St. Michael the Archangel

10 Willow Ave, Baltimore, MD 21206

St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Worship Site

1212 Chesaco Áve, Rosedale, MD 21237

Parish Office: 410-665-1054 / Parish@smoverlea.org www.themacpastorate.org

Third Sunday of Advent December 14th, 2025

Weekly Readings:

Is 35:1-6a, 10

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11 (7)

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Maintenance

Mr. James Kraus

Director of Music - St. Michael

Mr. Chris Henry

Director of Music & Liturgy - St. Clement

Mr. Greg Satorie-Robinson

Organist



St.Michael – St.Clement **School**



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Saturdays / Los Sabados

3:00 pm—3:30 pm (English) at St. Michael 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm (English) at St. Clement

Sundays / Los Domingos

11:45 am (Spanish) at St. Michael

Bulletin Submissions

Please email all bulletin content to: Mela-

nie.Zamudio@archbalt.org

Or Call the Parish Office to relay a message.

Please Submit Content for the weekend of 12/28 by Mon. December 15th!

Please Submit Content for the weekend of 1/04 by Sat. December 20th

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Weekdays

Monday—Thursday: 9:00am — 3:00pm Friday: 9:00am—1:00pm

Weeknights (w/ Bilingual Receptionist)

Tuesdays & Thursdays Only: 5:00 pm—8:00pm

Weekends (w/ Bilingual Receptionist)

Sundays: 8:30 am—12:00 pm

Closed Saturdays

Schedule of Mass Times, Intentions offered for each Mass

St. M = St. Michael / St. C = St. Clement

Saturday, December 13th

9:00 am (St. M) for + Anton Cvach

4:00 pm (St. M) for + Luciano David

4:00 pm (St. C) for + Brenda Parks

Sunday, December 14th

7:30 am (St. M.) for + Rick Kozycki

9:00 am (St. C.) for + William "Billy" Laumann

10:30 am (St. M.) for + Loretta Knapp

12:00 pm (St. C.) for + George & Violet Benny

12:30 pm Español (St. M.) for + *Antonio Gonzalez*

Monday, December 15th

9:00 am (St M.) for + Anthony Cvach

Tuesday, December 16th

9:00 am (St.C.) for + Sr. Barbara Ann Brzeczko

7:00 pm Español(St. M.) for + Alfonso Compean Sr.

Wednesday, December 17th

9:00 am (St. C.) for + Connie Loveless

Thursday, December 18th

9:00 am (St. M.) for +Donald Oakjones Sr. & Mary Benhoff

Friday, December 19th

9:00 am (St. C) for Special Intentions of Parishioners

Saturday, December 20th

9:00 am (St. M) for + Genevieve Gryniewkşi

4:00 pm (St. M) for + Andrew Makowiecki

4:00 pm (St. C) for Special Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday, December 21st

7:30 am (St. M.) for + Larry Litzinger

9:00 am (St. C.) for + Edward & Maria Jankowski

10:30 am (St. M.) for + Jack Resop & Dolores Rothenberger

12:00 pm (St. C.) for + Dorothy & Raymond Crowley

12:30 pm Español (St. M.) for + Familia Tito Guaman

Monday, December 22nd

9:00 am (St M.) for + Nicholas Helliwell

Tuesday, December 23rd

9:00 am (St.C.) for + Ellen & Roland Warner
7:00 pm Español(St. M.) for Special Intentions of
Parishioners

Wednesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

3:00 pm (St. M) for Special Intentions of Parishioners

4:00 pm (St. C.) for Special Intentions of Parishioners

5:00 pm (St. M) for Special Intentions of Parishioners **7:00 pm** Español(St. M) for Special Int. of Parishioners

11:00 pm (St. M) for Special Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

9:00 am (St.C.) for Special Intentions of Parishioners **10:00 am** (St. M.) for Special Intentions of Parishioners

12:30 pm Español(St. M) for Special Int. of Parishioners

Friday, December 26th

9:00 am (St. C) for Special Intentions of Parishioners

Saturday, December 27th

9:00 am (St. M) for + Jerome "Jerry" Elliot

4:00 pm (St. M) for + Richard Litzinger

4:00 pm (St. C) for Special Intentions of Parishioners

Sanctuary Candles: December 14th to December 20th

at St. Michael: In Loving Memory of Michael Murray. Given by Dottie & Patty

St. Michael (Chapel): Happy Birthday Chris. Love Mom & Dad

at St. Clement: TBA



Sacramental Ministry

Baptisms:

Parents and Godparents are required to attend Preparation Classes. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for both Preparation Class and Baptism.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married should contact a priest or deacon at least six months before the anticipated date, All engaged couples must take a Marriage Preparation Course as requires by the Archdiocese. Do not set a date pr reserve a hall until after you have met with a priest or deacon.

