

ST. MARY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

"The Lord will bless his people with peace." Ps. 29:11

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Scène du Baptême du Christ
by Fra Angelico c. 1437-1446 Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

MASS, ADORATION, AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am
11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Ghana Catholic Community 1:30 pm

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 6:30 & 9:15 am

Saturday 9:15 am

Holy Day

Vigil Mass: check bulletin

Holy Day 6:30 & 9:15 am, 7:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

Monday 10:00 am

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Adoration

Monday-Thursday 10:00am-7:00 pm

Friday 10:00am-8:00 pm

Holy Hour

Friday 7:00-8:00 pm

Anointing/Visits to the sick

Duty priest 703-978-4141, press *

Anointing of the sick after the
11:30 am Mass on the last Sunday
of the month.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 12

7:30 am Will Greene†, 9:30 am For the People
11:30 am Genilda Nunes Pessanha
5:00 pm Jason Buchanan†

Monday, January 13

6:30 am Raul Gomez Valdivia†, 9:15 am Victoria Rosser†

Tuesday, January 14

6:30 am Rita Kelliher†, 9:15 am Charles Vanhouten†

Wednesday, January 15

6:30 am Killian Ray†, 9:15 am Deacon Jeff Meyers

Thursday, January 16

6:30 am Rose Foti†, 9:15 am Joanne Tabano†

Friday, January 17

6:30 am Grimaldo & Susana Merino††
9:15 am Frederick Meixell†

Saturday, January 18

9:15 am Mike Kilbourne†, 5:00 pm Betsy Synder & Family

Sunday, January 19

7:30 am Marie Kang Gibson†
9:30 am Helen & Ed Wozniowdski†
11:30 am For the People
5:00 pm Fred & Pat Hilderbrand†

READINGS

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7..... Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: Heb 1:1-6..... Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11

DONATIONS

Donations for the Week of December 8

Table with 2 columns: Donation Category and Amount. Includes Sunday Collection (\$49,378.11), Capital Improvements (\$1,076.00), Samaritan Fund (\$2,358.77), Building Fund (\$8,940.70), Flowers (\$1,139.00), Food Pantry (\$96000), Christmas (\$2,530.00), and Immaculate Conception (\$2,406.00).

Office Closure

The office will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Federal holiday.



If you would like to make an offering to the parish, please scan the QR code.



PADRE'S CORNER

If Baptism is the removal of Original Sin that we all inherit from Adam and Eve (and all personal sins as well as all temporal punishment due for sin), why do we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday? After all, Jesus is God. God cannot sin. A sin is an offense against God!

Our Lord Jesus teaches us by His words and by His example. At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells the Apostles, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Mt 28: 18-20) Jesus commands that the Apostles (and their successors) baptize. He even gives the terminology for baptism. For one to change the terminology of baptism is to invalidate it.

Jesus also teaches us the importance of baptism by His example. He is baptized with water by John the Baptist. John's baptism was a baptism of repentance, but not a sacrament. Jesus had no sin but identifies with us sinners. He will be condemned as a sinner to die on the Cross. In doing so, He redeems all of us sinners. Jesus uses John's baptism as the format for instituting his own Sacrament of Baptism. If you recall your catechism days, a sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ that gives grace (God's life). When a Christian baptizes another person, he does so with water - by pouring or by immersion - while saying the words Jesus gave to His Apostles. Original Sin is removed (and all other sins if the person is above the age of reason); the soul is indelibly marked as a Catholic; the soul receives the theological gifts of faith, hope and love; and, most importantly, the soul receives God's life into it! God's life in one's soul can grow throughout life by cooperation with God's inspirations - prayer, sacrifice, works of charity, as well as any work done of love for God and one's neighbor.

How important is it to be baptized? Jesus says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." (Jn 3: 5) Most Scripture scholars agree that Jesus is speaking of baptism. Baptism is crucial as it removes Original Sin which is a block to God's life in the soul. But, what about those who are never baptized with water? More to discuss God bless, FRVW

Hymns for January 12

- 333 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
391 When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized
293 Of the Father's Love Begotten
238 Joy to the World

PARISH LIFE

ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

POTLUCK DINNER



ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 FROM 4PM TO 6PM the Italian Heritage Society of St. Mary of Sorrows will have an Epiphany (La Befana) celebration in Farrell Hall of the parish center. This get together is an Italian style potluck Sunday family meal as we hold onto our Christmastime celebration a little longer. IHS will supply some beverages so if you can bring a main course, appetizer, vegetable or pasta casserole, or a delicious dessert to serve about 8-10 people we can enjoy good food with some festive Mandolin music and discussion of the La Befana traditions in Italy. Since this is a winter time event please be aware of weather conditions for that day before setting out.

