

ST. MARY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2024

"The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty." Ps. 93:1

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OUR CHURCH

10500 Zion Drive
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PARISH CENTER
PRESCHOOL, OFFICES &
MEETING SPACE

5222 Sideburn Road Fairfax, VA 22032
Parish Center Office Hours
M-F 8:30am-5:00pm



HISTORIC CHURCH
CEMETERY & OLD HALL

5612 Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

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, November 24
 7:30 am For the People, 9:30 am Ian and Maureen Lang ††
 11:30 am Adolph Fiore †
 5:00 pm Hannah and Charles Kershes ††
Monday, November 25
 6:30 am Dallas Edwards†, 9:15 am Donna Garito Collins†
Tuesday, November 26
 6:30 am John Mangan†, 9:15 am Pat Ronner (Birthday)
Wednesday, November 27
 6:30 am The Deceased Members of the Kane Family†
 9:15 am Caryl Finnerty†
Thursday, November 28
 6:30 am Rosemarie Pryle†, 9:15 am Frank Mullins†
Friday, November 29
 6:30 am Ralph Weschler†, 9:15 am Catherine Lenz†
Saturday, November 30
 9:15 am Michael Abraham†, 5:00 pm Ben Andrada†
Sunday, December 1
 7:30 am Dallas Edwards†
 9:30 am Dcn Nick LaDuca (Birthday)
 11:30 am For the People, 5:00 pm Frank H. Spencer†

READINGS

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8
 Jn 18:33b-37
 Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5..... Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19 Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4 Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Sir 50:22-24 Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2..... Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12-4:2
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

DONATIONS

Donations for the Week of October 28

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$29,557.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$385.00 |
| Samaritan Fund | \$1,861.00 |
| Building Fund | \$5,520.17 |
| World Mission | \$590.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$390.00 |



Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for His God and Father, to Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. - Revelation 1:5-6

PADRE'S CORNER

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, it is good for us to thank our women who shared their talents at the Christmas Boutique!

“Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to “recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Such are the words of our first president, George Washington who established a national day of ‘thanksgiving and prayer . . . the many and signal favors of Almighty God. He includes in his announcement that both Houses of Congress requested him to do so. It gives us a sense of belief in God of our Founding Fathers. Our Founding Fathers wanted God to be included in public life of this new Democratic Republic. It was clear to them that they owed God gratitude in the establishment of our nation. Gratitude/Thanksgiving is one of four types of prayer – the others being petition, adoration and reparation. Everything we have is a gift from God. It is concerning that so many think their abilities are their own. Yes, each of us must strive to perfect one’s gifts and talents. But, Who gave us those gifts and talents? Who gave us the good intentions and strength to acquire and grow in those talents? God is truly a loving Father who shares His gifts with us, particularly His life in our souls.

As Catholics, we have a unique opportunity to thank God at every Mass. The word ‘Eucharist’ means ‘thanksgiving’. Every time we participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we should thank God for his many graces and blessings. At Mass, we are able to thank God, the Father through the Perfect Prayer of God, the Son, Jesus.

Happy Thanksgiving!
 FRVW

Hymns for November 24

- 736 To Jesus Christ, our Sovereign King
- 733 Crown Him with Many Crowns
- 732 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
- 735 Rejoice, the Lord is King



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



ALL ARE WELCOME!

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 28TH

10 AM (AFTER MASS)

FARRELL HALL

At Mass we gather as a
community for
Food from heaven,
let us continue to gather for
food on earth

Two meals
One sacred
one bagels

The bagels are lovingly sponsored
by the Lady Hibernians!



PARISH LIFE

SAFETY REMINDER



WHEN LEAVING THE CHURCH, PLEASE BE MINDFUL TO USE THE CROSSWALKS AND STAIRS AND AVOID WALKING BEHIND CARS, ESPECIALLY THE HANDICAP ROW.

Knights of Columbus

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
starts November 30

St. Mary's Historic Church
parking lot - Rt.123 and
Fairfax Station Road

Weekdays, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
Saturday, 9:00 am-9:00 pm
Sunday, 11:00 am-7:00 pm



Children's
Christmas
Party

Christmas Carols!



Hot Dogs for all!

Date: Saturday, December 14th
Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm
Where: Saint Mary's Farrell Hall
Who: For ages pre-school to 4th grade



Crafts!

Games!



Visit from Santa!

** Parents are required to stay and take part with their children.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Americas

Amigos en Cristo
†
Friends in Christ
invite you to join us for the
Mass celebrating the feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12th
at 7 p.m. in
the New Church

The feast will be celebrated
with a bilingual Mass.

