

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in the good news of Christ that "God so loved the world that he gave (us) his only Son" (Jn 3:16) and knowing that he (Christ) "came that we might have life—life in all fullness" (Jn 10:10) and rooted in Jesus' command to "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34), we the members of Christ the Redeemer Parish commit ourselves:

- † To foster an understanding and sharing of Christ's message
- † To celebrate the glory of God in liturgy which recognizes our diversity and calls us to oneness in God's presence
- † To challenge the faithful to respond to Christ's call to meet the needs of all people with compassion and charity.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:30 pm - English

7:00 pm - Spanish

SUNDAY

8:00 am, 10:00 am - English

12:00 Noon - Spanish

5:30 pm - English

HOLY DAYS

As Announced

WEEKDAYS

Monday-Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

DECEMBER 24, 2017

**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**



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PARISH INFORMATION - INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

Engaged couples must make arrangements at least six months prior to the date of marriage. All are required to participate in a marriage preparation program. Please call the office to make an appointment.



La pareja interesada en celebrar el Sacramento del Matrimonio, necesita realizar un curso de preparación; por tal motivo debe contactarse con el Sacerdote por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de su matrimonio. Todos están llamados a participar de la formación matrimonial (pre-cana o convalidación). Por favor llamar a la Oficina Parroquial.

Interested in becoming Catholic or have an unbaptized child 8 or older? If so, please call the Parish Office and speak to Jay Cuasay.



Para obtener información sobre la preparación en español de los tres sacramentos de iniciación (bautismo, confirmación, primera comunión) ó información sobre el sacramento de la confirmación para adultos; comunicarse con Amelia Silva, directora 703-430-0811.

7 CAR WASH

As you get your car washed, help the poor and needy. We receive 10% of what CTR parishioners pay. As you pay at the carwash, sign the book so we receive their donation.

Contact the Parish for Communion calls to shut-ins, sick, hospitalized and in cases of serious illness or death.



Por favor llamar a la Oficina Parroquial para solicitar la suministración de los Sacramentos de Confesión o Unción de Enfermos, ya sea en la casa u hospital.

PARISH Registration

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We welcome you to our Parish Community and invite you to call or register in person at the Parish Office. Registration forms are also available on our website at www.ctrcc.org.

Todos los feligreses están invitados a registrarse en la parroquia. Para registrarse pueden llamar a la oficina parroquial o visitarnos.

Groups

Rosary

In English – Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. For more information, call Diane Kilkeary at 703-430-6228.

In Vietnamese - Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. For more information, call Hoa Ngo at 703-430-7461.

En Español - Todos los viernes en la Capilla de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a las 8:00 p.m. Para más información comunicarse con Wilfredo Duran 703-732-9492.

Seniors

The CTR Senior Group meets Fridays at 11:30 a.m. in the Library for “Bring Your Lunch” meetings or at a local restaurant on the second Friday of the month. Parishioners 55+ are invited to join. For more information, call Claude Gianino at 703-858-0641.

Knights of Columbus

Are you interested in joining the K of C “Christ the Redeemer Council #16234” here at our parish? For more information, please contact Everett Barnes at evbarnes@aol.com.

Altar Servers

Any boy or girl 4th grade and up that is interested in serving, please call Gail Dowling 703-421-7499.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The bulletin deadline is Thursday prior to the week (10 days before) you wish to have your announcement in the bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

Baptism is ordinarily celebrated within a faith community. Please call the office to register for a preparation class and to arrange for a time for the celebration.



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Las charlas pre-bautismales se ofrecen el tercer sábado de cada mes. Si desea bautizar a su niño entre las edades de recién nacido a 7 años pueden llamar a la oficina Parroquial de lunes a viernes y contactarse con Cristina Orellana al 703-430-0811.

¿SE MOLESTA POR LA BEBIDA DE OTRA PERSONA?

Si alguien allegado a usted: familiar, amigo, compañero de trabajo o vecino, tiene o ha tenido problemas con la bebida, visite un grupo de AL-ANON y Alateen encontrara respuestas, apoyo y ayuda. Respetamos su anonimato. Reuniones en las Iglesia: Cristo Redentor Jueves 8:00-9:30 p.m.

MORNING MASS

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Christ the Redeemer will follow the Federal Government weather closings and delays for weekday and Saturday morning Masses. When the Federal Government closes or has a delayed opening, morning Mass is cancelled. In order to avoid risking your personal safety, please use wise discretion when travelling in severe weather.

