.

Parish Calendar**Tuesday, December 23**

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group meets in the church after 9am Mass.

Tuesday, December 23

Adult Bible Study **does not** meet again until January.

Tuesday, December 23

Confession is canceled. The next available opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is January 3.

December 24-26

Parish Office CLOSED for Christmas

Wednesday, December 24

EXPLORING OUR FAITH CLASS (Adult RE) **does not** meet again until January.

Wednesday, December 24

Children's Religious Ed Classes **do not meet** again until January 7.

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Mass at 5:00, 7:00 (Spanish) and 10:00 pm.

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Mass at 9:00 and 11:00 am. Christmas is a holy day of obligation.

Friday, December 26

Daily Mass is scheduled. There is no Holy Hour afterwards.

Saturday, December 27

Confession is canceled. The next available opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is January 3.

Wednesday, December 31

Vigil Masses for Solemnity of Mary are at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm (Spanish).

Thursday, January 1; 10:00 am

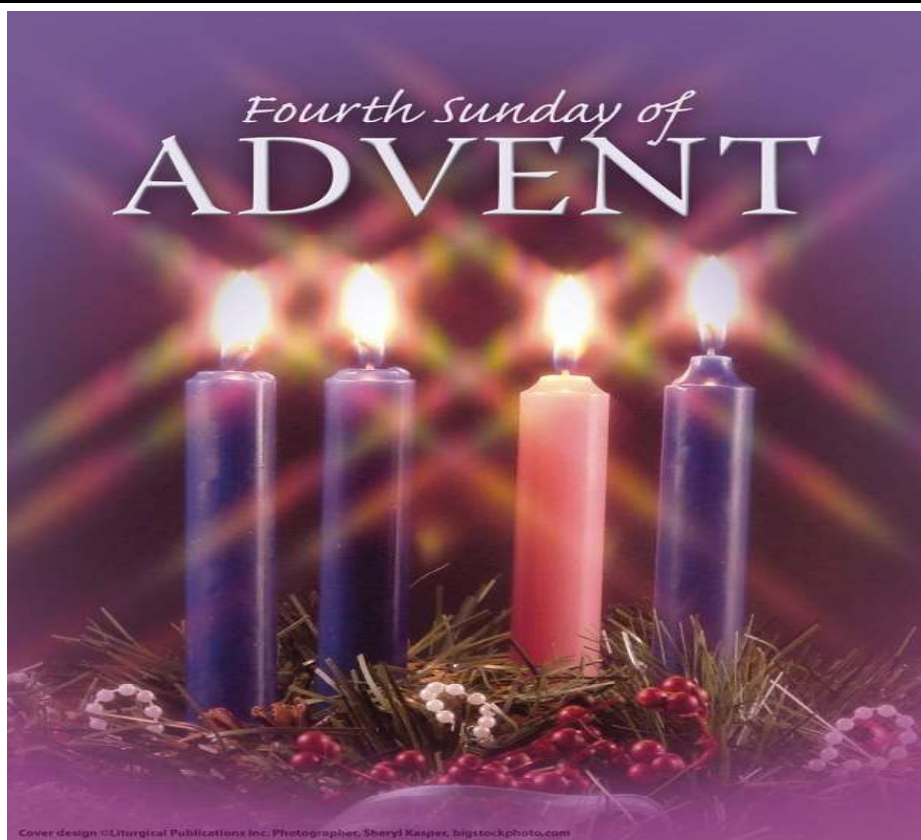
Mass for Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. This is a holy day of obligation.

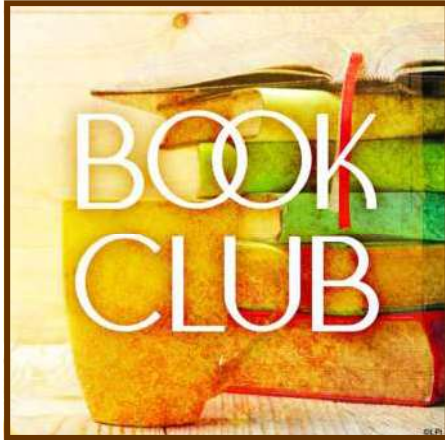
January 1 & 2

Parish Office CLOSED for Holy Day and New Year holiday.

January 4; after 11:30 Mass

Epiphany Party in Activity Center.





St. Jude Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 10:00—11:00 am. (after the Breakfast Club.)

Please join us for the following reads:

January God's Influencer by Antonia Salzano and Andrea Acutis

February He Leadeth Me and God in Russia by Walter J Ciszak, S.J.

March Rome Sweet Home by Scott and Kimberly Hahn

April The Proving Grounds A Catholic on Ladder 17 by Benjamin O'Brien

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an all-volunteer Catholic ministry that serves those in need while bearing witness to the Love of Christ.