There will be a potluck
reception after the Mass in
Farrell Hall. Please bring
your favorite dish!

Contact:
amigosencristosmos@gmail.com
to volunteer or for more
information



*St. Mary's
Holiday Express
Craft and Sweet Shop Sale*

Thank you from the Boutique Ladies

Thank you to all the wonderful shoppers, bakers, chili makers, and volunteers who made our annual Holiday Express Craft Fair such a success. Advent starts December 1. If you missed the sale and still need Advent Candles, a set (3 purple and one pink 12-inch Patrician candles) is \$10. Contact Lou by text: 571-338-4047 or home phone: 703-426-8092 to make arrangements. We have a limited supply.

A SCOUT IS REVERENT



SCOUTING RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS

If you have been working on Scouting Religious Emblems, Saint Patches, or Eucharistic Revival Activities, please complete your work by Thanksgiving and contact Michelle Huber, Scouting Religious Emblems Coordinator, to schedule a review as we prepare for Scout Sunday in February.

For more information:
Michelle Huber at mhuber05@gmail.com.



CATHOLIC CITIZEN ESSAY CONTEST

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Theme: Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. It governs our acts, orders our passions, and guides our conduct by reason and faith. It also encourages Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. The call to live a virtuous life applies to individuals in every state of life and occupation, including our elected leaders. **In an essay of 500 - 750 words, describe "What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?"**

Contest levels: Grades 8 - 12 will each compete as their own category

Winners: Council winning essays in each category will win \$40 and be sent to compete at higher levels with prizes increasing. How to submit: email typed essay entry (Microsoft Word format preferred) and signed/scanned Form 4208 to community@kofc8600.org. Download the Form 4208 at www.kofc8600.org/community.

Deadline: All entries must be received by 11:59pm on Saturday, 7 December 2024.

Scoring: Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

For questions, please email Terry Walter at community@kofc8600.org.



★ December 14, 2024 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help St Mary's Historical Church Cemetery honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at St Mary's Historical Church Cemetery.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/VASTMC

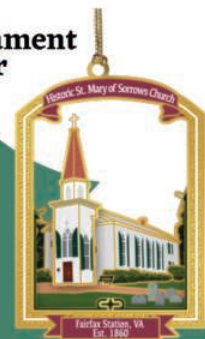


#LiveWithPurpose

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not be taken away,
His kingship shall not be destroyed.

- Daniel 7:14

Christmas Ornament Fundraiser



Boy Scout Troop 697 is excited to be selling limited edition St. Mary of Sorrows Christmas ornaments for our annual fundraiser! Come support the Troop by adding this beautiful ornament featuring our historic church from 1860 right here in Fairfax to your tree.

ORNAMENT SALES

Parish Front Office

Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00 pm

KofC Spaghetti Dinners & Pancake Breakfasts in
November & December

Troop 697 wishes you and yours a Very Merry Christmas!



Simbang Gabi



Simbang Gabi is a devotional series of 9 Masses to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and to honor His mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please join and support St. Mary's Filipino-American Ministry with their Simbang Gabi activities.

Saturday and Sunday, December 14th & 15th
Fundraiser outside the church after Masses.
Bake sale, bows, swags, centerpieces.

Thursday, December 19th

Simbang Gabi Mass at 7:00 pm. St. Mary of Sorrows Church.
Followed by refreshments outside church.
All are welcome!



Please contact Pauline Pompei for information. 703-863-8835. pianoj29@gmail.com.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

**ADVENT SERIES 2024
WITH
DEACON NICK**



**PREPARING TO
ENCOUNTER CHRIST
THROUGH THE
PARABLES**

Mondays this December at St. Joseph's Hall

1. THE VIRGINS AND THE LAMPS December 2nd



2. THE SERVANTS AND THE TALENTS December 9th

3. THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS December 16th

4. MATTHEW 25 December 23rd

“What is the purpose of Advent and what are some ways to prepare for Christmas and have a fruitful Advent season?”

Join Father VanderWoude and the Legion of Mary at the Patricians meeting on Monday, December 2nd, from 7:30-9:00 pm in Farrell Hall. The discussion will be about the purpose of Advent and why it's important to prepare for Christmas. No reservations are needed. There will be light refreshments and free literature. The meeting format is: topic introduction by lay speaker, open discussion, talk by clergy, wrap-up discussion. Patricians are Catholics who meet monthly to discuss a topic of the Catholic Faith. Knowing our Faith helps us to convey it to others. For more information email 09legionofmary15@gmail.com.