MISAS MEMORIALES

La santa misa se puede celebrar en caso de muerte. Para arreglar una misa funeral pueden llamar a la oficina parroquial. Intenciones comunitarias tienen que llegar 15 minutos antes de la misa.

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Guadalupe Chapel.



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El Sacramento de Reconciliación se celebra todos los sábados de 4:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m. en la Capilla de Guadalupe.

A GIFT FOR YOU FORMED

Our parish has subscribed to a Dynamic new online platform called FORMED. Every parishioner will have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access. With FORMED you'll find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and includes inspiring audio talks. It truly is the Catholic faith - on demand.

Here's how easy it is to get FORMED: Go to www.FORMED.org.

You should see the registration box for parishioners.

Type in the parish code: **7FZYKN**

Now set up a username and a password.

Now you are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime.



We pray for those who are ill . . .

*Virginia Anderson, Jojo Inventor,
Julie Ware, Carrie Mroczkowski,
Martha Maynard, Josh Moran,
Mary Sellers, Joseph Jakabfy,
Rose Jakabfy, Dick Schaub,
Paul Hinz, Kathryn Karwaki,
Larry Lapham, Matthew Salazar,
Sergio Morataya, Josephine Mahoney,
Arthur McCarthy, Dennis Gautreau,
Anderson Villanueva, Jesse Michl,
Ramon Bossio, Billie Gore,
Bruce Lindgren, Chuck Long,
Tom Tulenko, Sharon McMonagle,
Maddie Cabatic, Ryan Quinn,
Esteban Chicas, Harvesta Williams
and Rena Szumski*

We pray for those who have died . . .



**Singers just like you are needed
and all are welcome!**

**Please prayerfully consider this
wonderful opportunity to come pray
and sing together in a choir
community.**

Our choir schedule is:

Children's and Youth Choirs

Mondays

Grades K-3: 5:00pm-5:40pm

Grades 4-6: 5:45pm-6:30pm

Grades 7-12: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Spanish Coro

Wednesdays 7:30pm

Adult Choir

Thursdays 7:00pm

For more information, please contact

Music Director Claire Schweppe at

703-430-0811 ext. 123 or

claire.schweppe@ctrcc.org.

KNIGHTS CORNER - ROSARY

You are welcome to Pray the Rosary After the 8:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, December 31st in the Chapel. Start a tradition by praying the rosary by yourself, with your family and others – spending 20 minutes in the presence of our Lord through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this 5th Sunday Rosary and welcome you to join them.



ENGLISH/CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

English and citizenship classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 -9:30 p.m. here at CTR. Registration for classes will be on January 9th and 11th from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for this session. **For more information or to volunteer to help, please call Hogar Immigrant Services at 571-208-1572.**

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"Be it done unto me according to your word." Obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer.

If you think God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, call Father J.D. Jaffe at 703-841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 25

Isaiah 52:7-10 • John 1:1-18

All Masses for Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 • Matthew 10:17-22

8:00 a.m. † Henry Roccia

Wednesday, December 27

1 John 1:1-4 • John 20:1-8

8:00 a.m. † Craig Desmond

Thursday, December 28

1 John 1:5—2:2 • Matthew 2:13-18

8:00 a.m. † Dino Orellana

Friday, December 29

1 John 2:3-11 • Luke 2:22-35

8:00 a.m. † Carmen Olinda Salazar

Saturday, December 30

1 John 2:12-17 • Luke 2:36-40

9:00 a.m. • Spec. Int. of Joyce Shangle

5:30 p.m. † Jean Fernworth

Sunday, December 31

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalms 105:1-6, 8-9

Luke 2:22-40

All Masses for Parishioners

SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

A sign language interpreter is available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Along with the Masses, our parish has induction loop and receiver systems for the hard of hearing. The devices are located in the Usher Room. For the Closed Caption and Interpreted Mass at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of the month, to receive Closed Captions on your tablet or smart phone device at CTR, text Donna at 703-501-4320.



Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled

in Faith Direct for automated giving to the Parish. Faith Direct is secure and convenient, and will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. Sign up today by contacting Faith Direct at 866-507-8757 or go to www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is VA313.

MASS SCHEDULE

On the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 23/24, we will follow our regular weekend Mass schedule except for the Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass.

CHRISTMAS EVE † Sunday, December 24, 2017

Vigil Masses 4:00 p.m. *English*
6:00 p.m. *English*
8:00 p.m. *Spanish*
10:00 p.m. *English*

CHRISTMAS DAY † Monday, December 25, 2017

Masses 8:00 a.m. *English*
10:00 a.m. *English*
12:00 p.m. *Spanish*
2:00 p.m. *English*
(No evening Mass)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

NEW YEAR'S DAY † Monday, January 1, 2018

(When the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Saturday or Monday, U.S. Catholics of the Latin Rite are not obligated to attend Mass.)

