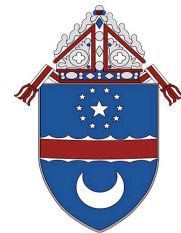




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October 7th - Feast of
Our Lady
of the Rosary

*“The Rosary is a prayer
both so humble and
simple and a
theologically rich in
Biblical content.
I beg you to pray it.”*

Saint John Paul II

October 5, 2025 ~ Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

2907 Popkins Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306

Phone: 703-765-4421

Office Hours: Mon - Fri
9:30am - 1:00pm
1:30pm - 5:30pm (except Wed)

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703-768-7732

St. Vincent De Paul Helpline
703-765-0050

Pastor: Rev. Keith O'Hare
Parochial Vicars:
Rev. Gregory Thompson
Rev. Luke Poczaitek

Sunday Mass

7:30am

8:45am *Children's Mass*

10:30am *Traditional Ad Orientem*

12:30pm *Traditional Ad Orientem*

5:15pm *Quiet Traditional*

Saturday Mass

8:45am 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Monday-Friday Mass

8:45am

Confessions

Mon-Sat: 7:45am-8:15am

Wednesday: 6:00pm

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am-9:15am

Misa en Español

Domingo 3:00pm

Confesiones: Dom. 2:15pm-3:00pm

Grupo de Oración

Sábado 6:30pm

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Mass Every Day

7:00am (Gregorian chant)

Sunday Devotions

Eucharistic Exposition

8:00am - 4:00pm

Rosary 4:00pm

Benediction 4:30pm



Pro Deo et Pro Patria



Participants in Promoting the Common Good

September 2025

As Virginia voters, this fall we will elect our next Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. We will also decide who will occupy all 100 Virginia House of Delegates seats. Election Day is November 4. Early voting begins September 19.

As the *Catechism* reminds us, “It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good.... As far as possible, citizens should take an active part in *public life*” (nos. 1913-1915).

To promote the common good, we must form our consciences and vote, recognizing that:

- Many issues are important.
- Not all issues have equal moral weight.
- Protecting life is paramount.

Above all else, addressing the tragedy of abortion is the “pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone” ([*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*](#), Introductory Note, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2023).

The Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) has prepared an array of voter education resources to help form consciences and provide timely information. Visit www.vacatholic.org/Election2025 to view these materials.

We encourage parishes to distribute each of the VCC resources, especially:

- **The VCC’s Candidate Comparisons in the races for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General**, which provide the candidates’ positions on key issues; and
- **The Proposed Constitutional Amendments: Be Vigilant! resource**, which explains three proposed amendments to Virginia’s constitution. These proposals have already moved part of the way through the General Assembly process. One of them would allow virtually unlimited abortion at any stage of pregnancy. The legislators we elect in the House races this November will decide whether these proposed constitutional amendments advance any further.

With so much at stake, we must prepare to engage in this year’s critical voting decisions – through conscience formation, prayer and fasting. United in the Eucharist, let us pray for one another and join together as active participants in promoting the common good.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
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Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
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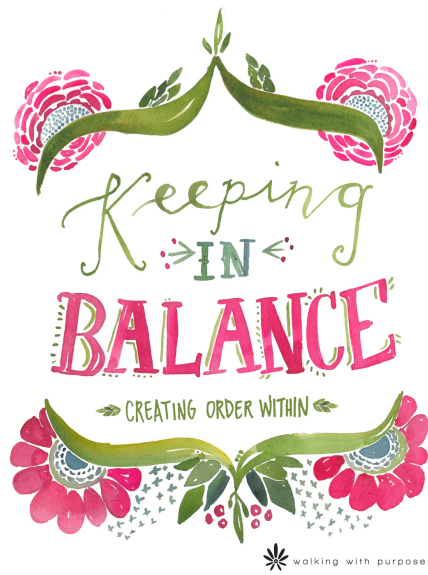
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Start date: 10/14/25

For questions contact the
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register**



Sunday Morning Band of Brothers

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7:30am - 8:30am in the Little Way Café

Scripture, prayer, discussion, and coffee



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*2 Separate Retreats. 1 Location, Based on the Entering Canaan Model



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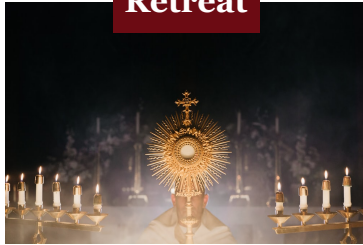
**Weekly classes taught by
Fr. O'Hare and Fr. Thompson
Sundays 10am to 10:45am
School Gym**

R³

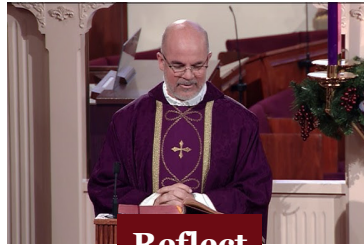
R³ for Women ~ Cancelled due to Columbus Day Holiday
 R³ for Men ~ Fourth Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 10/27/25

R³

Retreat



Reflect



Relax



From 7pm-8pm there is Eucharistic adoration, a brief reflection, silent meditation, and confessions. This "holy hour" is followed by "happy hour" in the Little Way Cafe! Beverages and snacks are provided.