Buon Natale!

THIS WEEKEND

Opera Night moved to February



DINE IN

Featuring Opera Night Carlos Alberto Ibay A short performance by Chucklet!

TAKE HOME

SPAGHETTI DINNER ON JANUARY 11

FARRELL HALL AFTER 5PM MASS HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI, MEATBALLS, SAUSAGES, BREAD, SALAD, DESSERT, COFFEE, TEA, BEER & WINE!



DINE IN

TAKE HOME

PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON JANUARY 12

FARRELL HALL AFTER 7:30 & 9:30 AM MASS REGULAR AND BLUEBERRY PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, BACON, SAUSAGES, COFFEE, TEA, AND JUICE!

BINGO Night

Saturday, January 18 6:30 - 8:30 pm

St. Mary of Sorrows Farrell Hall

Food Sale starts at 6:00 pm



Don't miss out on the fun! Bring the whole family!

Cash Prizes!

Chili, Hot Dogs & Bake Sale!

\$10 for 2 cards



Proceeds benefit

St. Mary's



LITURGY & MUSIC

Please Pray for the Sick

Barbara Alberse, Patricia Allen, Joanne Ames, David Anderson, Diane Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Rose Andrada, Andrea Baker, Ercole Barone, Vi Barone, Michael Barrett, Isabella Benavides, Carmelita Bernardo, Connor Broussard, Stephen Brown, Jim & Caroline Carnazza, Courtney Cella, Jim Cella, Jesse Ces, James Copenhaver, Heide Cornwell, Matthew Cosgrove, Kevin Cropp, Renee Davis, Marge Demarall, Linda Depew, Mary Ellen Elmore, Diane Erlandson, Marion Essig, Alexander Favor, Joe Fleming, Jim Fostek, Kate Frederick, Francisco Fredrickson, Sandra Furbee, Megan Gallagher, Kelly Gifford, Jeannette Godlewski, Ingrid Goetz, Debra Grauert, Cathy Gulac, Alty Gutierrez, Jerry Hovan, Pat Hovan, Jim Jacobs, Cathy Jones, Lynn Jones, Nolan Kelly, Samuel Kittrell, Susan Leary, Dick Lee, Maria Leitao, Larry Liedtke, Carmen Lilley, Ginny MacLauchlan, Bill MacMurdy, Dona MacMurdy, Makayla Mastal, Elaine McDermott, Pauline Merlo, Bob Moderacki, John Morris, Lilly Morris, Toni Morris, Brendan Murphy, Maureen Murray, Eric Neifert, Greg Neifert, Luis Perales Jr., Charles Perks, Thomas Persil, Ida Portland, Edie Reinsel, Raymond Remeika, Joan Sachs, Kathleen Schaad, Mickie Shea, John Shivik, Esther Silva, Ann & Norbert Stingle, Mary Storch, Geoff Suiter, Mary Alma Sullivan, Rebecca Sullivan, Carol Theys, John & Cecilia Thiemann, Elissa Vavrincec, Dennis Wagner, Cathy Withers, Joseph Witter, Joyce Zoromski and those in our book of prayers.

Preschool

LEARN, SHARE, LAUGH, GROW, EVERY DAY, IN GOD'S WAY



Sign up for a tour using the QR code below
as we prepare for registration for the
2025-2026 school year.



“Without CONFIDENCE and LOVE, there can be no true EDUCATION.” St. John Bosco, patron saint of boys
Our Preschool welcomes 2 ½ year olds through 5 year olds. We have several classes to choose what works best for your family. Interested families contact Miss Michelle preschool@stmaryofsorrows.org. Registration begins in early February.

BINGO *Night*

COME AND JOIN
US!

To benefit the Preschool

Saturday, January 18

6:30 - 8:30 pm

St. Mary of Sorrows

Farrell Hall

Food Sale starts at 6:00 pm

Please Pray for the Deceased

Marino Jorge Caraballo and Edward Ignatius Reinsel

Baptism Classes Rescheduled

Due to holidays on Monday, January 20 and Monday, February 17, the Baptism classes scheduled for those dates have been rescheduled to **Monday, January 27 and Monday, February 24.**

YOUTH MINISTRY
 *Youth Ministry*

JANUARY EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

High School Ministry 6pm-8pm in St. Joseph's Hall

WEDNESDAYS

High School GSG (small groups) 7pm-8:30pm in St. Joseph's Hall

1ST & 3RD MONDAYS

Middle School Youth Ministry 6pm-8pm in St. Joseph's Hall

1/23/2025

Life Fest @ Eagle Bank Arena 6pm-9pm

1/24/2025

The March for Life in DC - departing from SMOS following the 9:15am Mass

1/29/2025

VA March for Life in Richmond- more info to come

• ALL YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS WILL START BACK UP ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH!

