



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

December 8, 2024



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."
- Lk 3:5-6*

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence
Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence
Rev. Raymond Emedo, In Residence
Deacon Marvin Muhat

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Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-1:30pm)
Saturdays: 9:00am-1:30pm

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
2:30pm (Spanish), Noon,
and 7:00pm

Daily: 6:30am, 8:15am, and Noon

Saturdays: 8:30am

Federal Holidays: 6:30am and 8:15am

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am, Noon,
5:00pm, and 7:00pm

Low-Gluten Hosts

Those who need low-gluten hosts are asked to come stand at the Sacred Heart statue for Communion.

Adoration

Wednesdays and Thursdays:
12:30pm-8:00pm

First Fridays:
9:00am-Noon
7:30pm to 8:30am on Saturday (All
Night Adoration)

Holy Hours

Sundays: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

Confessions

Wednesdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm
Thursdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Fridays: 11:00am-11:45am

Saturdays: 3:30pm-4:30pm and
6:30pm-7:30pm

Baptisms

Baptisms are done every Sunday. Please contact the Rectory office to begin making arrangements prior to the child's birth. Registration in the parish is required prior to scheduling. Both parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child.

Marriage

Contact the Rectory office for information and to begin marriage preparation with one of our priests. Marriage preparation is a six-month program. No date will be set for the wedding until a priest has met with the couple.

Visit the Worship menu on our website for more details, [stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/](http://www.stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/).

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Convent

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Sister Patricia Healey, IHM, Superior

Parish Registration

To register with the parish or to update your contact information, call the Rectory office or email them at receptionist@stjamescatholic.org.

The Pope's December Prayer Intention

For pilgrims of hope—We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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- Instagram @stjamescatholic
- Twitter @St_James_CC



On The Way

Grace and the Theological Virtues

Last week we began considering the theological virtues and their newness in the world. But why should these new things be necessary at all? Indeed, that was a question early in the Church's history. The monk Pelagius asserted that we don't really need grace, nor the new virtues that come with it. In his estimation, Jesus gave us the example of how to live and our human virtues are enough to imitate him – if only we get our act together and, you know, *try harder*.

Saint Augustine was the great figure who countered this heresy. He insisted on our absolute need for grace to live the Christian life – hence his awesome nickname, the “Doctor of Grace.” Our need for grace arises first from our fallen human nature. We need an interior healing in order to respond to God. But we also need grace to live the higher life to which the Christian is called. Point is, we're not just called to a noble and good natural life in this world. No, we have been made “sharers in the divine nature” (2 Pt 1:4) and are thus called to holiness of life. We lose sight of the importance of the theological virtues when we lose sight of our divine calling.

Sanctifying grace gives us a rebirth as children of God. We are a “new creation” (2 Cor 5:17), as Saint Paul says. And that new creation needs a new operating system, new virtues to live the new life. Each thing acts according to what it is. Since we *are* a new creation in Christ, we need a greater capacity to *act* in accord with that reality. The natural human virtues remain essential. But to live the truth of who we are – and to get to where we're going – something more is needed. By nature, we are created for natural happiness and hence cultivate natural virtues. By grace, we are recreated for supernatural happiness – for “the life which is life indeed” (1 Tim 6:19). The theological virtues direct us to that supernatural happiness for which our own virtues are necessary but insufficient.

These virtues direct us to what is more than human, but they still correspond to our human nature. In a beautiful way, God proportions himself to us. By his grace he doesn't run roughshod over our human nature but gives us virtues so that we can deepen in our union with him. According to an important principle, God's grace does not destroy but perfects our human nature. Holiness of life is not alien to who we are.

As such, Saint Thomas Aquinas observes that faith, hope, and charity correspond to our intellect and our will. We receive something supernatural to direct us to a supernatural end. So, by way of *faith*, man receives a divine light in his intellect to know the truths necessary for salvation. By way of hope, man's will is strengthened to strive for the blessings promised to him. By way of love, man's will is united to the supernatural end, which is God himself.

Finally, a word about the order of the theological virtues (again, to remind us that these are in accord with reason and our human nature). In terms of perfection, charity is the highest, then hope, and then faith. In terms of generation, the ascent is from faith, to hope, to charity. By faith we apprehend the object of our hope and love, the highest good of God himself. By hope, we have confidence in obtaining that good. By love, we are already now united with God.