LITURGY AND MUSIC

Thanksgiving Mass

On **Thursday, November 28th**, there will be a Mass at 6:30 am and 9:15 am.

Adoration

There will be no Adoration on **Thursday, November 28th** and **Friday, November 29th**.

Anointing of the Sick

On **Thursday, November 24th**, there will be an Anointing of the Sick after the 11:30 Mass.

Please Pray for the Sick

Barbara Alberse, Patricia Allen, Joanne Ames, David Anderson, Diane Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Andrea Baker, Ercole Barone, Vi Barone, Michael Barrett, Isabella Benavides, 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, Ida Portland, Ed Reinsel, 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 Thieman, Elissa Vavrinc, Dennis Wagner, Cathy Withers, Joseph Witter, Joyce Zorowski and those in our book of prayers.

PRESCHOOL

St. Mary's

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

We are called to bring the children to Jesus and this can be done in simple steps: participate in family prayer, read Bible stories and stories of the Saints, and point out 'God incidences' in everyday life such as a cool breeze, a rainbow, or random acts of kindness on the road, in the store, or in the home. These little conversations stay with our children as they learn more about gratitude.

YOUTH MINISTRY



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

Notes :

3, 10, 17: HS Youth Group **6,13,20: HS Small Groups**

4 & 18: MS Youth Group **24&27: Thanksgiving Break**

PARISH OUTREACH

Martha's Table
EDUCATION • FOOD • OPPORTUNITY
Sandwich Collection


Make sandwiches at home to help feed the hungry in DC, drop off 1-3 PM this Sunday, November ??? at the back of Farrell Hall (Door 4). Check whether we can accept meat sandwiches this month and sign up to participate at tinyurl.com/MTSandwiches. Contact Michelle Gilles mgilles866@gmail.com with questions. To volunteer on the van to distribute food at parks in DC as part of the St. Mary's team (3:30-7:30 PM on 4th Sundays), contact Bill Seiler, pbseiler@verizon.net. Thank you for helping to feed our neighbors in need!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Route 123 highway cleanup on 7 December, 8am starting from Old Saint Mary's Hall next to the Historic Church. Event typically lasts about 2 hours. All are welcome!

Diaper Drive
This Weekend

The Knights of Columbus are collecting diapers, wipes, and formula after all Masses this weekend. Currently, the greatest need is for diaper sizes 5 & 6, although all sizes of diapers, wipes, and formula in any amount are appreciated. Please place donations in the crib in the Parish Center foyer. Your donations directly support babies and families in our community. God bless your generosity.

Dear Parishioners and Friends, 

If you have a St. Mary's Food Pantry blue bag at home, please return it to the Parish Center even if are not able to fill it with a donation at this time. We use these to distribute food to those in need. Thank you for your cooperation and your generosity.

Christ is the King!

Every year on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King.

Jesus is a good king who loves His people so much that He died so we could go to Heaven.

What can you do to show Jesus that He is the king of your life? What can you do to show other people that Jesus is your king?

What is something special that you can do today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King?



Answers to the crossword puzzle:
 Down: 1.faithful, 2.king, 3.Jesus, 5.kingdom, 6.be, 11.of
 Across: 4.witness, 7.sins, 8.freed, 9.God, 10.glory, 12.him

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of Christ the King
 Sunday, November 24th, 2024



Jesus is Our King!

Today we celebrate Jesus as the great Lord and King of Heaven and earth.

The crown is a symbol of Jesus' kingship.

Saint Leonard of Port Maurice November 26

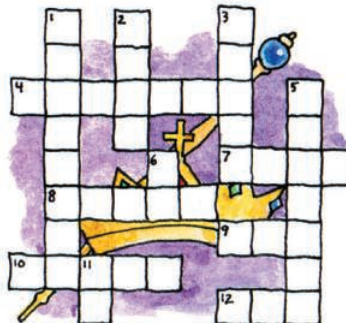


SAINT LEONARD PREACHED TO OTHER PEOPLE TO DRAW THEM TO JESUS AND BROUGHT HIMSELF CLOSER TO JESUS BY TAKING TIME TO BE QUIET AND PRAY. WE CAN GROW CLOSER TO JESUS BY PRAYING TOO. TAKE SOME TIME EVERY DAY TO THINK ABOUT JESUS ON THE CROSS AND TALK TO HIM!

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Christ the King Crossword

Revelation 1:5-7



Here is a part of today's second reading. Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks and the puzzle.