Masses 8:00 a.m. *English*
12:00 p.m. *Spanish*

Sunday Offering - \$18,605.00

May God bless you for
your continued generosity.



REFLECTION

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – LUKE 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

Please mark
your calendars
April 28, 2018

**Meal Packaging Event
at Christ the Redeemer**



**Please consider making a donation
to Rise Against Hunger.**

To donate to the Rise Against Hunger packaging event at
CTR go to the following web site:

**[http://events.stophungernow.org/
ChristTheRedeemer2018](http://events.stophungernow.org/ChristTheRedeemer2018)**

Rise Against Hunger is driven by the vision of a world without
hunger. Its mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing
food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable.

BLOOD DRIVE

COORDINATOR NEEDED

After 23 years of coordinating the CTR blood drives, Mike and Michele have decided it's time to take a break. We are looking for some new blood (pun intended) to take over the reigns of the blood drive ministry. We have not yet selected any dates for 2018 since we didn't want to commit the church without new coordinators. Anyone interested in learning about the role please call Mike or Michele Hawes at 703-444-5136 or contact Donna Ata in the office. While we search for new coordinators please continue to donate at the Inova Blood Center on Nokes Blvd. The CTR group number for use at the blood center is 0025. Thanks for all of the help and support over the years.



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REL. ED. 17-18 SCHEDULE

From the Religious Education Staff:

We wish our parish families
the Joys of Christmas.

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We pray that peace
may reign in a New Year.



Religious Education Staff
703-430-0811

<http://ctrcc.org/faith-formation>

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Amelia Silva (Spanish Grades K-6)
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ext. 129 or Amelia.Silva@ctrcc.org

*Remember to contact your child's
Director if your child is going
to be absent from class.*

View RE 17-18 CALENDAR Online
<http://ctrcc.org/faith-formation>

INITIATION

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

"The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth"

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, which is also Christmas Eve this year, we hear the beginnings of Luke's Account of the Nativity. Angels and heavenly hosts will come to fill the night sky and proclaim, "Glory to God in the Highest!" to groups of shepherds. But today it is Gabriel who comes to Mary alone with the greeting "Hail, Mary full of grace!"

King David sought to build a resting place for God in a richly adorned temple. But instead, God chose to Mary from whose womb she brought forth the infant Jesus.

*God is present in so many ways throughout history.
In what ways do you see His presence around you
because of the answer Mary gave to Gabriel?*

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic and celebrating **Baptism, Confirmation and Communion**, or if you are from a different denomination and interested in knowing more about being Catholic, please contact Jay Cuasay, Director of Christian Formation at 703-430-0811 ext. 130 or Jay.Cuasay@ctrcc.org.

CHRISTMAS/WINTER HOLIDAYS

Religious Education Holidays begin Sunday, December 17, 2017,
and resume Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

We wish our parish families a peaceful Advent and joyous Christmas Season.
We will see you again in 2018!

Got Summer Plans?



Join WorkCamp 2018
June 23rd-29th, 2018

Looking for High School Teens and Volunteers!
Registration dateline January 14th, 2018



For information about WorkCamp
and Volunteer opportunities
come to the Atonement Hall on
January 6th and 7th after each mass.

For more details visit <https://ctrcc.org/workcamp>



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Christmas, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we are profoundly aware of the need to pray that His peace will reign in our world, in our nation, in our homes and in our lives. We are witnessing much turbulence, unrest and division in our midst. Yet, we do not despair. Our newborn King has shown us the way to peace and unity.

We pray that the leaders of our nation and those throughout the world will allow the Lord to guide their decisions, being ever mindful of the sacredness of all human life and the dignity of each and every human person. We pray that all people will recognize that they are united as God's holy family and respond by treating one another with charity and respect. In our own lives, we pray for the grace to love, honor and forgive each other. In a special way, may our prayer always lead us to seek peace not in the empty promises of the world but in the One who alone can sustain and protect us.

It is my hope and prayer that what we do at Christmas will continue throughout the New Year: to keep our relationship with the Lord our highest priority; to share our gifts and resources with all those in need; and to be instruments of His peace in our communities, workplaces and homes.

Please be assured of a special remembrance at the Masses I will celebrate on Christmas. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus fill you with his choicest blessings at Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Michael Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington