

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 13

7:30 a.m. Bob O'Brien †, 9:30 a.m. For the People,
11:30 a.m. Lucia Reyes, 5:00 p.m. Martin "Marty" Merlo †

Monday, December 14

6:30 a.m. Charles Hsu †, 9:15 a.m. Marshall Chapman †

Tuesday, December 15

6:30 a.m. Steven Josh Wenger †, 9:15 a.m. John Germain †

Wednesday, December 16

6:30 a.m. Elizabeth Turner †, 9:15 a.m. Linda Restivo †

Thursday, December 17

6:30 a.m. Gary Godlewski, 9:15 a.m. Roger Ashley †

Friday, December 18

6:30 a.m. Maria Antonia Rincon, 9:15 a.m. Horace Ackerman †

Saturday, December 19

9:15 a.m. Memorial Mass, 5:00 p.m. Joan Danzig †

Sunday, December 20

7:30 a.m. For the People, 9:30 a.m. Eugene Conti †,
11:30 a.m. Sir Knight: John Germain †, 5:00 p.m. Vin Ott †



READINGS

Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-111 Rhes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a.....Mt 21:23-27
Tues: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13Mt 28-32
Wed: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25Lk 7:18b-23
Thu: Gn 49:2, 8-10.....Mt 1:1-17
Fri: Jer 23:5-8.....Mt 1:18-25
Sat: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25aLk 1:5-25
Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-11, 16
Rom 16:25-27Lk 1:26-38

DONATIONS

Donations for the Week of November 8th

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| Sunday Collection | \$26,076.06 |
| Building Fund | \$8,003.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$630.00 |
| All Saints | \$435.00 |
| Heat | \$286.00 |
| Additional Collections | |
| Samaritan Fund | \$922.20 |
| Retired Religious | \$2,041.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$1,025.00 |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Development | \$35.00 |
| World Mission | \$20.00 |

The Second Collection this weekend will benefit the Catholic Charities Christmas Collection.

PARISH LIFE

Christmas Mass Schedule

We are offering in-person and live stream Masses.

Thursday, December 24th

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and Midnight

Friday, December 25th

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

All Masses are in the New Church



If you plan to attend in person, we ask you to sign up to indicate the Mass you plan on attending, using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944aaaa2fabf85-christmas1>

New Parish Center Weekend Hours

The Parish Center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Evening hours are varied with activities scheduled. The office will not be open but the foyer will be accessible for donation drop offs.

"Simbang Gabi."

The Filipino-American Ministry of St. Mary of Sorrows invites all parishioners to join the Filipino tradition of "Simbang Gabi." It is a 9-day novena of Masses leading up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Please join us to celebrate the 5th night of Simbang Gabi on Saturday, **December 19th**, at 7:00 p.m. at the new church or via FB live stream. Due to COVID-19, everyone is required to wear a mask and observe social distancing if you are attending Mass. We will only allow as many participants that the new church can handle with physical distancing. Please leave your donation at the drop box at the entrance if you so desire.

Baby Diapers & Wipes Collection

Baby Diapers & Wipes will be collected after all Masses next Saturday and Sunday, **December 19th & 20th**. Please place your donated items in in the crib in the foyer of the Parish Center. Items will be distributed to groups that care for babies whose mothers need this assistance. Thank you for your generosity in this Pro-Life and Pro-Family activity!

Christmas Trees + Going Fast = You Better Hurry!



The Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sale to date has been a huge success thanks to your support. There are still some fabulous trees left. As always, proceeds to help fund K of C activities such as Food for the Needy, Special Olympics, Youth Programs, Lenten Soup & Bread Meals, and many others. Hours are: Weekdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Sunday, 11:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations Honor Roll Students

Congratulations to St. Paul VI Catholic High School students and St. Mary's parishioners who achieved the Principal's Honor Roll: Patrick Boyd, Ethan Dearborn, Mary Hitchcock, Katherine Holler, Megan Nuttall, Samantha Peluso and Michael Torrey; and to Honor Roll students Cecilia Buchanan and Jack Jensen!

Advent Confessions

All priests will be available for Confessions during Advent at our usually scheduled times.