RCIA:

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or completing your initiation by receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and or/Confirmation, contact the Faith Formation office.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: If a parishioner is in the hospital or homebound and unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office. In case of emergency call the Parish Office anytime, day or night. Please notify the Parish office if a parishioner is in the hospital and wishes to be anointed. Those who are seriously ill or persons advanced in years should be anointed.

St.Michael St. Clement School Tel. 410-668-8797

Holy Days of Obligation

As Announced in the bulletin



Mass Intentions for 2026 are now open!



2026 Calendars are now Available.

Please Grab one PER Family. Thank You!



Weather Inclement Schedule

Weekdays—If Baltimore County is closed, then Morning Mass is cancelled and all pastorate offices will also be closed and any events scheduled for that day are cancelled.

If Baltimore County is 2 hours late then Morning Mass is cancelled, and Pastorate offices will open 2 hours late.

If Baltimore County closes early, then all events scheduled at the Pastorate are cancelled and pastorate offices will close early.

Weekends—Instructions will be issues from the Archdiocese regarding any cancellation of weekend Mass. Please use your best judgement and common sense whether **it is safe** for you to travel out on the weekend.

St. John's Parish in Westminster, in partnership with the Office of Risk Management, will offer a Safety & Risk Awareness Training on Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Please register for this in advance.

Location: St. John's Parish in Westminster - Parish Portico

Address: 43 Monroe St., Westminster, MD 21157

Check in begins at 8:30 AM, and the session will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. The training will be led by Lieutenant Kathryn Greenbeck, M.S. Behavioral Assessment Unit Commander, Baltimore County Police Department

This training is designed for all parish volunteers and staff who support the safe assembly of parish liturgies and including ushers, greeters, sacristans, clergy, and others entrusted with creating a secure worship environment must be at least 18 years of age or be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The session will focus on:

- Risk factors and triggers
- * Environmental and personal stressors
- * Warning behaviors that may influence an individual's decision to commit a harmful act
- Outlines the mitigating factors strategies that could help prevent acts of targeted violence

Lt. Kathryn Greenbeck is a 23-year veteran of the Baltimore County Police Department, where she has held leadership positions as a patrol supervisor, training instructor, and assistant precinct commander. She currently leads the Behavioral Assessment Unit, overseeing key teams such as the Mobile Crisis Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, and Threat Management Team. With a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore, Lt. Greenbeck specializes in threat management, crisis intervention, and behavioral threat assessment. As a master trainer for the Department of Homeland Security's National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Office, she provides expert instruction on identifying and mitigating potential threats. Her work bridges the gap between law enforcement and behavioral health, ensuring proactive approaches to crisis intervention as well as school and workplace safety.



Monday December 15th

9:30 AM St. Michael Rosary Recital 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Bingo 7:30 PM St. Michael A.A. Meeting

Tuesday December 16th

8:25 AM St. Clement Rosary Recital 9:30 AM St. Michael Rosary Recital 7:00 PM St. Clement N.A. Meeting

Wednesday December 17th

8:25 AM St. Clement Rosary Recital 9:30 AM St. Michael Rosary Recital

Thursday December 18th

9:30 AM St. Michael Rosary Recital
6:30 PM St.Clement Religious Ed. @ STM
7:00 PM St. Clement A.A. Meeting

Friday December 19th

8:25 AM St. Clement Rosary Recital 8:30 AM St. Vincent Beans & Bread Outreach Casserole Collection @ STM 9:30 AM St. Michael Rosary Recital 7:00 PM St. Clement Men's Club Meeting

Saturday December 20th

9:30 AM St. Michael Rosary Recital 11:00 AM St. Clement Sodality Meeting 3:30 PM St. Monica Prayers (ST.M) 3:30 PM St. Monica Prayers (ST.C)

Sunday December 21st

9:15 AM St.Michael Religious Ed. 10:00 AM St. Clement Rosary 12:00 PM St. Michael Rosary Spanish