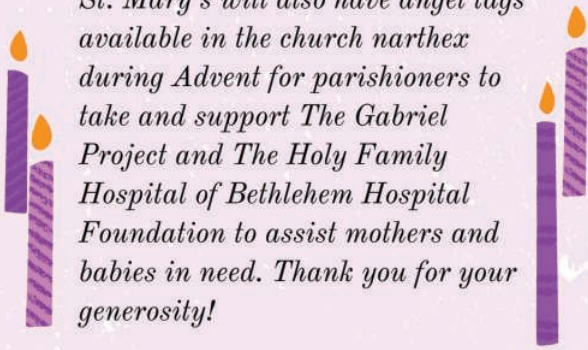
D=down
 A=across.

(3D) _____ Christ is the (1D) _____
 (4A) _____, the firstborn (11D) _____
 the dead and ruler of the (2D) _____ s of
 the earth. To (12A) _____ who loves us and
 has (8A) _____ us from our (7A) _____
 by his blood, who has made us into a
 (5D) _____, priests for his (9A) _____ and
 Father, to him (6D) _____ (10A) _____
 and power forever and ever. Amen.

OF GLORY BE HIM WITNESS
 GOD FAITHFUL SINS KING
 FREED KINGDOM JESUS

Advent Outreach

St. Mary's will also have angel tags available in the church narthex during Advent for parishioners to take and support The Gabriel Project and The Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Hospital Foundation to assist mothers and babies in need. Thank you for your generosity!



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 |
| Sun | 24 | OCA | 8:00 AM HC/OSMH |
| | | OCIA dismissal | 9:30 AM CR |
| | | Ghana Meeting | 12:00 PM CR |
| | | Ghana CC Meeting | 12:15 PM SJH/CH/CR |
| | | Martha's Table collection | 12:45 PM FH (b) |
| | | GS Troop 1356 | 3:30 PM OSMH |
| | | Ghana Natal Group | 3:30 PM CR |
| Mon | 25 | COR Meeting | 7:30 PM CR |
| Tue | 26 | Cursillo Group | 1:00 PM 8L |
| | | KoC | 6:00 PM OSMH |
| | | Santa Maria Dolorosa | 7:00 PM CR |
| Wed | 27 | Ignatian Adventure | 10:00 AM CR |
| | | AA Meeting | 10:00 AM OSMH |
| | | Logs of Fire | 12:00 PM SJH |
| | | Food Pantry | 2:00 PM SJH |
| | | OCA Evening Vespers | 4:30 PM HC |
| | | Children's Choir | 5:00 PM SJH |
| | | OCIA | 7:00 PM FH |
| | | Church Choir Practice | 7:00 PM NC |
| | | Legion of Mary | 7:15 PM CR |
| Thu | 28 | Thanksgiving Reception | 9:00 AM FH |
| Fri | 29 | FACETS Hot Meals | 3:00 PM FH(k) |
| Sat | 30 | Men's Bible Study | 7:30 AM 8L |
| | | Women's Bible Study | 7:30 AM CR |
| | | Organ Practice | 9:00 AM SJH |
| | | Ghana Youth/Young Adults | 4:00 PM FH |
| | | St. John | 5:15 PM HC |
| | | Ghana Choir Practice | 6:00 PM MR |
| Sun | 1 | OCA | 8:00 AM HC/OSMH |
| | | Young Adult Coffee | 10:00 AM SJH |
| | | Ghana Meeting | 12:00 PM CR |
| | | Ghana CC Meeting | 12:15 PM SJH/CH/CR |
| | | AOH | 1:00 PM OSMH |
| | | GS Troop 1356 | 3:30 PM OSMH |
| | | Ghana Natal Group | 3:30 PM CR |

**HOUSE OF MERCY'S
CHRISTMAS WITH MERCY
PROGRAM**

St. Mary's is supporting House of Mercy's Christmas with Mercy Program and we are collecting new toys valued at \$25 during the month of November in the Parish Center Entrance Foyer for the children and families they serve. Thank you for your generosity!

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Fund for Flowers

If you would like to donate towards Feast Day flowers or at any time, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Fund for Flowers" located in the Narthex and place in the collection during Mass at any time throughout the year.

Finally, the People of God shares in the royal office of Christ. He exercises his kingship by drawing all men to Himself through His death and Resurrection. Christ, King and Lord of the universe, made Himself the servant of all, for He came "not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." For the Christian, "to reign is to serve Him," particularly when serving "the poor and the suffering, in whom the Church recognizes the image of her poor and suffering founder." The People of God fulfills its royal dignity by a life in keeping with its vocation to serve with Christ. -CCC 786

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the One Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty." - Revelation 1: 8



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