Christmas Sign Up

Please help us plan for Christmas by signing up to attend one of our Christmas Masses.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944aaaa2fabf85-christmas1>

Those who sign up can be seated early; please arrive by 15 minutes before Mass to take your seat. Those who sign up will be seated 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. If needed, we will add additional Mass times - signing up helps us gauge interest and allows us to plan for as many Masses as we need!

Solemnity of Mary,

The Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2021

Masses on **December 31st** will be at 7:00 p.m. and Midnight in the New Church (preceded by a Holy Hour beginning at 11:00 p.m.). Masses on **January 1st** will be at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the New Church.

LITURGY & MUSIC

Please Pray for the Sick

Lucy Lukacs, Raymond Remeika, Jeannette Godlewski, Mark Brennan, Irene Maria DiSanto, Charles Perks, Joan Sachs, Heide Cornwell, Lynn Jones, Cathy Jones, Debbie Guarrasi, Joseph Witter, Tiffany Banules, Maizie Lex, Greg Neifert, Diane Self, David Anderson, Julie Atkins, Kathleen Hall, Linda Depew, Maria Delobe, Andrea Baker, Maria Leitao, Laura Murray, Ed Reinsel, Bill Smith, Carol Stoffelen, Renee Davis, Lilly Morris, Pauline Merlo, Brendan Murphy, Diane Anderson, Rebecca Sullivan, Elissa Vavrinec, Connor Broussard, Barbara Alberse, Megan Gallagher, Makayla Mastal, Tim Dwyer and those in our book of prayers.

Mass Schedule

All Masses are in the new church! If you plan to attend in person, we ask you to sign up to indicate the Mass you plan on attending, using this link: <https://bit.ly/2knfncX>

Masses are as follows: 5:00 p.m. Vigil on Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses on Sunday. Ushers will be on-site to direct parishioners to open seating. Remember that you will need to wear a mask, bring hand sanitizer for use before Communion, and your own Mass guides. Please allow the ushers to seat you and keep your mask on throughout Mass and during Communion. Bishop Burbidge has dispensed all from the obligation to attend Mass. We encourage all that do not feel safe in attending in person to live-stream Mass with us this weekend.


“I delight greatly in the Lord;
my soul rejoices in my God.
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of His righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.” - Isaiah 61:10

Lord Jesus, we invite You into our hearts.
We rejoice in your Presence.

In the midst of this chaos of my life at times, I welcome You with all of my heart to be with me. In the midst of distractions, I offer You my love and my adoration of Your Holy Presence.

As You come to me this day, let my awareness, let my thoughts, let my heart be centered on You, and no matter where I find myself, all that I do will be directed to love You. No matter how distracted, my heart will be reserved for You.

In this time of intimacy, help me prepare in Advent for Your coming.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK
December 13, 2020

WATCH

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE
Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

TRUE REFORMERS
EPISODE 5
ST. TERESA OF AVILA

LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS
In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS
FR. LARRY RICHARDS

St. Mary of Sorrows has a FORMED subscription.
To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Who Will Lead You to God?



Today's Gospel reading tells us about Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. At first people thought that he might be the saviour they were all waiting for, but he was very clear when he told them that he wasn't- there was one coming after him Who would be the truly great One.

Sometimes we hear about great or important people. We know about movie stars and singers and government leaders. Who are some important people you know of?

Do those people that you've thought about help to bring you closer to God? Do they teach you well and give good example? Or do they lead people away from God by doing wrong things or making fun of God's truth?