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

St. Michael's Church

3:00 p.m. - Children & Family Mass

5:00 p.m. – Contemporary Music Ensemble

7:00 p.m. - Spanish

11:00 p.m. - Traditional

St. Clement Church

4:00 p.m. – Contemporary Choir

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

St. Michael's Church

10:00 a.m. - Traditional

12:30 p.m. – Spanish

St. Clement Church

9:00 a.m. - Traditional



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy

Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31

4:00 p.m. – St. Michael's Church

7:00 p.m. – St. Clement Church

7:00 p.m. – St. Michael's - Spanish

Thursday, January 1

9:00 a.m. – St. Clement Church 10:00 a.m. – St. Michael's Church 12:30 p.m. – St. Michael's - Spanish



Sign up to light the Advent wreath at one of our masses

The sign up sheet at <u>St. Michael's</u> church is in the vestibule by the side door.

The sign up sheet at <u>St. Clement</u> church is in the Narthex.



PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

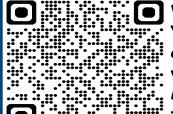
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PRAYERS TO ST. MONICA

(ST.C) Prayers are on Saturdays at 3:30 pm before the 4pm mass. Please join us in prayer for our 'lost sheep'.

(ST.M) Prayers & Rosary are on Saturdays at 3:30 pm before the 4pm Mass. All are welcome to participate!





Visit our
YouTube
channel to
view weekly



Mass Live Streams. Scan the QR code!

Rosary Recitals

St. Clements Recites the Rosary on Sunday morning after the 9 o'clock Mass and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday before the Mass at 8:25. All are invited

St. Michael recites the rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament after 9:00 am Morning Mass. Monday & Saturdays are in the Chapel. Thursdays are in the Church

San Miguel Reza el Rosario en Espanol todos los domingos a las 12:00 pm en la capilla. Llame al 443-912-8179 si tiene alguna pregunta.

AA Meetings (St. M) Every Monday AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) will have an open meeting

here at St.Michael's. It will be in the Youth room (off the church parking lot). The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

AA Meetings ST.C) meet every Thursday evening in the lower church hall at 7:30pm and end at 8:30pm. All who wish to attend are welcome.



Narcotics Anonymous (ST.C)

meet every Tuesday evening in the lower church hall at 7:30pm. All who wish to attend are welcome.



: THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and visits while I was out recovering from my injury as well as everyone who stepped up in my absence to

keep the church running smoothly. It was a blessing! Thank you.

- Mary German

2026 Christmas Books

(Currently only available at St. Michael's)

We are blessed to have someone donate to us a Christmas Book. They are free

to anyone who wants one but limit it to one per family please. Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas!



12/01 #160 Unsold

12/02 #200 Unsold

12/03 #801 Unsold

12/04 #141 Unsold

12/05 #799 Unsold

12/06 #493 Paul Schneider

12/07 #126 Anna Mister



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Mass Intentions / Cards

(St.M) If you need a mass card when the parish office is closed there are cards available at the church before and after mass. See Mary German.

(St.C) Cards Are available in the Church Narthex. On Weekdays, please see David Chrusniak for assistance and on weekends, Deacon John or an usher.



St. Clement's Mens Club meets every 3rd Friday of the Month at 7:00 pm. Any Questions call Bob Niedzwicki at 443-955-2925.



St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Sodality will be meeting, the Third Thursday, December 20, 2025 at 11 am at St. Clement Church office building. Please join us for the Rosary and fellowship. All are welcome. For additional information please call Debbie at 410-574-0875.

(ST.C) The Ministry of the Two Hearts

of the sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary gather for mass at 2pm, followed by fellowship on the first Sundays of each month.



(ST.M) Alliance of the Two Hearts

Come join us at St. Michael the Archangel Church for the two hearts of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Sacred Heart of Mary on the first Friday into the first Saturday of each month. Starting at 7pm In the chapel on the First Friday.