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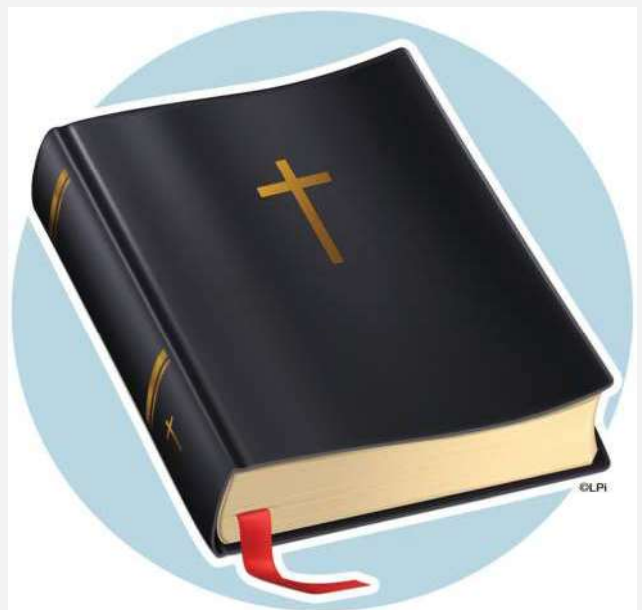
EXPLORING OUR FAITH CLASS (ADULT RE)

The Nicene Creed is recited every Sunday at Mass. What are we saying when we proclaim this creed? Join Jay Downing and explore the history and meaning of The Nicene Creed. Class content is from Bishop Barren's Word on Fire. **Explorers meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Church in the St. Joseph transept. No class on 12/24 or 12/31.**

TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Erik Llufrío is facilitating an 8 week Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke by Ascension Press. Classes meet on the **1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesdays** of the month at 6:30 pm in the Activity Center.

Good news! A new study on the Acts of the Apostles begins in February. The specific start date will be announced soon.





Everyone should stay warm this winter! St. Jude Church is collecting hats and gloves for men, women and children. Please bring your donation to The Giving Tree, located in the Baptistry. Thank you for your generosity!

BRICK ORDERS

We are now accepting orders for the third wave of bricks for the Memorial Walkway.

The deadline is December 31, 2025.

See the forms for more information regarding size, images and dedication guidelines. Please contact the office for more information at info@stjudechurch.us.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Christmas 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas shines as a season of joy, unity, and renewed hope. The Child of Bethlehem comes to draw us together as one family of faith, bridging every distance and healing every division. His radiant light pierces the darkness reminding us that in Christ love triumphs and peace endures.

As we gather once more around the manger of Bethlehem, our hearts are filled with awe and gratitude for the gift of God's love made visible in Jesus Christ. At Christmas, we rejoice in the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation—God made man, dwelling among us to share our humanity, joys, and sorrows. In Him, heaven and earth are united, and through Him, we are reconciled to our Creator. The birth of our Savior reveals that God's love knows no boundaries.

I invite you to celebrate this holy season with renewed thanks for the gift of one another. May we follow the example of the Holy Family, who in faith and love welcomed the will of God with trust and serenity.

May the joy of this Christmas strengthen the bonds of unity among us and may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and homes.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



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Navidad 2025

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

La Navidad resplandece como una temporada de alegría, unidad y esperanza renovada. El Niño de Belén viene a reunirnos como una sola familia de fe, superando toda distancia y sanando toda división. Su luz radiante atraviesa la oscuridad y nos recuerda que en Cristo el amor triunfa y la paz perdura.

Al reunirnos nuevamente en torno al pesebre de Belén, nuestros corazones se llenan de asombro y gratitud por el don del amor de Dios hecho visible en Jesucristo. En Navidad, nos regocijamos en el maravilloso misterio de la Encarnación: Dios hecho hombre, que habita entre nosotros para compartir nuestra humanidad, nuestras alegrías y nuestras penas. En Él, el cielo y la tierra se unen, y por medio de Él somos reconciliados con nuestro Creador. El nacimiento de nuestro Salvador revela que el amor de Dios no conoce fronteras.