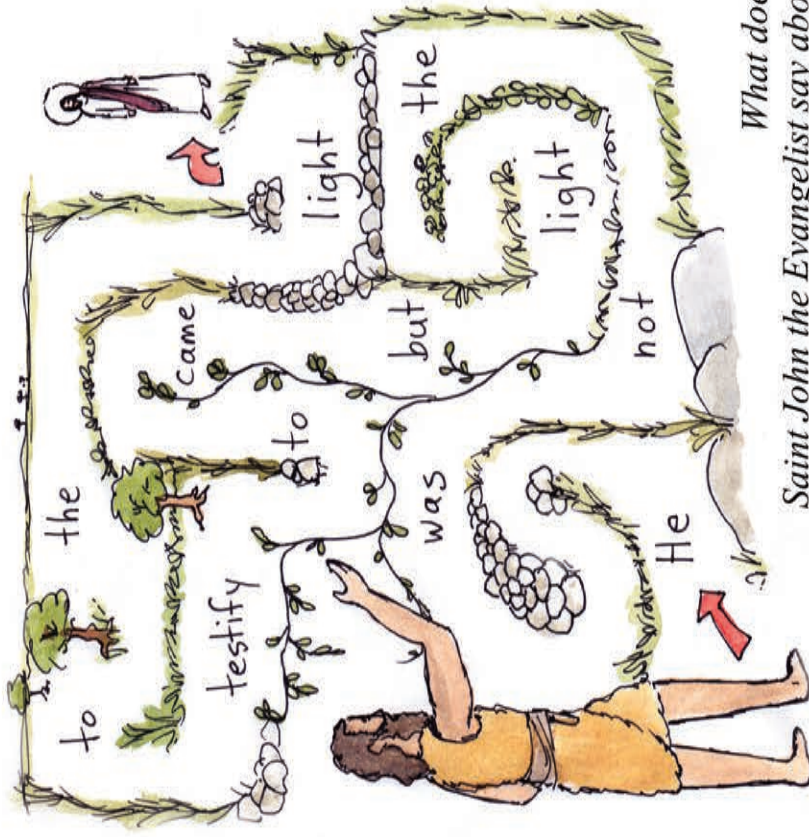
We can know which people are really great by thinking about whether they lead us closer to God, like Saint John the Baptist did, or further away from Him. Which sort of people do you want to follow?

Answer to Word-find: brokenhearted.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020



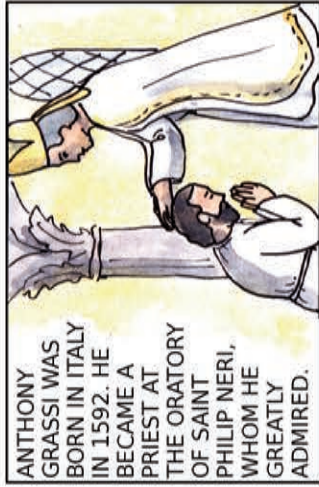
What does Saint John the Evangelist say about Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel? Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.

Was the priest who offered Mass today wearing pink vestments? The colour pink, or rose, is a sign of joy. We use it for the third Sunday of Advent because we are happy that we're halfway to Christmas! If you have an Advent wreath, it's time to light the pink candle!



Blessed Anthony Grassi

December 13



ANTHONY GRASSI WAS BORN IN ITALY IN 1592. HE BECAME A PRIEST AT THE ORATORY OF SAINT PHILIP NERI, WHOM HE GREATLY ADMIRE.



HE WAS A HOLY PRIEST AND TOLD PEOPLE HOW IMPORTANT THE MASS IS.
The Mass is the greatest prayer.



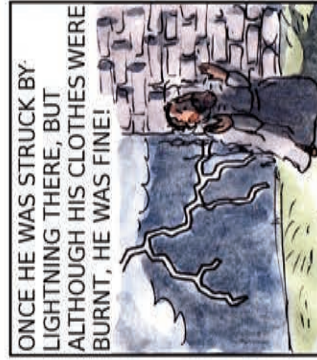
HE HEARD CONFES- SIONS FOR MANY HOURS AND HELPED MANY PEOPLE RETURN TO GOD.
I absolve you of your sins.



Lord, help me to serve my brothers!
FR. ANTHONY WAS ELECTED SUPERIOR OF HIS COMMUNITY.



HE WENT ON SEVERAL PILGRIMAGES TO THE HOUSE OF OUR LADY OF LORETO.



ONCE HE WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING THERE, BUT ALTHOUGH HIS CLOTHES WERE BURNT, HE WAS FINE!



BLESSED ANTHONY DIED IN 1671, SURROUNDED BY BROTHER PRIESTS AND THE ARCHBISHOP.

BLESSED ANTHONY HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LADY AND OFTEN VISITED HER SHRINE AT LORETO. DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE A STATUE OF OUR LADY THAT YOU CAN PAY A LITTLE VISIT TO? PRAY OFTEN TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER- SHE WILL ALWAYS HELP US GROW CLOSER TO HER SON JESUS.

The Messenger of Peace Word-find

V Y E A R P O O R B
I C S P I R I T R O
N A P K G F U N C E
D I T G O A L E H E N T I
C A V A N O I N T E R I
T E D A U M E T R I
I S L O R E D E T N
O R P R I S O N E R S

See if you can find the words in CAPITALS from today's first reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks in the reading.

The SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has ANOINTED me; he has SENT me to bring GLAD TIDINGS to the POOR, to heal

the _____, to PROCLAIM LIBERTY to CAPTIVES _____,

and RELEASE to the PRISONERS,

to ANNOUNCE a YEAR

of FAVOUR from the Lord and a day of VINDICATION by our GOD.



St. Mary's Preschool



A huge thank you to all of our parishioners for their very generous donations of coats. In addition to the 30 coats we sent to help our little ones in Fairfax City; we collected an additional 10 large bags of older children and adult coats to distribute to those in need in our community. We also received over 80 beautifully crochet hats for our littlest ones through elementary age children in need. This indeed will be a warm hearted Christmas for all.

Tuition Angels Scholarship Fund

Please consider giving the gift of "Catholic Education" by becoming a Tuition Angel to help families who do not have the financial ability to pay tuition for our Preschool Program. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, tuition assistance can be offered to any family in need of financial assistance to start the education process for their children at St. Mary's Preschool. If you are interested in contributing to the scholarship fund, please contact Miss Michelle in the Preschool Office, 703-978-4557. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Children's Spiritual Communion Prayer

The beautiful thing about a spiritual communion is that you don't have to make your First Holy Communion before you can make a spiritual communion. And so what a spiritual communion is where we just invite Jesus into our hearts with something like a prayer like this:

Lord Jesus, I love You, and I know You love me. Come to my heart now. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, that You might be with me, that I may love You, because loving You is what will make me a saint, and becoming a saint is what gets me into Heaven. Lord Jesus, help me love you. Come to me now. Amen

Father James Barkett

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K - 6th

Office Hours:

Monday: 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.,

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.,

Friday - Saturday closed. Or by appointment.

JR & HS YOUTH MINISTRY

7th - 8th Grade Religious Education

Classes meet today, Sunday, **December 13th**, and Thursday, **December 17th**. Classes will meet as normal the week of **December 20th**. If you have any questions, please contact Mark at marks@stmaryofsorrows.org.

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

NO ORNAMENT SALE

We will not be selling White House Ornaments at the parish this year due to concerns surrounding COVID-19. We hope to be able to participate in this Youth Ministry fundraiser next time!

LEAD Team

Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00 -8:30 PM

Our Lead Team is a great place to grow in your knowledge of the faith. Every other week we will split out into guys and girls groups. Our topic for LEAD this Fall is Theology for Beginners.

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Thursday, December 17th, 7:00-8:30 PM

We will have a socially distanced game, a short talk, small groups, and hopefully be outside with a bonfire! Please bring a face covering! All high school students are invited!

For additional information on any of our upcoming events, please contact Mark at marks@stmaryofsorrows.org.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

St. Mary's Samaritan Fund

St. Mary of Sorrows Samaritan Fund Program provides funding to programs that assist individuals and families struggling to meet basic needs for housing, utilities, and medical costs. ***Our goal is to assist low-income families through referral to these established local programs and services to help them move toward greater financial independence.*** You can help by continuing to pray for those in need. Also, please consider making a monetary donation to St. Mary's Samaritan Fund, so that we can continue responding through prayer and financial assistance.

Parish Food Collection for St. Mary's Food Pantry

Today, **December 13th**, after Masses, the food pantry volunteers and Parish Boy Scouts are facilitating a food drive to help the families served by the St Mary's Food Pantry to continue to help individuals and families in need during this difficult time. Please consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food items to the Parish Center foyer on **December 13th** before 12:00 p.m. *Please note: No glass jars or bottles, please, and all food will be collected at the Parish Center only. No food will be collected at the new church. Thank you for your kind support and cooperation. Questions can be referred to Karen Abraham, 703-978-1147 or karen.abraham56@gmail.com.

The Most Needed Foods are:

Canned Fruit, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, Canned Soup (all types), Canned Pasta Sauce, Canned Diced Tomatoes, White Rice, Granola Bars, Healthy Snacks, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Cooking Oil, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Dish Detergent, Paper Products, & Laundry Detergent.