St. Vincent BEANS and BREAD Outreach

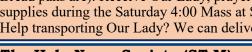
Donations of Casseroles and Bag Lunches are collected in St.Michael's lower parking lot 8:30 to 9:00 am the 3rd Friday of each month. Casserole pans, recipes, and info can be found in the back of church. ALSO, anyone willing and able to help drive the Bean and Bread donations to the So. **Bond Street Destination in the city please contact** Carol



Wellman at 410-256-1556

Statue of Our Lady of Fatima Home Visits (STM)

Promote the Family rosary and a greater devotion to our Blessed Mother! Welcome her into your home for one week. Sign up book & information FAQ Sheet are located in the Narthex (where the Beans & Bread pans are). Receive Our Lady, prayer book, and supplies during the Saturday 4:00 Mass at St. Michael's. Need Help transporting Our Lady? We can deliver!



The Holy Name Society (ST.M)

Meets every 2nd Monday evening at 7pm in the lower church hall. Please join us as we honor the most holy name of Jesus by prayer and fellowship.



The Winter Raffle is Coming SOON!

Due to the success of the Summer Raffle, we will be sponsoring a Winter raffle beginning on Sunday, December 14th. Tickets will be sold until the end of January with a drawing at a parish sponsored social event in early February. Ticket Price is \$20. Prizes will be one \$2,000 and two \$1,000. We will limit sales to 400 tickets. Prize money will be reduced proportionally if 400 tickets are not sold. Please consider taking some tickets home wit you to help this a success!





Church Cleaners Needed!

St. Michael's is in need of some additional volunteers to clean the church/ chapel. If interested or if you have any questions, please call Mary German at 443-690-1614.

Food Pantries

St. Michael Food Pantry

If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please call 410-665-1054 or come by the Parish Office weekdays. Food is distributed from 10am to 12pm Monday—Thursday. We are in need of the following: 1) Canned Vegetables 7) Peanut Butter and Jelly

1)Canned Vegetables

2)Cereal

*3)*Coffee, Tea & Hot Chocolate

4) Pancake Mix & Syrup

5)Instant Mashed Potatoes (Family Size)

6)Spaghetti Sauce

8) Canned Fruit

9 Canned Soups

10)Tuna

11) Mayo (Small Jars)

12) Gift Card Donations to local supermarkets are also accepted

St. Vincent de Paul / St. Clement Food Pantry

Our Pantry distributes food every Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We are in need of the following items:

1)Pancake Mix & Syrup

2) Canned Fruit

*3)*Coffee & Hot Chocolate

4)Box Caked and Frostings

5) Instant Mashed Potatoes (Family Size)

6)Canned Soups

7) Cereal & Oatmeal (All *Varieties*)

8) Beans, Rice & Canned Tomatoes

9)Spaghetti Sauce

10)Peanut Butter & Jelly

11)Tuna & Canned Chicken

12) Mayo (Small Jars)

13)Gravv

14) Gift Cards to local supermarkets are also accepted





The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Michael's will be distributing food baskets to the needy for Christmas. If you are in need please call the St. Michael Parish Office at 410-665-1054 by December 15th. We need each family to call themselves. Distribution of the Christmas Baskets will be Saturday, December 20th, 2025.



REGISTRATIONS: are still open for Children's Faith Formation for children ages Kindergarten through grade 8. A reminder that classes are all being held at St. Michael the Archangel this year both on Sunday & Tuesday. Registration forms can be picked up at the parish office or download a copy online at themacpastorate.org.

INCSCRIPCIONES: aún están abiertas para la Formación de Fe de Niños. Los formularios de inscripción se pueden recoger en la oficina parroquial o descargar una copia en línea en themacpastorate.org.

Registrations for Sacramental Prep are now open. Calendars and registrations will also be available on our website at themacpastorate.org under 'Faith Formation'

Registraciones para la Primera Comunion y la Confirmacion estan abiertas. . Formas estan disponibles en la oficina parroquial o en themacpastorate.org

RECONCILIATION: is for grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and above. Must be a Baptized Catholic. CONFIRMATION: is for grades 7th and above. Must be a Baptized Catholic

Respect Life

<u>Prayers for a Godly Government:</u> Dear God, from now until Tuesday, February 24, 2026, please inspire candidates to file for office who know that gender is established at the moment of conception, that there are only male and female genders, that gender is not changeable, candidates who will defend people's lives from conception until natural death, who define marriage as the union of one man and one woman, who define and will protect the family as those related by blood, marriage, or adoption, who reject a "right" of schools or teachers to keep "secrets" about their children from the children's parents. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Mary, Queen of Heaven, please intercede for us in this state that bears your name. Amen

Prayer cards are available as you enter the church.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