It is that order that we will observe in considering each of the theological virtues in turn.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 7

Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent

5:00pm +Mary Czosnyka

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am +Wayne Gamotis

9:00am +Dan and Molly O'Donohue

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Maria and Afonso Grebogi

2:30pm +Pablo Navaez

7:00pm Special Intention

Monday, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30am +Gerald C. Brown

8:15am +Donna Casey

Noon +Dora Navarro

5:00pm +Edward Laso and Tony Bilello

7:00pm +Bill Beauchamp

8:30pm Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

6:30am +Tommy Bayers

8:15am +Emilia Rosado

Noon +Gerda C. Petermann

Wednesday, December 11

St. Damasus I

6:30am +Christopher Chodkiewicz

8:15am +Fabian Osuji

Noon +Patricia Massey

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30am +Justin Walter

8:15am +Kenan Kreiner

Noon +Jim Sober

Friday, December 13

St. Lucy

6:30am Special Intention

8:15am +Donna Marie Casey

Noon +Patrick Brian George

Saturday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

8:30am +Kenneth Whitehead

Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Jeanne and Maureen Scully

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30am +Deceased members of the Jennings family

9:00am +Raul and Lilliam Vazquez

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Tara Flanagan and Nicole Flanagan Ayers

2:30pm +Sonia Duco

7:00pm +Mary Ann and Thomas Benedett

Today's Readings

First Reading Bar 5:1-9

"Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;"

Psalm Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Second Reading Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

"Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer..."

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,"

Readings for the Week

Visit www.bible.usccb.org/readings for the daily readings, responsorial psalms, and gospels for the upcoming week.

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon

Joyce Babiak

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Betty Brunton

Carmine Carosella

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Brendan Collins

Mona Demien

Mike Dudzik

Roberta Dunn

Clare Dunne

Erik Funk

Katherine Garren

Scott Herman

Laura Lareau

Alex Lohman

Jose G. Martinez

Nicholas McDonough

Mildred Melmer

Gloria Mora

Julie Neil

Rachel Noonan

Esther Olivos

Janet Owen

Jim Owen

Carter Parry

Russell Ross

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Kathy Thomas

Mary Traynor

Julia Umana

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

Richard Ziegler

the deceased of our parish family

Thomas Stephen Claffy

Thomas Cahill Johnson

and please pray for all active duty military

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF

CDR Thomas Dixon

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

COL Jay Hildreth

CPL James Murray, USMC

2nd Lt. Paul Murray, USA



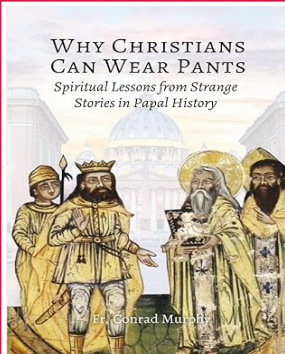
For changes or updates, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.

Saint James Prayer Chain

Become a praying member of the Saint James Prayer Chain. We are dedicated to praying for the intentions of our parish families and their loved ones. For more information, visit the *Saint James Prayer Chain* page under Faith Formation on www.stjamescatholic.org.



- To sign up to be a praying member, visit <http://eepurl.com/gURddD>
- To submit a request to the Prayer Chain, email PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org



Parish Speaker Series

“Strange Stories from Papal History” Father Conrad Murphy

Monday, January 6th
7:00pm in Monsignor Heller Hall



Join us as we welcome our first parish guest speaker for the year, Father Conrad Murphy. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington and currently serves as the Catholic Chaplain of the University of Maryland as well as an adjunct faculty member at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg. He is originally from Chicago but fell in love with Jesus and discovered God’s call to the priesthood during college in D.C.

Father Murphy will be talking about spiritual lessons from strange stories in Papal history which he wrote about in his book. He will explain how these stories teach us lessons about the spiritual life.

Our Hospitality Committee will provide light appetizers and drinks for the event.



Fiesta a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Se invita a toda la comunidad de Santiago (Saint James) a unirse a la Fiesta en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de México y de las Américas que se llevará a cabo **el jueves 12 de diciembre**. La misma comienza con una misa a las **7:00pm** en la iglesia seguida de una procesión con Mariachis al salón Heller Hall en donde se hará el drama del Milagro de las Rosas seguido de un compartir con música, comida y refrigerios. Exhortamos a los participantes a que vistan con trajes típicos y banderas de su país. También habrá una mesa en el Heller Hall para que coloquen imágenes y objetos que quieran bendecir. Esta actividad es libre de costo.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The entire Saint James community is invited to join the Fiesta in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Mexico and the Americas, that will take place on **Thursday, December 12th**. It begins with a Mass at 7:00pm in the church followed by a procession with Mariachis to Monsignor Heller Hall where the drama of the Miracle of the Roses will be performed and ends with music, food, and refreshments. We encourage participants to dress in traditional costumes and flags of their country. There will also be a table in Monsignor Heller Hall for you to place images and objects that you want to bless. This event is free.