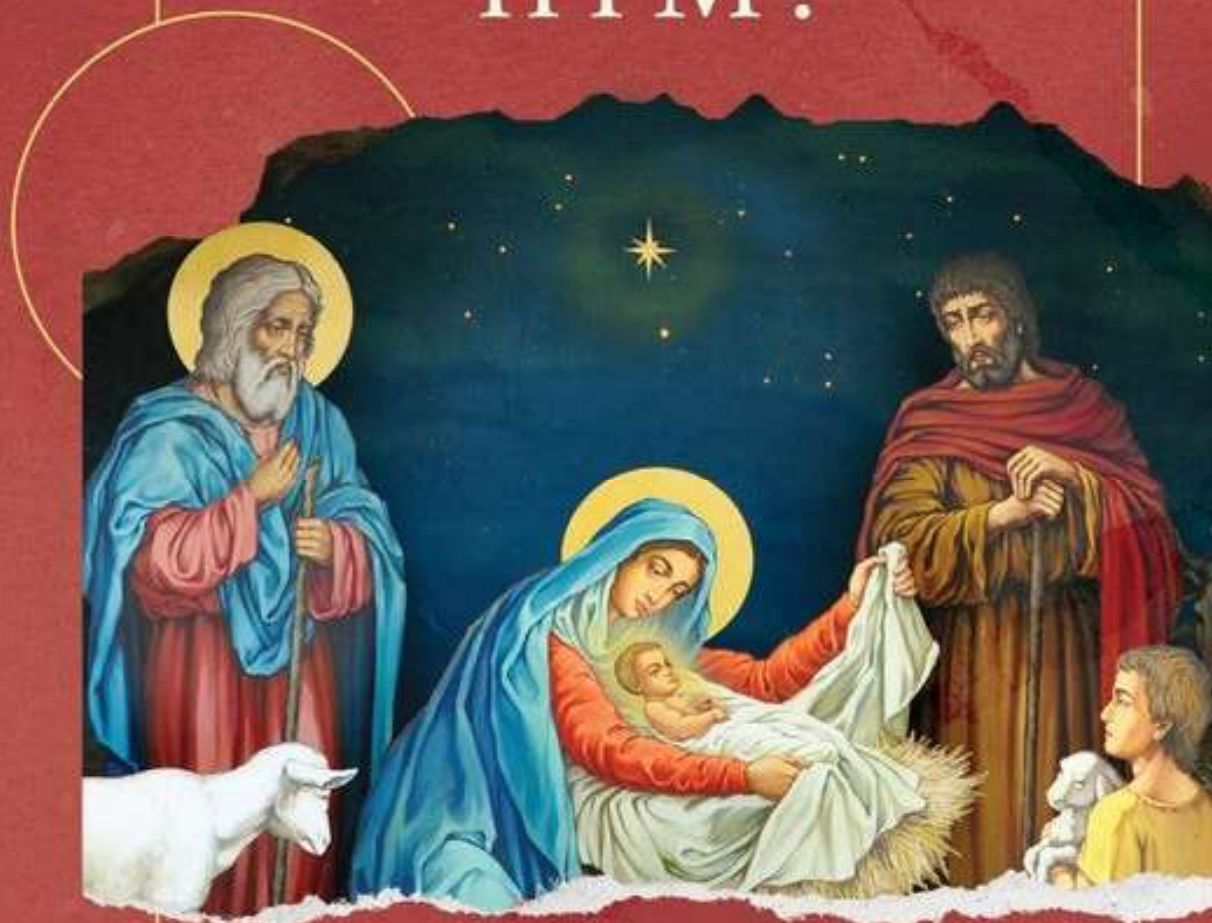
Los invito a celebrar esta santa temporada con un renovado agradecimiento por el don que somos los unos para los otros. Que sigamos el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia, que con fe y amor acogió la voluntad de Dios con confianza y serenidad.

Que la alegría de esta Navidad fortalezca los lazos de unidad entre nosotros, y que la paz de Cristo reine en sus corazones y en sus hogares.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Monseñor Michael F. Burbidge
Obispo de Arlington

O COME
LET US
Adore
HIM.



Merry Christmas!



THE FEAST OF THE
EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD

Parish Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 4, 2026
After the 11:30 Mass

Turkey and ham will be provided.
Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish or
dessert to share.



All are welcome!



Kids Corner

Prayer

I am proud that I am your child, Father God.

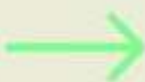
Mission for the Week

I will thank my parents for having me and taking good care of me.

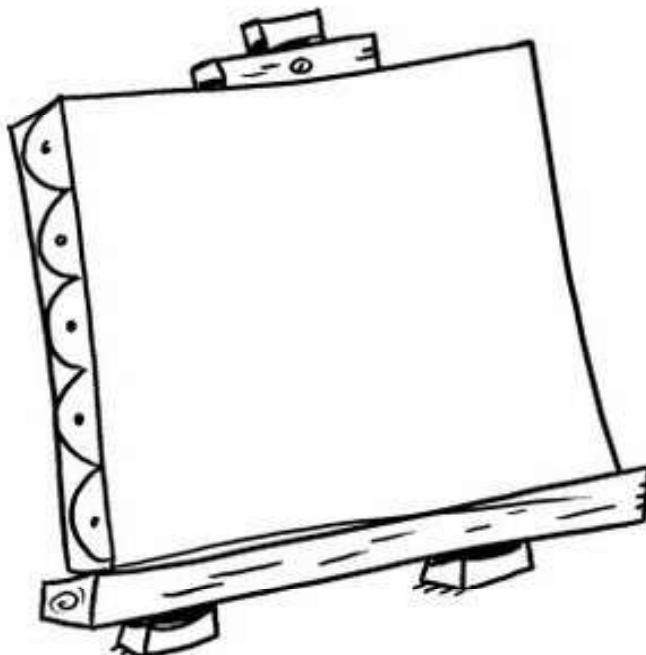
Sharing the Gospel

An angel told Joseph to marry Mary because her baby was through the Holy Spirit of God. They would name the baby Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. God called you by name, too. Before you were born, he could tell you how many hairs would be on your head. He knew how long your feet would be. He knew all the good things you would do for his people.

Now color
the picture!



Draw a picture of yourself when you were a baby.





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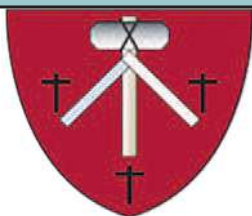
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