*Scan this for more info
on Life Fest & March
for Life*

**HOMESCHOOL GROUP**

The Homeschool Group is for families to connect, share resources, enrich our children's learning experience and deepen our Catholic Faith together.

For more information:
stmaryofsorrowshsg@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SMOS Young Adult (19 - 35 years old) Group Chat

This is the easiest way to stay up to date with the latest events :)

**ADULT ENRICHMENT**

Logs of Fire

Looking for some warmth
this winter?

Come join us at Logs of Fire
prayer group.

At Logs of Fire Prayer Group,
we:

Praise and Worship God.

Pray for the needs of each other, our Church, our world.

Spend quiet time in God's Holy Presence. Grow in our understanding and use of spiritual gifts.

Share God's love and goodness with all.

Build Christian community.

Are refreshed, renewed, and strengthened in God's Love.

For more information, contact Gerrienne Hoffman or Wally Mertes: Logsoffireprayergroup@gmail.com

We ♥ having you as part of our flock!

Join Flocknotes and get texts and email updates on Parish activities.

TO JOIN, DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Text SMOS at 84576
- Click on the homepage button on the parish website
- Use the QR code



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Continuing JANUARY 25, 2025



ALL THINGS NEW

St. Mary of Sorrows in St Joseph's Hall

TMIY is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! Seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

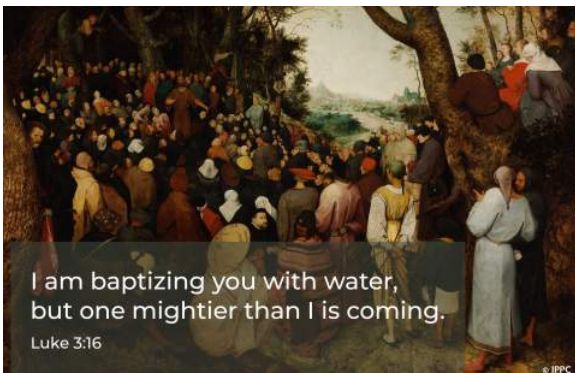
Christ says, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev 21:5). A new day is dawning for Catholic men. Now is our hour! The future of the world and the Church is happening on our watch. His mercy is new every morning. A new hope is rising!
thatmanisyou.smos@gmail.com

WWW.TMIY.ORG SATURDAY MORNINGS 7:15-8:30 AM
 Also meeting THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:15-8:30 PM

PARISH OUTREACH

St. Mary's Stephen Ministry - Caring Support Available

Wintertime and the holiday season, in particular, can be challenging for many people. Please remember that you can have the caring support of a St. Mary's Stephen Minister, meeting with you weekly to provide listening and prayer support while you experience trouble caused by a difficult situation, such as grief, aging, loneliness, family issues, and more. Send an email to: stephenministry@stmaryofsorrows.org with your name and telephone number, and you will receive a speedy response from the St. Mary's Stephen Ministry Leader, Parishioner Carol Williams. Please note: Stephen Ministry does not provide mental health counseling or crisis intervention. If you or a loved one are experiencing a crisis, please call 911 or go to your nearest ER.



I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.

Luke 3:16



BLUE BAG SUNDAY

We cannot help those struggling without you. Please take and return a blue bag and help us lift those crosses.

Blue bags are given out 1st weekend of each month after Mass.

Please drop off your donations in the Parish Center foyer on January 12th, 8:00 am - 1:30 pm



Pantry Number (202)503-6430

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmaryspantry/>

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."



THANK YOU!

1206 people Served
 12,545 pounds distributed
 435 bags/boxes
 22 deliveries

Food Pantry Activity for the month of November 2024.

YOUR FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Two of our Food Pantry clients recently shared with us that they are in training programs that will allow them to get new jobs. For both, the hope is that the new jobs will bring in more income and ease the financial stress on the family. They are both very grateful for the food they have received from our pantry, which helped them to get through this difficult time.

One of the clients even said that she has been inspired to return to church and has also pledged to help others as soon as she can!

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' MATTHEW 25:40

PRAISE & WORSHIP

for Healing & Conversion in Families

Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month
7:30pm | St. Leo the Great Church
 3700 Blenheim Blvd., Fairfax, VA (Formerly Old Lee Hwy.)



