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Prepare the way of the Lord!

Isaiah 40:3

December 7, 2025 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Office

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

St. Louis School

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St. Vincent De Paul Helpline

703-765-0050

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

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

Poor Clare Monastery

703-768-4918

2505 Stone Hedge Drive

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The nearness of God is amazing! He is near to us through the beauty of nature, through Scripture, through the Sacraments, through one another, and ultimately through His Incarnation which we are preparing to celebrate at Christmas. God's nearness is also palpable through the nearness of Mary, our Mother. This week we celebrate her miraculous nearness in her appearance on December 12 as Our Lady of Guadalupe. The appearance of Mary in Mexico in 1531 is a miracle that cannot be debunked, as the miraculous image created by her appearance is actually still in existence today! As you know we have an exact replica of the miraculous image in our church to the right of the sanctuary.

This Friday morning all are invited to participate in a very EARLY MORNING tradition:

- 4:30am Rosary in Spanish
- 5:00am Mass in Spanish
- 5:45am Re-enactment of the Guadalupe Miracle
- 6:00am Presentation of flowers to our Blessed Mother (bring a rose or other kind of flower)
- 6:15am Procession from the church to the gym
- 6:30am Mariachi music and light Mexican breakfast

If you've never come to this annual event, come this year and give your Advent a special dose of grace. May Our Lady of Guadalupe intercede for all of us in this holy season of Advent!

PS: In a special way we wish a happy feast day on December 12 to the Poor Clares, as the full name of their monastery is the Poor Clare Monastery of Mary, Mother of the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

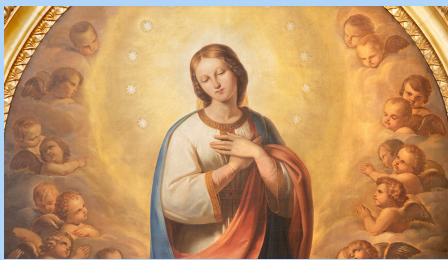
Your Pastor,



Father O'Hare



Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation



**Mass schedule:
Monday, December 8**

6:30am, 8:45am,
12pm and 7:00pm



*Happy Birthday
to
Father Luke!
(December 13th)*

Ad multos annos!

Monthly Offertory Donation/Household Income

Total household income	3% monthly	4% monthly	5% monthly
\$85,000	\$213	\$283	\$354
\$100,000	\$250	\$333	\$417
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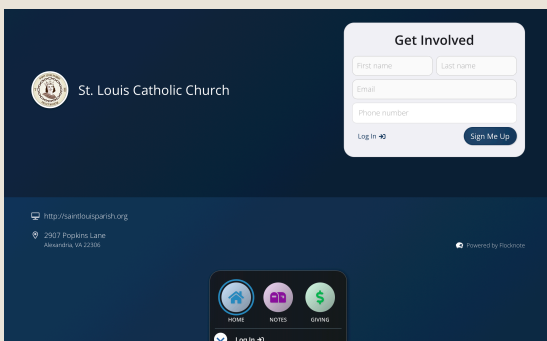
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Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM (Children's Mass) Fr. O'Hare

6:00 PM (Children's Mass) Fr. Luke

9:00 PM Fr. Magat

Midnight Mass at the Poor Clares Monastery ~ Fr. Thompson

Thursday, December 25

8:30 AM (Classical Guitar) Fr. Magat

10:00 AM Fr. O'Hare

11:30 AM Fr. O'Hare

1:30 PM (Spanish) Fr. Luke

**Don't be shy! Invite a friend or neighbor to join you for Mass!
All are invited - Catholics AND non-Catholics, too!**

Work Camp Parent Interest Meeting

At this meeting, parents of interested teens will hear from our Stakeholder, Chris Holloway.

He will explain the registration process, volunteer opportunities, and the commitments their teenage son or daughter will need to meet in order to fully participate.

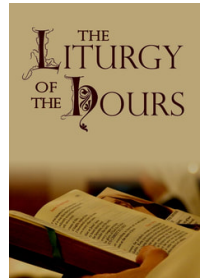


 **7pm, Monday, December 15th 2025**

 **St. Louis School Library**

Invitation to Morning Prayer – Experience Advent in an Extraordinary Way

During this most holy season of Advent, please join us in praying the Morning Prayer from the *Liturgy of the Hours* every weekday morning at 8:20 AM in the church's cry room. As St. Basil the Great has written: "Morning Prayer is said in order that the first stirring of our mind and will may be consecrated to God and that we may take nothing in hand or set our bodies to any task until we have been gladdened by the thought of God." Prayer books (breviaries) are provided together with user-friendly guides. For further information, please contact Marvin Spychaj at 703-380-2970 or marvinspychaj@msn.com.



R³

R³ for Women

R³ for Men

Cancelled in December



St. Vincent de Paul

Rooted in the compassion of St. Vincent de Paul, our parish St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) conference remains steadfast in bringing Christ's love to neighbors experiencing hardship — made possible through your generosity.