Parish News (Continued)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mass Schedule

6:30am
8:15am (Livestream)
Noon
5:00pm
7:00pm
8:30pm (Spanish)

Monday, December 9th

Christmas Wafer (Oplatek) Available

Traditional Christmas wafers, known as Oplatek, are part of every traditional Christmas Eve supper in central Europe. The wafers are now available for your Christmas Eve supper here in the Saint James community from Connie Donnelly, a parishioner. To order, call Connie at 703-237-7935.

Adoration and Confessions Suspended



**Thursday,
December 12th**

DUE TO THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Boy Scout Troop 681 Annual Christmas Tree Sale

The Troop 681 Tree Sale is back! We hope our former customers will support us once again this year.

Saturday, November 30 to Saturday, December 21

SALE HOURS

Wednesdays: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursdays and Fridays: 6:00pm-9:00pm
Saturdays and Sundays: 9:00am-9:00pm

The sale will be in the Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C).
Please make checks payable to "St. James Catholic Church"

Fraser Fir 4/5'	\$55.00
Fraser Fir 5/6'	\$70.00
Fraser Fir 6/7'	\$85.00
Fraser Fir 7/8'	\$100.00
Fraser Fir 8/9'	\$150.00



Life Corner

40 Days for Life Update: Thank you for coming out to pray during the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign. 40 Days reports that 165 babies were saved during this Fall campaign. Prayer changed the hearts of Moms at numerous abortion sites. Let's continue to respond to Bishop Burbidge's call to "rededicate ourselves to fervent prayer on behalf of life."



Annual March for Life in DC: Mark your calendar to attend on **Friday, January 24th**. This year's theme is "Every Life: Why We March." The annual March for Life brings together the pro-life movement in its entirety! Each year presents different challenges in the great battle of our time; the fight to end abortion and build a culture of life. Our March for Life theme serves as a wonderful opportunity to educate and speak to the specific cultural moment.

Respect Life News: If you would like to be on the parish email list for Respect Life News, email stjameslife@gmail.com.

Parish News (Continued)

Social Outreach Advent Gift Card Donations

During Advent, the Social Outreach Committee will be collecting gift cards to dispense to Catholic Charities (Emergency Assistance Program and Migration and Refugee Services) and persons in homeless shelters (Home Stretch, Falls Church Winter Shelter, Shelter House, New Hope Housing, and Christ House). Thank you for your generosity in bringing joy to families in need of assistance.

The options for contributing:

- Donate **\$25 cards** for Giant, Safeway, Target, or Walmart stores
- Send a check payable to Saint James Catholic Church with **SOC gift card donation** on the memo line

Options for delivery:

- Place gift card or check in an envelope marked **Social Outreach Gift Card Project**
 - ⇒ Place the envelope in the collection basket
 - ⇒ Hand deliver to the Rectory Office
 - ⇒ Mail the envelope to Saint James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046

Parish Christmas Project for the Seven Corners Children's Center

This year we again are asking for your support for the Seven Corners Children's Center. The center is a private, non-profit organization that partners with Fairfax County to provide childcare and pre-school for working families who require financial assistance.

The children range in age from 2 to 5 years old. We are asking for the following gifts:

- Clothing in sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, 5, and 6/7
 - ⇒ Shirts, pants, and sweaters
 - ⇒ Gloves, hats, and scarves
 - ⇒ Winter jackets
 - ⇒ Pajamas, socks, and underwear
- Books, games, and puzzles for ages 2 to 5
- The Center has asked for winter jackets and other clothing items in sizes 8 through 14 so parents can also provide presents for older siblings.

Items should be new and not wrapped. Please drop off donations in the bins in the back of the Church through Wednesday, December 18th. Call/text Caroline Sparks, 703-862-2074, for more information.



SENIORS YOUNG AT HEART

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

OLIVE GARDEN

RT. 7 - BAILEYS CROSSROADS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

1:00PM

GUESTS ARE ASKED TO BRING TWO NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS OR PUZZLES OR NEW WARM CLOTHES (JACKETS, PLAY CLOTHES, TIGHTS, PULLOVER SHIRTS, OR HATS/MITTENS/GLOVES)

SIZES: TODDLER TO CHILDREN'S SIZE 12.