Watch the livestream:
[arlingtondiocese.org/
 healingandconversion](https://arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion)



Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
 703.841.2500 | familylife@arlingtondiocese.org | @arlingtonfamily



January 14
 Homilist:
Fr. Ed Guilloux
 Parochial Vicar, *St. John the Apostle*



February 11
 Homilist:
Fr. Juan Puigbo
 Pastor, *St. Leo the Great*

March 11 - No Holy Hour



April 8
 Homilist:
Fr. David Dufresne
 Parochial Vicar, *St. Charles Borromeo*

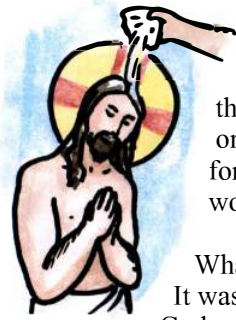


May 13
 Homilist:
Fr. Joseph Moschetto
 Parochial Vicar, *St. Veronica*



June 10
 Homilist:
Fr. Paul Scalia
 Vicar for Clergy | Pastor, *St. James*

Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work?
It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



Answer to from page: You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased.
Answers to Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle: servant, spirit, shouting, voice, break, smoldering, eyes, light, prisoners.

www.thekidshulletin.com

Saint Paul the First Hermit January 15

SAINT PAUL THE HERMIT WAS BORN IN THE 200'S IN EGYPT. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS YOUNG. WHEN A PERSECUTION BEGAN, HE HID IN A NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE.

Can you hide me from the soldiers?

BUT HE WAS AFRAID THAT HE WOULD BE FOUND, SO HE RAN AWAY TO THE DESERT.

THERE HE HID IN A CAVE, INTENDING TO RETURN HOME WHEN THE PERSECUTION WAS OVER.

I wonder how long it will last.

HOWEVER, HE LOVED THE QUIET SO MUCH THAT HE DECIDED TO STAY IN THE DESERT!

SAINT PAUL GOT WATER FROM A SPRING AND FOOD AND FROM A TREE NEARBY.

I could even make clothes from the leaves!

HE PRAYED AND LIVED A HOLY LIFE IN THE DESERT, BUT WAS TEMPTED TO THINK THAT HE WAS GREAT BECAUSE HE WAS THE FIRST HERMIT.

Maybe I am the greatest hermit... NO! I must not be proud!

How wonderful to meet you!

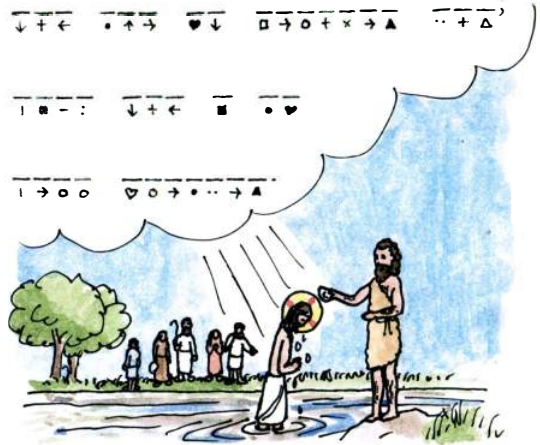
HOWEVER, HE SOON MET SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT, WHOM HE REALIZED WAS HOLIER THAN HIMSELF. PAUL LIVED UNTIL HE WAS 113 YEARS OLD!

SAINT PAUL DIDN'T GROW UP THINKING THAT HE WOULD BECOME A HERMIT. BUT WHEN HE REALIZED THAT HE COULD BEST SERVE GOD BY LIVING BY HIMSELF AND PRAYING FOR PEOPLE, THAT'S WHAT HE DID. YOU CAN PRAY THAT GOD WILL SHOW YOU HOW YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE HIM BEST!

thekidshulletin@gmail.com

The Kids' Bulletin

The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025



After Jesus was baptized, a voice came from the clouds and said something to Jesus. What did it say?
Use the code to find out!

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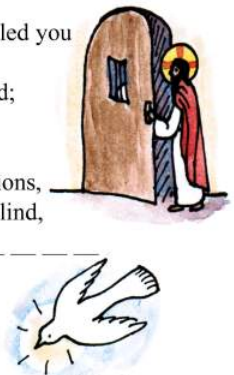
Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle

Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks!

Here is my _____ whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my _____;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
not crying out, not _____,
not making his _____ heard in the street.
A bruised reed he shall not _____,
and a _____ wick
he will not quench,
until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.