Recently, we assisted a single mother with one child who is struggling to secure steady employment. She typically works 1–2 days per week when she finds cleaning jobs, earning just barely enough to get by while rent a room. She received support from Good Shepherd last month and relies on another church for food while she continues actively seeking work to increase income. We were grateful to assist her by paying some bills during this difficult time.

We also helped a mother of 21-year-old twin daughters. Though the daughters are in school and working part-time, disability challenges affect their independence. Their mother works full-time at a cardiology practice, where she has been employed for four years. Recently, significant car repairs and fees to protect her vehicle during a bankruptcy process created unexpected financial strain. We provided relief she requested in the form of grocery food cards. She is working with the County to pursue additional support.

St. Vincent de Paul reminds us:

"Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another."

Thank you for helping us strengthen that bond through your prayers, compassion, and generous support.

Need help? Call our Helpline: 703-765-0050

Wish to donate? Use the "Make a Gift" button in Flocknote. Write a check to Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Louis and leave it at the Rectory. Use Venmo: Venmo@SVDP-Alexandria. Contribute from your IRA; our Tax ID: 26-1100276

Want to join us (we need and want you!)? Email Jim Paton: jimp@svdpalexandria.org or come to one of our bi-weekly meetings to learn more: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Room.



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 - This Wednesday, Dec 10th, we will meet in the YAR at 10:15 to discuss keeping joy and peace in our homes and families throughout the holidays, while the kids play! (The YAR is located at the back of the church building, look for the black gate and follow the stairs down to the YAR door)

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



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Questions? Contact Mike Evans at 571-283-5873

United Community (UC)

CHRISTMAS 2025 Food Drive

NEXT WEEKEND, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 13th & 14th,

ST. LOUIS WILL BE CONDUCTING ITS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE TO HELP RESTOCK THE SHELVES OF UC'S FOOD PANTRY IN ANTICIPATION OF CHRISTMAS!!! LAST YEAR, OUR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TOTALLED 2,683 LBS. OF FOOD. LET'S WORK TO MEET OR BEAT THAT AMOUNT IN 2025!

WE ARE ASKING EACH ST. LOUIS FAMILY TO CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST ONE GROCERY BAG FILLED WITH NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS. MONETARY DONATIONS ALSO ARE WELCOME!

ON SATURDAY, WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH BUILDING FROM 9:30 AM TO 3:30 PM. JUST DRIVE UP,

DROP OFF AND DRIVE AWAY!!!

WE ALSO WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS AT ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES.

If you have any questions about the Food Drive or are interested in volunteering, please contact

Marvin Spychaj @ 703-380-2970 or marvinpsychaj@msn.com.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



PARTICIPATION AGE:
GRADES K-8

RULES:
YOUR POSTER SHOULD BE 11X17 IN SIZE.

POSTERS SHOULD REFLECT THE THEME OF KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.

EACH POSTER MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS ENTRY FORM.

THE NAME AND GRADE OF THE PERSON ENTERING SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON THE BACK OF THE POSTER.

DUE:
DECEMBER 17, 2025

CONTACT PATRICK DOYLE AT PATRICK.ANDREW.DOYLE@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ENTRY FORM.

JOIN THE PAULINE SISTERS FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR BABY JESUS!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

11AM-4PM

For kids of all ages!

ACTIVITIES

- Take a picture at the manger with Baby Jesus (Costumes provided!)
- Birthday Cake
- Crafts
- And more!

STORYTIME AND CAROLS

11:15am
12:00pm
2:15pm
and
3:00pm



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What's on the Hawk's Christmas Wish List?

- ✓ Security Upgrades
- ✓ Tuition Assistance



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Principal Mrs. Calogero

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LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

6:30am, +Richard Pacheco
7:00am, Poor Clares, +Conception D. Sharpe
8:45am, +Arthur A. Dulaney, Jr.
12:00pm, Intentions of Jorge Racines
7:00pm, +Joanne Nolin

Tuesday, December 9

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Anita Mainz
8:45am, +Martha Armbrust

Wednesday, December 10

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Leonard Cuddy
8:45am, +Marvin & Velma Cuddy

Thursday, December 11

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Linda Coates
8:45am, +Pedro Quintanilla

Friday, December 12

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Milagro Flores
8:45am, Deceased members of Rogan Family

Saturday, December 13

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Ryan Herrington
8:45am, Intentions of Emanuel Kimwell
5:30pm, +Roberto Escoto

Sunday, December 14

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Cathy Coates
7:30am, Intentions of John Hickey
8:45am, Intentions of Marcia Sue Winkler
10:30am, *Pro Populo*
12:30pm, +Yolanda K. Munsayac
3:00pm, +Jorge V. Coronel
5:15pm, Intentions of Peter & Elizabeth Karengé

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

Isabel Maria Mata
Oleh Boris Pushkar
Richard Koslow
Clyde Millie



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:

Imelda Druke, Bette Jo Eifert, Donna Jenkins,
Yvonne Laque, and Mary Lassanyi.



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