NO BABY CLOTHES. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP.

RSVP BY DECEMBER 9TH TO
SUSAN AT JACKSONSUSAN765@GMAIL.COM OR
KATHLEEN AT KMCPHILOMY2@GMAIL.COM



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

8:30AM - 12:30PM
MONSIGNOR HELLER HALL

Santa Workshop

8:30AM - 12:30PM
SAINT JAMES CAFETERIA

amazon, Barnes & Noble, Target, Panera

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Parish News (Continued)



JOIN US FOR THE PRAYING OF
VESPERS DURING THE 5:00PM
HOLY HOUR ON SUNDAYS

Morning & Night Prayer during Advent
Monday through Saturday
8:00am & 8:30pm



Except December 9th night prayer through
Wednesday, December 11th, due to 40 Hours
Devotion

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Communications

Sign up for Flocknote. Get the latest news and updates from Saint James Youth Ministry by signing up. You can receive email and text messages. Scan the QR code to sign up. Email our Youth Ministry Coordinator Amy Bigart, ym@stjamescatholic.org, with any questions.

You can also check out our webpage under the FAITH FORMATION menu on our website, <https://stjamescatholic.org/faith/youth-ministry/>.



MIDDLE SCHOOL DODGEBALL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
4:00PM-6:00PM
SAINT JAMES GYM

IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE BRING A GIFT FOR THE PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR SEVEN CORNERS CHILDREN'S CENTER.

BOOKS, GAMES, AND PUZZLES FOR AGES 2 TO 5

Chaperones and middle schoolers
Scan QR code to sign up

Father John Paul invites all Middle Schoolers to prepare for the gift of Jesus this Advent by meditating on this gift at Mass and praying the Rosary.

Complete the Advent card during the season of preparation. Cards are available in the back of the church.

For those involved, there will be a celebration at our Epiphany Party on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

Questions?
Email ym@stjamescatholic.org

High School Students

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

December 20th at 8:00pm
Kennedy Center

Tickets are \$15
Email ym@stjamescatholic.org

SAINT JAMES PARISH 40 HOURS DEVOTION



In the FOLD OF HER ARMS

DECEMBER 9–11, 2024



MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00pm Compline

Adoration throughout the night

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:00am Morning Prayer

6:30am Mass

7:00am Confessions

8:15am Mass

9:00am Rosary (*Joyful Mysteries*)
led by Legion of Mary

School classes visit throughout the morning

12:00pm Mass

12:30pm Rosary (*Luminous Mysteries*)
led by Legion of Mary

3:00pm Confessions
Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Cenacle

5:00pm Rosary (*Sorrowful Mysteries*)
led by Legion of Mary

6:00pm Rosary in Spanish (*Glorious Mysteries*)
led by Spanish Legion of Mary

6:30pm Confessions

7:30pm Solemn Vespers & Homily

10:00pm Compline

Adoration throughout the night

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00am Morning Prayer

6:30am Mass

7:00am Confessions

8:15am Mass

9:00am Rosary (*Joyful Mysteries*)
led by Legion of Mary

School classes visit throughout the morning

12:00pm Mass

12:30pm Rosary (*Luminous Mysteries*)
led by Legion of Mary

3:00pm Confessions
Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Cenacle

5:00pm Rosary (*Sorrowful Mysteries*)
led by Legion of Mary

6:00pm Rosary in Spanish (*Glorious Mysteries*)
led by Spanish Legion of Mary

6:30pm Confessions

7:30pm Solemn Vespers & Homily

Benediction to conclude 40 Hours

Please see www.stjamescatholic.org for more information and to sign up for Adoration.

Advent and Christmas at Saint James

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

5:00pm

Children's Mass

4:30pm Carols

7:00pm

9:00pm

Midnight

11:30pm Carols

Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 25

7:30am

No music

9:00am

10:30am**

12:00pm

Contemporary Choir

2:30pm**

Spanish Mass

****Masses with red asterisks will be livestreamed on our parish Facebook page and website.**

Confessions

Wednesday	December 18	7:00-8:30pm
Thursday	December 19	7:00-8:30pm
Friday	December 20	7:00-8:30pm
Saturday	December 21	9:00-10:00am 3:30-4:30pm 6:30-7:30pm
Monday	December 23	9:00-10:30am 7:00-9:00pm
Tuesday	December 24	9:00am

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection December 7-8

As we enter this season of giving, please prayerfully consider supporting men, women, and families who are in true need throughout our diocese by making a sacrificial gift to the Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection this weekend for our second collection. Your support helps maintain ministries that serve neighbors in need throughout the 21 counties and seven cities of our diocese. When vulnerable people come to Catholic Charities, they encounter Christ's love and the hope that springs from love. And, in a beautiful way, our own faith is strengthened when we join *Together in Hope* with those needing a helping hand. Through your support of the 2024 Parish Christmas Collection, you are helping to serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer within our Diocese.

