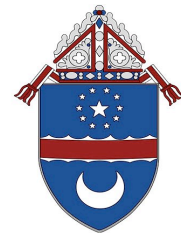




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Saint Vincent de Paul —  *Feast day Sept 27*

September 28, 2025 ~ Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

2907 Popkins Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306

Phone: 703-765-4421

Office Hours: Mon - Fri
9:30am - 1:00pm
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703-768-7732

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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

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Mass Every Day

7:00am (Gregorian chant)

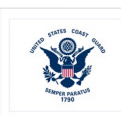
Sunday Devotions

Eucharistic Exposition

8:00am - 4:00pm

Rosary 4:00pm

Benediction 4:30pm



Pro Deo et Pro Patria

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Next Saturday (October 4th) we have two very special events taking place. The first is "Hawks Day," which is a 5k run to support our wonderful parish school. The route starts in our parking lot, goes down Popkins Lane to the Poor Clares Monastery, then winds through various streets in the local neighborhood, and finally returns to the finish line set up below the bell tower. All are invited to participate and support our parish's ministry of Catholic education, which is serving over 500 children in pre-school through 8th grade!

Food and drink will be available after the race, including delicious pupusas!

The mascot for our parish school is the hawk, which is a unique animal. What marks a hawk as a wonder of nature is the hawk's vision. Scientists tell us that the hawk has four types of color receptors in the eye and approximately 1 million photoreceptors in each square millimeter of the retina. The human eye has only type of color receptor; and only 200,000 photoreceptors.

In other words, the hawk can see what the human eye cannot. But what we also know is that by the gift of faith we can all see what the human eye cannot. Faith is a form of sight, and it is the most important ministry of our parish school to strengthen this gift of faith in the souls of the children and their families.

The second event on Saturday is a door-to-door visitation effort being organized by the Legion of Mary. From 11am-12:30pm we'll be going door-to-door in local neighborhoods to invite people to come to St. Louis for the annual "Blessing of the Animals." This takes place next Sunday, Oct 5th, at 2pm. Visit the Legion of Mary's table after Mass to learn more about this opportunity.

We want to offer this friendly opportunity to our neighbors to have their pet blessed, and hope that those who may not feel connected to God and the Church will find this invitation bringing them a step closer.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

Your Pastor,



Father O'Hare



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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



Knock Knock!

Join us on Saturday, Oct. 4th for the Parish
Evangelization Project!

From 11:00am - 12:30pm we will visit
homes in the neighborhood, inviting
them to Mass and the Blessing of the
Animals at St. Louis.

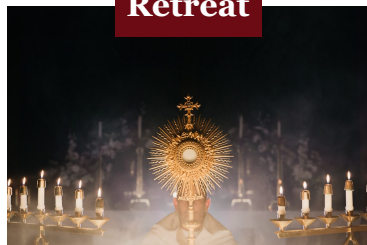
Sharing of evangelization and closing
prayer at 1:30pm.

R³

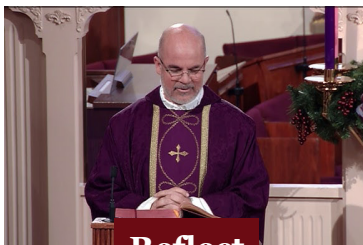
R³ for Women ~ Cancelled due to Columbus Day Holiday
R³ for Men ~ Fourth Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 10/27/25

R³

Retreat



Reflect



Relax



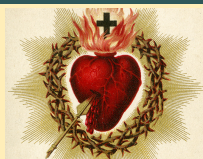
From 7pm-8pm there is Eucharistic adoration, a brief reflection, silent meditation, and confessions. This "holy hour" is followed by "happy hour" in the Little Way Cafe! Beverages and snacks are provided.