12/6 YOUTH MASS 4-5PM

GROWING CLOSER TO GOD 6-8PM

(12/13) YOUTH CENTER MAKEOVER DAY 1-4PM

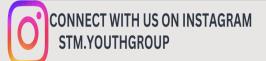
(12/13) GRECCIO NATIVITY 7-8PM

(12/14) CHRISTMAS CAROLING 2-4PM

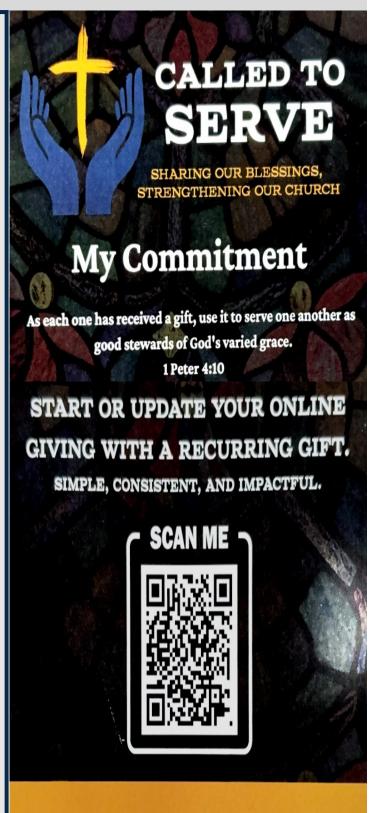
1/3 CALLED TO GREATNESS 6-8PM

MOVIE NIGHT - CABRINI 5-8PM

1/17 NEW YEAR, NEW MISSION 2-5PM







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Knights of Columbus

Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521

Neil J. Lockwood, Grand Knight, *Grand Knight 01* Klosterman Ave Interested in becoming a Knight? Any Questions contact Neil Lockwood, njl1951@gmail.com (410-256-0994)

We have **Bingo** at Columbus Gardens 4301 Klosterman Ave every Monday. Early Bird Games start at 6.30 several packages available including a \$1,000.00 Progressive Number Game. Call 410 256 2737

Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521 is collecting empty aluminum cans for the benefit of the Seminarian Fund. Cans can be put in plastic bags marked Cardinal Gibbons council #2521 and dropped off at the church before masses. Any questions please contact Edgar Keller (410) 485-5948.



Fr. A. Leo Abendschoen Council #11615

(NOW meeting at St. Clement)

Jesus Limbo, Grand Knight, jess_limbo@yahoo.com

410-961-0780

Our council was founded at and affiliated with the Church of the Annunciation offering financial assistance to the parish, as much as possible, as well as other charitable ventures. Upon inclusion in the MAC pastorate, we have recently also tried to provide limited assistance to St. Clement which had been the purview of another council.

Fr. Hector has graciously invited us to use the lower church hall at St. Clement as our meeting place. Our intent is to affiliate our council with St. Clement and try to provide the same assistance previously offered. Our membership is open to any practicing Catholic male who has reached the age of 18. Anyone who may be interested in joining our council, please reach out to our Grand Knight or anyone in the parish that you may know to be a Knight.



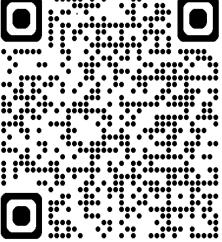
Knights of Columbus 11615 is Selling Panera Coupons Strips

The fundraiser revolves around the sale of two types of coupon strips: 1) one six coupon Bagel Strip which features three bagels per coupon (total of 18 bagels) and 2) one six-coupon strip which features a variety of baked goods including a French baguette, a Ciabatta loaf, a Focaccia round, 3 bagels, 2 cookies and a brownie slice. Each Panera coupon strip cost \$10 Coupons are valid only in Maryland bakery-cafes. They make a good Christmas gift. Contact or text Dave Fabiszak (443-386-5626)



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Note to our Parishioners

Due to early bulletin submission for the holiday, collection postings are at least 2 weeks behind. Thank you for understanding.

December's Poor Box will benefit the Women's Care Center

November 29th & 30th

Envelopes: \$ 5,547.00

Loose Offering: \$ 2,300.03

Online Giving: \$ 3,831.00

Total: \$ 11,678.03

2nd. Coll(Cath. School Tuit):

\$ 1,406.30

Poor Box: \$ 406.01



2nd Collections for December

12/14 Catholic School Tuition Asst.

