



# St. Louis Catholic Church

[SaintLouisParish.org](http://SaintLouisParish.org)



*"And the Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us." John 1:14*

**December 25, 2025 ~ Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord**

## 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)

## St. Louis School

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

## 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,

Merry Christmas! A Savior is born for us! If it's been awhile or if you're visiting Saint Louis Parish for the first time we extend a special welcome to you! A parish is a family and it's wonderful to have you home! Two thousand years ago *"the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"* (John 1:14). That first Christmas morning ushered in a new era in human history - we are not alone in this world! The Son of God has become one of us, and he walks with us every step of the way.

As your parish priests, we are here to serve you and provide for you spiritually. Please read all about the parish in this bulletin; visit our parish website; this is your parish and we are glad that you are here! Don't be shy! Join a men's group or women's group; attend a class; come to Confession; contact our parish office. The New Year 2026 is about to begin and you can begin something new in your life here at St. Louis Parish!

May God bless you this Christmas and always!

Your Parish Priests,

Father O'Hare, Father Thompson, and Father Luke



## MERRY CHRISTMAS! FROM THE PARISH STAFF

Father O'Hare (Pastor)

Father Luke (Parochial Vicar)

Father Thompson (Parochial Vicar)

Locke Shufflebarger (Business Manager)

Carmen Lane (Director of Operations)

Jamie Hickman (Director of Faith Formation)

Tom Brock (Facilities Manager)

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Andrew Beatty (Music Director)

Ignacio Gutierrez (Administrative Assistant)

Sandra Reyes (Assistant DRE)

Johnny Bascope (Maintenance)

Aida Gamez (Maintenance)

Sonia Racines (Maintenance)



**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 26 THROUGH JANUARY 4**

"Mankind is an immense family...this is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas."  
(Pope St. John XXIII)



## If you are new to St. Louis Parish....Welcome! Join Flocknote!



The parish is a spiritual family and we are happy that you are here! Please introduce yourself to any of the priests after Mass and (if you desire) you can formally register by completing a registration form (found in the vestibule of the church or on the parish website). If you feel called to be active in a certain area of parish life do not hesitate to contact the parish office to inquire. If you have sacramental needs please do the same. A special welcome to military families who have transferred to this area! \*\* Use the QR code to receive a weekly e-mail newsletter about parish activities, including a link to our weekly "St. Louis Parish Podcast." \*\*



## SPIRITUALITY

### Confessions are Heard Daily!

Monday through Saturday: 7:45am - 8:15am

Wednesday: 6pm

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 8:30am - 9am and 2:15pm - 3pm



### Teen Small Groups!

**Every Monday at 7pm** in the school cafeteria,  
high school teens are invited!



After sharing some pizza, then the young men and young women will meet in separate groups (St. Francis Club and St. Clare Club) for discussion of spiritual topics.



walking with purpose



## Come as you are.

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE**

WWP Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to solutions given through Scripture. If you desire to grow in your faith—in a supportive community of Catholic women—join us!

*Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:30am*

*in St. Francis Room*

*Wednesday 7pm to 9pm*

*in The Little Way Café*

Register

[www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)

<https://bit.ly/WWP2024STL>

### Sunday Morning "Band of Brothers"

Led by our Parish Priests

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

Will resume January 11

Scripture, prayer, discussion, and coffee

No registration required - just show up!



## Baptisms for Children!



Children should be baptized! Jesus said, *"Let the little ones come to me and do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of God."* (Matthew 19:14). He also gave the command, *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* (Matt 28:19)

To have your child baptized call the parish office (703 765 4421) or send an email through the "Contact Us" option on the parish website: [saintlouisparish.org](http://saintlouisparish.org)

## Did You Know that We Have a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel?



Come away and be with the Lord in a place of reverent silence.

Simply BE in His Real Presence and you'll experience graces entering your mind, heart, and spirit!

Located in the small white building in the upper area of the parking lot.

To obtain the code for the keypad to enter the chapel (open 24 hours a day), contact the parish office.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume in the chapel on Wednesday January 7th.

# R<sup>3</sup>

R<sup>3</sup> for Women ~ Second Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 1/12/26

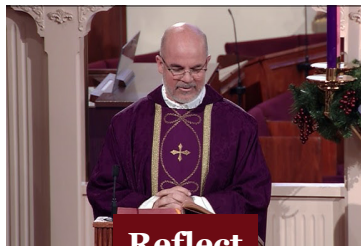
R<sup>3</sup> for Men ~ Fourth Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 1/26/26

# R<sup>3</sup>

### 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.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Missing any of your sacraments?