Pray

Rosary and Divine Mercy Daily

Pray

Pray



**First Friday
October 3**



**First Saturday
October 4**

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



Finding Jesus in
The Living Flame of Love

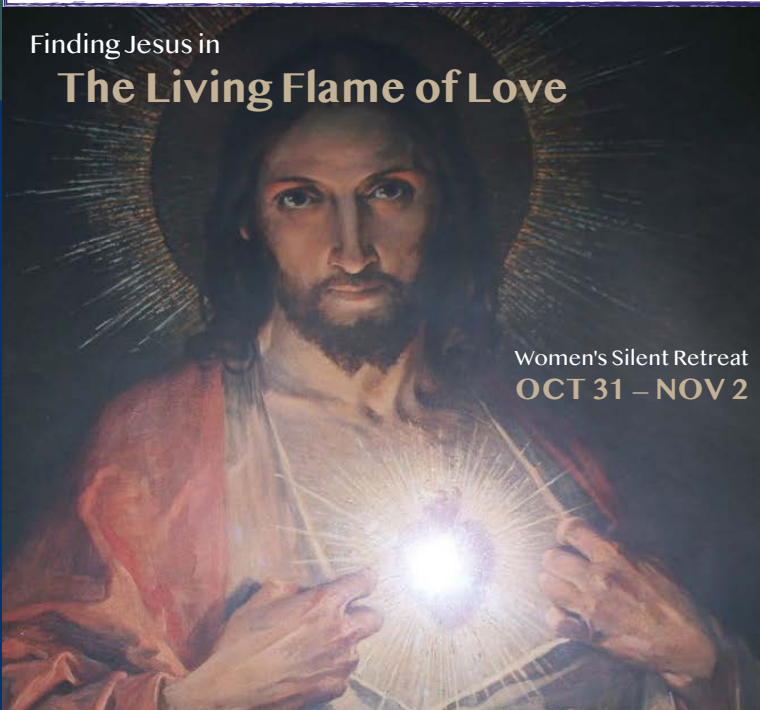
Women's Silent Retreat
OCT 31 – NOV 2



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



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

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, Oct 1st, we will meet in the YAR 10:15AM for a cake decorating demonstration from one of our moms! We will go over icing types and techniques with some hands on practice, 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

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.



Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Married in 2000 or 1975?

All golden and silver jubilarians are welcome! Contact your parish office today to register!



Sunday October 19, 2025

Cathedral of St. Thomas More | 2:30 pm

3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, 05 OCTOBER

2:00PM

IN FRONT OF THE BELL TOWER



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





St. Vincent de Paul

This weekend we celebrate the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity enables the Saint Louis St. Vincent de Paul (SL SVdP) Society to carry on his mission to serve neighbors in need with compassion, spirituality, and practical help. Four saints and blessed were instrumental in founding the SVDP Society, now with chapters in almost every country in the world. Here is

some of what they taught us:

St. Vincent de Paul (Catholic patron saint of Charitable organizations): *"Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another."*

St. Louise de Marillac (with St. Vincent, a founder of the Daughters of Charity who taught Vincent how to effectively serve the poor in the slums of Paris in the 1500s): *"Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them, as you would honor Christ himself."*

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam (founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the 1800s): *"Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveler who has been attacked. But, it is justice's role to prevent the attack."*

Blessed Rosalie Rendu (also a Daughter of Charity nun who guided Frédéric and his companions in the 1800s, serving the poor of Paris): *"Never have I prayed so well as in the streets."*

Both St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frédéric Ozanam depended completely on generous people with means to bring tangible relief to the poor and needy. They, and the many Christians they inspired since continue to put their Christian beliefs and virtues into action to make a difference. Here at Saint Louis, our SVdP conference collaborates with you, our generous donors, in the same way. **Thank you!**

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

Wish to donate? Use Faith Direct; write a check to Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Louis and leave it at the Rectory; or 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.




★ *You are Invited* ★

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FOR THOSE WHO SERVED

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LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, September 29

7:00am Poor Clares, +Bradford Anker

8:45am, +John & Anna Bukoski

Tuesday, September 30

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

8:45am, Intention of Claire Hilado

Wednesday, October 1

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Theresa McAvinney

8:45am, +Anna & Gus

Thursday, October 2

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Bob Martins

8:45am, +William (Liam) Douglass

Friday, October 3

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of David England

8:45am, +Rijo Quintos

Saturday, October 4

7:00am Poor Clares, Intentions of David

Skoczlas

8:45am, Intentions of Heather Webb

5:30pm, Intentions of Mr. Vincent G Cuning

Sunday, October 5

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Geri Krafcheck

7:30am, +Grace Kreuser

8:45am, +Jason Cortez

10:30am, *Pro Populo*

12:30pm, +Kevin Swartz

3:00pm, +Odilia Fernandez Vila

5:15pm, Intentions of Amelia Naegele

**Eternal Rest
Grant Unto**

**Her,
O Lord!**

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:

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



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