12/21 Maintenance

12/28 Utilities

Our Sick, Homebound, and/or Hospitalized friends, family members, and loved ones:

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners, family members and/or friends of our congregations who are ill, homebound, and/or hospitalized.

Those added to our prayer list during the week of November 16th, 2025: For Joe Peters (M), and For those listed in the book of the sick.

Those added to our prayer list during the week of November 23rd 2025: Daniel Bentzen (C), Chuck Kopp (C), Regina Bramow (C), Caroll Pupa(M), Maria Carson (M) and For those listed in the book of the sick.

Those added to our prayer list during the week of November 30th, 2025: For Harold Payne (C), Rose Mary Herrera (M), Ed Seabrease (M), Virginia Johnson (M), Joe Peters(M) and For those listed in the book of the sick.

Those added to our prayer list during the week of December 6th, 2025: Dennis, Dottie, & James Waudby (C), Junice & Robert James (C), Myles Snyder (C), Greg Satorie (C), Sharon Stoffregen (C), Joseph Znovena (C), and For those listed in the book of the sick.



Our recently deceased friends, family members, and loved ones:

Please pray for the souls of the parishioners, family members and/or friends of our Parish who have gone home to the Father, and for whom we recently celebrated funeral Masses (these names will appear for one month).

- Lee Tyler (Oct. 2)
- Council #11615 Grand Knight Michael Feibel (Oct. 5)
- Iolanda Lumaro (Oct. 13)
- Thomas Snyder (Oct. 17)
- Myles Snyder (Nov. 4)

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Thinking about becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic, please call the parish office to inquire about our O.C.I.A. program.





Considering the Call to Serve? Become a Deacon!

The Archdiocese of Baltimore is seeking faithful Catholic men who feel called to serve the Church as permanent deacons. Deacons are ordained ministers who proclaim the Gospel, assist at the altar, and serve those in need through acts of charity and pastoral care.

If you are a man between the ages of 35 and 55, active in your parish, and open to discerning this unique vocation, we invite you to learn more about the diaconate formation process.

Information sessions are being held throughout the Archdiocese. For a list of sessions, visit www.archbalt.org/clergy and click on "Deacons." No registration is required. Attendance at an information session is mandatory prior to receive an application. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael Foppiano at mfoppiano@archbalt.org.

Advent is Half Over!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're halfway to Christmas.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for

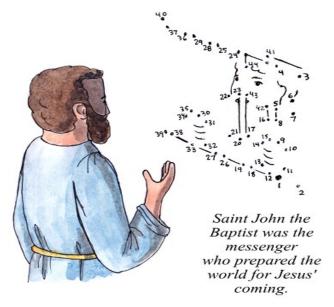
Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?

Answort to from page: St. John was in prison. Answer to match up puzzle: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the dead are raised up, and the dead news preached to them.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent December 14th, 2025



Where was he in today's Gospel reading?

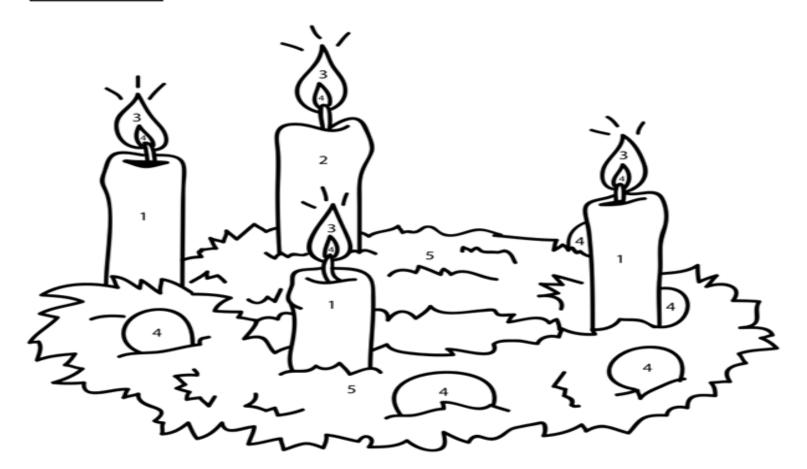
Connect the dots to find out!

Then you can finish colouring in the picture.

Color Key

- 1 = Purple
- 2 = Pink
- 3 = Yellow
- 4 = Red
- 5 = Green







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