Hypothermia Week

Our coming Hypothermia week is **January 17-24, 2021** (MLK week). This year we are only providing food. We will NOT host the homeless at St. Mary's; the county is providing the homeless a 24/ 7 site from **December 1st thru March 31st**. Also we share our week with St. John Neumann so we provide food only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We will provide hot restaurant dinners plus cold breakfasts and lunches, so our big need will be cash donations. Almost all our few volunteer roles can be filled by teens. One SignUp Genius site, (<https://tinyurl.com/StMarysHypo2021>) will list both Volunteer roles (Adult and Youth) and our Food needs. It will be available today, **December 13th**, by 7:00 p.m. The usual posting of sign-up boards will NOT occur this year; email (stmaryshypo@gmail.com) if uncomfortable with SignUp Genius. A box will be provided in the foyer of the Parish Center for donations of coats, new underwear and socks, and toiletries. Please leave nothing at the new church. Please pray for the homeless throughout this winter of Covid.

The Holidays Can Be Difficult for Many

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, call 911, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text "MHFA" to 741-741 for 24/7 confidential counseling from the Crisis Text Line. Suicide can impact anyone, and it is often unexpected. Numerous factors can put a person at risk, including family history of suicide, substance abuse, access to firearms, a history of trauma, loss, chronic illness, prolonged stress and isolation. And not everyone who is suicidal has a known mental health condition.
<https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/external/2018/09/signs-of-suicide/>

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. We have joy, even in times of loss, because Jesus promised to love us and never leave us, to have good plans for our lives, to direct our steps, and to give us His peace. Jesus is Faithful and True (Revelation 19:11, Hebrews 6:18) and He always keeps His promises! (Hebrews 10:23)

Happening in the Diocese

#JustOneYes Advent Campaign

Join Bishop Burbidge and Catholics throughout the Diocese through Wednesday, **January 6th**, in prayer, acts of service and more! Help us turn #JustOneYes into countless yeses for the transformation of the world. In exchange for your commitment, you'll receive free daily email meditations during the seasons of Advent and Christmas courtesy of Magnificat:
<https://mailchi.mp/arlingtondiocese/joy2020>

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Sun | 13 | Food Pantry Restocking | 12:00 pm | FH-B |
| | | Girl Scout Troop 1465 | 3:30 pm | OSMH |
| | | Compassionate Friends | 5:30 pm | HC/OSMH |
| Mon | 14 | Girl Scout Troop | 11:00 am | OSMH |
| | | MMOL Praesidium | 6:00 pm | CR |
| | | Girl Scouts | 7:30 pm | OSMH-F |
| Tues | 15 | Tuesday Bible Study | 10:15 am | OSMH |
| | | Women's Cursillo Group | 2:00 pm | CR |
| | | Youth Ministry | 3:00 pm | FH-F |
| | | Knights of Columbus Council | 6:00 pm | FH-F |
| | | Girl Scout Adult Training | 6:00 pm | OSMH |
| | | Youth Ministry | 7:00 pm | FH-B/CR |
| Wed | 16 | AA | 10:00 am | OSMH |
| | | Logs of Fire | 11:30 am | WC |
| | | RCIA | 6:45 pm | FH |
| | | Boy Scout Troop 1104 | 7:00 pm | OSMH |
| | | Legion of Mary | 7:15 pm | CR |
| Thu | 17 | Cub Scouts | 4:00 pm | FH |
| | | Troop 697 COR Meeting | 6:30 pm | WC |
| | | Youth Ministry | 6:30 pm | FH-F |
| | | Baptism Class | 7:30 pm | 8L |
| Fri | 18 | | | |
| Sat | 19 | Women's Sm. Group Bible Study | 7:30 am | CR |
| | | Simbang Gabi Mass | 7:00 pm | NC |
| Sun | 20 | K of C Christmas Meals | 1:00 pm | FH-B |
| | | HOL Community | 3:00 pm | OSMH |

Gift for Life

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother wrote: "I learned I was pregnant and knew that I needed support and prayer. Gabriel Project helped me with rent, and my 'Angels' helped with items for the baby and rides...They also provided much needed support, encouragement and prayer." For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

Mornings of Mercy

Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Next retreat is Saturday, **February 20, 2021**, at St. Veronica in Chantilly. Retreats are led by Very Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. There is no cost to attend, but please register at arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy.

Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life

Join us for Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life with Bishop Burbidge as celebrant on Saturday, **February 27, 2021**, at 8:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Falls Church. Rosary to follow outside at the abortion facility on 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church.