Pray

Rosary and Divine Mercy Daily

Pray

Pray



**First Friday
November 7**



**First Saturday
November 8**

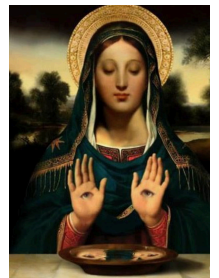
Pray

Pray

Following 8:45am Mass

Pray

The St. Lucy's Guild will be meeting Tuesday, October 14 at 10 AM in the St. Francis room. All ladies of the Parish are invited for a one hour meeting of intercessory prayer, rosary, and fellowship. For more information contact Alice Ess 703-360-8853



Intercessory Prayer
 "I want someone to pray with me"

Sunday, October 19
 After the 10:30am Mass

Meditative Music
 11:30am-12:00pm
 Brief personal intercessory
 prayer with a priest
 and prayer team member



Check out the newest episode on the topic of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society. You can find the link on the parish website, or search "St. Louis Parish Podcast" on youtube, Spotify, or Apple Podcasts. Perfect listening material for your long commute to work!

FELLOWSHIP

Mothers' Group

- The St. Louis Mothers' Group meets every Wednesday from 10:15am to noon - feel free to drop-in for any length of time. All mothers are invited and all children are welcome! We host discussions, social time, meetups for field trips and park days, as well as brunch gatherings and events around the liturgical calendar.

THIS WEEK - PARK DAY - This Wednesday, Oct 8th, we will meet at the Jones Point Park Playground at 10:30AM for a park day! Feel free to bring bikes and scooters as some of the kids like to move under the bridge to bike after some play time.

CONTACT: For more information or to join our email list or Facebook page, please contact Theresa Talavera at (571)331-8441 or tatalavera@yahoo.com

Are You Grieving?

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Come to a monthly opportunity for prayer and conversation led by Fr. O'Hare. The next session of "Grief and Grace" will be in the Little Way Café on Wednesday, October 15, from 12:30pm-1:30pm.



RALLY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED!

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Have an Upcoming Wedding Anniversary?

Please let us know! If it is a significant anniversary (ending in a "5" or a "0") we would especially like to honor you. Please contact the parish office.

Keep in touch.

Sign up on
the website



Flocknote

Finding Jesus in

The Living Flame of Love

Women's Silent Retreat
OCT 31 – NOV 2

Having persevered in prayer... daily meditation and quiet contemplation... and having passed through Deserts and Dark Nights of Sense and Soul, the human heart is ready to "scale the heights of Mt. Carmel"... to be transformed by the Living Flame of Love — the Indwelling Presence of God the Holy Spirit — in the deepest realms of our being.

"Come aside and rest awhile" at San Damiano to listen and to be with Jesus. We will ponder the words and wisdom of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity... and St. John of the Cross as we pray to be the friends and intimates Christ longs for us to be.



Father John Riley will lead and serve in this endeavor at the San Damiano Retreat Center. Cost is \$299 and financial assistance may be available. For more information email Fr. Riley at retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org or go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat-events

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Finding Jesus with St. Thomas More



Friday through Sunday
October 24 – 26

Guided by the life and witness of St. Thomas More, we will explore the "riches hidden in Christ" and in His saints, meditating on Our Lord's familiar words deeply engraved upon the heart of More:

"What does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?"



Fr. Nicholas Blank is the son of Richard and Monica Blank and the oldest of nine children. He studied Philosophy at Christendom College before entering formation for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Ordained a priest in June 2019, he currently serves as Parochial Vicar at St. John the Evangelist in Warrenton.

San Damiano Retreat Center. Cost \$299. Financial assistance may be available. For more information or to register, please email Deacon Mark Maines: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit our website at ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat



★ You are Invited ★

VETERANS RETREAT FOR THOSE WHO SERVED

October 24 - 26, 2025
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Join us for our Open House for prospective families on Sunday, October 19th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Families interested in our school community are welcome to attend. St. Louis Catholic School offers admissions for students from Preschool through 8th grade. Please RSVP using the QR code below. Applications for the 2026–2027 school year will be accepted beginning November 1st.

RSVP Here

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
10:00AM – 12:00PM**



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LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, October 6

7:00am Poor Clares, +Don Weber

8:45am, +Aida De Perez

Tuesday, October 7

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Elisabeth Kiendrebeogo

8:45am, +Abbie V. Moore

Wednesday, October 8

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Florence Perera

8:45am, Intentions of Camila Guerreros

Thursday, October 9

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Jaycee Burrows

8:45am, Intentions of Hugo Espino

Friday, October 10

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Eric Weber

8:45am, +Josephine Dailey

Saturday, October 11

7:00am Poor Clares, Intentions of

Deb Q. Heyrana

8:45am, +Greg Powell

5:30pm, Nick & Gloria Constantino

Sunday, October 12

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Claire Q. Krug

7:30am, +Oiva R. Niska

8:45am, +Rosita & Buddy Arevalo

10:30am, *Pro Populo*

12:30pm, +Virginia Escoto

3:00pm, Intentions of José Echeverria

5:15pm, Intentions of Mary K. Miller

**Eternal Rest
Grant Unto
Them,
O Lord!**

Luciano Basa Craft
Paula Villalobo



Prayer for the Homebound

Lord, you have a special love for those who are weak, infirm, and dependent. Bless the homebound parishioners of our parish as they carry their daily crosses. May our prayers bring them strength and consolation, and the Sacraments sanctify and inspire them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week we pray especially for the following homebound parishioners:

Lillian Spragen, Jack Todd, Raul and Silvia Toyos,
and Margherita Woods.



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