I, the Lord, have called you
for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a _____ for the nations,
to open the _____ of the blind,
to bring out _____
from confinement,
and from the dungeon,
those who live in darkness.



PRISONERS	VOICE	EYES
SMOLDERING	SERVANT	LIGHT
SHOUTING	SPIRIT	BREAK

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Day of Prayer & Healing

Post Abortion Healing Retreats for Women:

- Saturday, February 1, 2025
- Saturday, April 26, 2025
- Saturday, June 14, 2025
- Saturday, September 27, 2025

Día de Oración Y Sanación

Retiros después del Aborto Provocado para Mujeres:

- sábado 1 de febrero del 2025
- sábado 26 de abril del 2025
- sábado 14 de junio del 2025
- sábado 27 de septiembre del 2025

Confidential Helpline / Línea de ayuda confidencial:

703.841.2504



helpafterabortion.org
ayudadespuesdelaborto.org



*2 Separate Retreats. 1 Location, Based on the Entering Canaan Model
 *2 retiros separados, 1 ubicación, basado en el modelo de Entering Canaan

Fairfax, VA
Retreat with

Immaculée



JANUARY 18, 2025

ST. LEO THE GREAT

3700 Blenheim Blvd.
Fairfax, VA 22030

Saturday - January 18, 2025

7:00-7:45 a.m. - Doors Open Registration
 7:45 a.m. Mass followed by a short break
 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Retreat Begins / Session 1
 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Break/Book Signing
 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Session 2 - 7 Sorrows Rosary/Prayer
 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch/Book Signing
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Session 3 - (Bring Flower for Our Lady)
 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Break/Book Signing
 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Session 4
 4:30 p.m. - Retreat Ends



Info: **Angelle** angelle@immaculee.com
Jeanne 571-213-0318

[REGISTER NOW](#)



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Parish Center:		Other Locations:	
FH= Farrell Hall		CL= Choir Loft	
SJH= St. Joseph Hall		NC= New Church	
CR= Conference Room		OSMH= Historic Church Hall	
MR= Music Room		HC= Historic Church	
PC= Parish Center		PL= Parking Lot	
Sun	12	Pancake Breakfast OCA OCIA Dismissal OCA Study Ghana Meeting Ghana CC Meeting Ghana Natal Group IHS GS Troop	6:30 AM FH 8:00 AM HC/OSMH 9:30 AM CR 12:00 PM OSMH 12:00 PM CR 12:15 PM SJH/CH/CR 3:30 PM CR 4:00 PM FH 4:00 PM OSMH
Mon	13	COR Meeting	8:30 PM 8L
Tue	14	Boutique Cursillo Group HC Hall KoC Santa Maria Dolorosa	10:00 AM FH(b) 1:00 PM 8L 6:00 PM HC 7:00 PM CR
Wed	15	Ignatian Adventure AA Meeting Logs of Fire Prayer Group HSC Drama Food Pantry OCA Evening Vespers Children's Choir Boy Scouts OCIA Church Choir Practice Legion of Mary Meeting	10:00 AM CR 10:00 AM OSMH 12:00 PM SJH 1:30 PM SJH 2:00 PM SJH 4:30 PM HC 5:00 PM SJH 6:00 PM OSMH 7:00 PM FH 7:00 PM NC 7:15 PM CR
Thu	16	Stephen Ministries Walking w/ Purpose Quad Meeting (Mary) Food Pantry (Burke dist.) Quad (Carlota) HC Hall BST Scouts NSS Practice LaLande Quad Walking w/ Purpose	10:00 AM 8L 10:00 AM CR 2:30 PM 8L 4:00 PM FH(b)wall 6:00 PM 5L 6:30 PM OSMH 6:30 PM FH 7:00 PM MR 7:00 PM 7L 7:30 PM CR
Fri	17		
Sat	18	Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study State KofC Reception Family Adoration State KofC Meeting OCIA Dismissal St. John Mission (OCA) KoC BINGO Ghana Choir Practice	7:30 AM 8L 7:30 AM CR 9:00 AM FH/SJH 10:00 AM NC 12:00 PM CR 5:00 PM CR 5:15 PM HC 6:00 PM FH 6:00 PM MR
Sun	19	OCA St. Ambrose Ghana Meeting Ghana CC Meeting HOL Community Ghana Natal Group	8:00 AM HC/OSMH 9:30 AM NC 12:00 PM CR 12:15 PM SJH/CH/CR 2:00 PM OSMH 3:30 PM CR

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son, listen to him. ~Mark 9:7



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