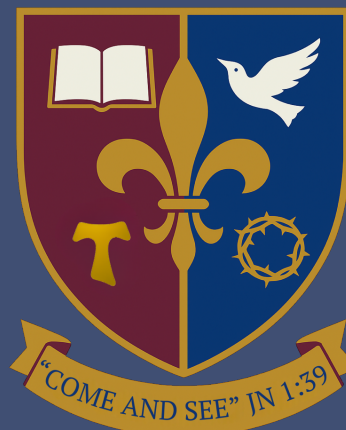
## OCIA

Jan 6 - May 19th

Tuesday Nights  
7pm - 8:15pm  
School Library

For full initiation on Easter Vigil in Spring 2027 (March 27th)

For more info, contact Fr. Thompson  
[fr.thompson@saintlouisparish.org](mailto:fr.thompson@saintlouisparish.org)



"Come and See:  
A Graduate Level Course  
in Theology"

Weekly classes taught by  
Fr. O'Hare  
and Fr. Thompson

Sundays 10am to  
10:45am  
School Gym

\* Resumes Jan 11 \*



### 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 - NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 24TH** - we will not meet due to Christmas Break - wishing you a joyous Christmas season!

**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](mailto: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.  
"Grief and Grace" meets in the Little Way Cafe.  
The next session will be Wednesday, January 21, from 12:30pm-1:30pm.



## Little Way Café

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Diocese of Arlington



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Contact Us!

703-765-4421 ext. 420

[littleway@saintlouisparish.org](mailto:littleway@saintlouisparish.org)

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## Christmas Break Dates

CAFE WILL BE CLOSED FROM:

Monday, 12/22 - Sunday, 01/04

WE WILL REOPEN ON

Monday, 01/5

### Saint Louis Children's Choir!

For children in 3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade



Rehearsals are  
once a month on the  
2nd Sunday of the month  
after the 8:45am Mass  
from 9:45-10:15am

Children's Choir will sing monthly on the 3rd  
Sunday of the month at the 8:45am Mass

No registration required - just show up!



## Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday January 11**  
**after the 7:30am, 8:45am**  
**and 10:30am Mass**  
**in the school cafeteria**



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## Christmas 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas shines as a season of joy, unity, and renewed hope. The Child of Bethlehem comes to draw us together as one family of faith, bridging every distance and healing every division. His radiant light pierces the darkness reminding us that in Christ love triumphs and peace endures.

As we gather once more around the manger of Bethlehem, our hearts are filled with awe and gratitude for the gift of God's love made visible in Jesus Christ. At Christmas, we rejoice in the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation—God made man, dwelling among us to share our humanity, joys, and sorrows. In Him, heaven and earth are united, and through Him, we are reconciled to our Creator. The birth of our Savior reveals that God's love knows no boundaries.

I invite you to celebrate this holy season with renewed thanks for the gift of one another. May we follow the example of the Holy Family, who in faith and love welcomed the will of God with trust and serenity.

May the joy of this Christmas strengthen the bonds of unity among us and may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and homes.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington



# St. Louis Parish Podcast

## Ep 46: How to Actually Keep Your New Year's Resolution

Listen weekly on Youtube, Spotify, or Apple Podcasts!



### LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

#### Monday, December 29

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Julia Mejia

8:45am, Intentions of Christian & Genesis Escoto

#### Tuesday, December 30

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of

Fr. Stephen Schultz

8:45am, +John Spataro

#### Wednesday, December 31

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of

Sister Mary Agatha

8:45am, +Manolo Perez

5:15pm, +Mary Sharp Caballero

#### Thursday, January 1

8:00am, Poor Clares, +Richard Pacheco, Sr.

8:45am, +Felix Q Mendoza

10:30pm, *Pro Populo*

12:30pm, +Crisanta & Roman Namata

#### Friday, January 2

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Don Weber

8:45am, Intentions of Loida Lefebvre

#### Saturday, January 3

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Ursula Littman

8:45am, +Ann Graupensperger

5:30pm, Intentions of Thanksgivings prayers

#### Sunday, January 4

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Robert &  
Pauline Summer

7:30am, +Marge Feldt

8:45am, +Susan De Vera

10:30am, *Pro Populo*

12:30pm, Intentions of Elizabeth &  
Peter Karengé

3:00pm, +Felix Moreno Antelo

5:15pm, +Josefina Balagot

#### Eternal Rest

#### Grant Unto

Him,

O Lord!

Jonathan Taylor Bartell



#### 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: Paul Spring residents, Robert Pierpoint, Rose Pugh, and Ethel Moreland.





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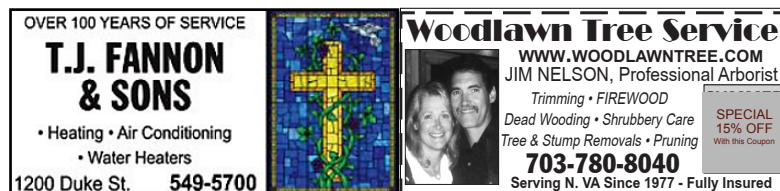
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