Catholic Charities serves and transforms the lives of the men, women, and families who come to them for assistance. They rely on 125 dedicated staff members, nearly 3,000 generous volunteers, and hundreds of sacrificial donors to enable them to serve others with the transformative love of Christ. The need in our diocese for additional services for poor and vulnerable people is great and growing. To learn more, visit www.cdda.net/about-us/our-core-values/.

To donate online via Faith Direct, visit membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1495.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who donated to last week's second collection for the Saint James School Annual Appeal. By now, all registered parishioners should have received the 2024-2025 Annual Appeal newsletter in the mail. This year's appeal is off to a great start, thanks to the generosity of a donor couple who have issued a \$15,000 challenge match. **Every dollar you donate will be matched up to \$15,000!** Our donors hope that by issuing this challenge match we can reach—or even exceed—our \$120,000 goal in record time. Please be as generous as you can in supporting our award-winning parish school.

To donate online via Faith Direct, visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/53940>, scan the QR code, or make out a check to Saint James Catholic Church with "Annual Appeal" in the memo line and mail/drop off at the Rectory to the attention of Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development. Thank you for your generosity and support!



"Be doers of the word and not hearers only." James 1:22



Saint James Catholic School

EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."

**From all of us at Saint James Catholic School, thank you for supporting us!
You can help keep Catholic education affordable by supporting the
Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal.**



Give a Gift for Life

this Christmas

Pregnancy Assistance
Gabriel Project

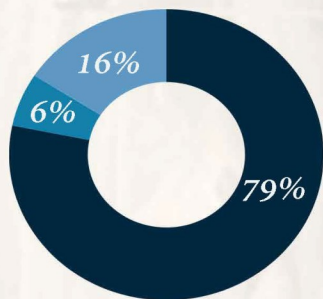


After Abortion Care
Project Rachel

2 easy ways to make a tax-deductible contribution:

1. Donate online at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife
2. Mail a check payable to **Gabriel Project/Project Rachel** with the donation form on the back page to:

Gabriel Project/Project Rachel
Catholic Diocese of Arlington
P.O. Box 1960
Merrifield, VA 22116-1960



- Pregnancy Assistance:
Prenatal Care, Labs and Sonograms
- After Abortion Care:
Therapy, Group Healing Events
and Retreats
- Miscellaneous expenses:
Rent and Utilities

Fiscal Year 2023-24

Care Given: \$292,996.77

Total Clients: 602

Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life • Catholic Diocese of Arlington • (703) 841-2550

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project financially support a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother in need wrote: "I could not have done this alone, but thankfully my 'Angel' was there to support me emotionally and spiritually throughout my entire pregnancy. Thank you for your kindness, encouragement, and love." For more information and/or to donate, visit arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

Parish Calendar

Monday, December 9		
40 Hours Devotion begins at 9:30pm (see page 8)		
7:00pm-8:15pm	High School Theology	School Library
Tuesday, December 10		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
10:00am-11:30am	Well-Read Mom Book Group	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, December 11		
40 Hours Devotion ends at night		
10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Knecht
7:00pm-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study (see page 5)	Parish House
Thursday, December 12		
Adoration & Confessions suspended (see page 5)		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Knecht
7:00pm-8:00pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (see page 4)	Church
8:00pm-10:00pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:00pm-9:00pm	Ladies Bible Study	School Reading Room
Friday, December 13		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
Saturday, December 14		
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
Sunday, December 15		
8:30am-12:30pm	Breakfast with Santa (see page 6)	Msgr. Heller Hall
10:00am-11:15am	Special Religious Ed (SPRED)	Knecht
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic OCIA	Knecht
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
4:00pm-6:00pm	Youth Ministry Middle School Dodgeball (see page 7)	Gym & Knecht
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
5:00pm-6:45pm	Lay Dominicans	Parish House

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God January 1st



Tuesday, December 31st

5:00pm Vigil

Wednesday, January 1st

9:00am Mass
10:30am Mass**
12:00pm Mass
2:30pm Spanish Mass**

** Will also be livestreamed on Facebook and parish website