

ST. MARY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2024

"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways." Ps. 128:1

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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, December 29
 7:30 am Odile Updegrove †
 9:30 am Maria Ngoc-Diep Tran †
 11:30 am For the People, 5:00 pm Stanley Urynowicz †

Monday, December 30
 6:30 am Elizabeth Streal †, 9:15 am Richie Witter

Tuesday, December 31
 6:30 am Dallas Edwards †,
 9:15 am Margaret Mary Dill Judy †
 4:00 pm Maria Theresa Hoang
 12:00 am Priests & Deacons of St. Mary of Sorrows

Wednesday, January 1
 6:30 am Harold Smith †, 9:15 am For the People
 7:00 pm Walter Mikel †

Thursday, January 2
 6:30 am Doreen Cotticelli †, 9:15 am William Colombell †

Friday, January 3
 6:30 am Dorothy Tressler †, 9:15 am Susan Wright †

Saturday, January 4
 9:15 am Auxiliary Members of the Legion of Mary at
 St. Mary of Sorrows
 5:00 pm Janet Dunstan †

Sunday, January 5
 7:30 am For the People, 9:30 am Rita Callahan
 11:30 am Deanna Cobb †, 5:00 pm Susan Ondo DiLembo †

READINGS

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a..... Heb 10:5-10
 Lk 1:39-45

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17..... Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-2..... Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27..... Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28..... Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6..... Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10..... Jn 1:35-42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6..... Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Mt 2:1-12

DONATIONS

Donations for the Week of December 1

Sunday Collection	\$31,154.25
Capital Improvements	\$1,182.00
Samaritan Fund	\$1,397.00
Building Fund	\$2,260.00
Flowers	\$1,219.00
Food Pantry	\$1,185.00
CRS	\$2,000.00
Heat	\$655.00



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



PADRE'S CORNER

On behalf of all the priests and deacons, we hope that everyone is having a holy and joyful Christmas! Recall, Christmas is not just the celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ for one day. It is an eight-day celebration of Jesus' Birth and the God-man's presence in the world!

What is God's definition of a successful family? It would be the family of which the Son of God was a part, The Holy Family. The key to a successful family is holiness – godliness. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was poor and unnoticed by the 'powerful' of their time. Yet, they were the most influential family in all of history! Why? The Holy Family was rooted in God and doing His Will.

How important are truly successful – holy – families to the world? The Son of God chose to be a part of a family. God's example always teaches us what is best. He chose to have a mother and father on earth. He did not come as an individual, but as a part of a community of persons – similar to the Community of Persons in the Blessed Trinity. The family is the MOST important entity to society according to the example of Jesus Christ! Future husbands/fathers and wives/mothers are raised in a family. Future consecrated men and women learn to give of themselves first in the family before they give themselves to God. Single men and women learn to give of themselves selflessly first in the family. Does Our Lord provide when tragic events separate families? Yes. However, the family is the root for love and society.

On today's Feast of the Holy Family, it is good for us to ponder the home, the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We see the focus on Jesus, God. We see sacrificial love between Mary and Joseph. We see respect and obedience in the Christ Child. We see a family that lived and interacted much each day – the holy house of Nazareth is only ONE ROOM. We see joy and humility. There is so much for us to ponder and learn from Jesus, Mary and Joseph! May our families resemble the Holy Family. May they truly be holy families that we may truly be successful!

God bless,
 FRVW

Hymns for December 29

- 394** While Shepherds Watched their Flocks
- 133** Away in a Manger
- 226** In the Bleak Midwinter
- 297** Once in Royal David's City

PARISH LIFE

Office Closure

Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st, 2025.

STAY IN TOUCH

JOIN FLOCKNOTES

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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Featuring

Opera Night

Carlos Alberto Ibay

A short performance by Chuckiel

DINE IN

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



Preschool

SMOS YOUNG ADULTS



FIRST SUNDAY COFFEE & BREAKFAST

JANUARY 5TH | AFTER 9:30AM MASS
ST. JOSEPH'S HALL

ALL YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO COME AND MEET OTHER YOUNG ADULTS, SOCIALIZE, AND ENJOY COFFEE + BAKED GOODS AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS. IF YOU HAVE KIDS, THEY ARE WELCOME TOO!



The mission of the Cor initiative in Knights of Columbus Council 8600 is to improve and enhance the relationship the men of St. Mary of Sorrows have with Jesus. This will be achieved through activities that emphasize Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity. Prayer will help our men grow in relationship with God through the practice of habitual prayer as a group and individually. Formation will help our men better know the contents of the deposit of faith as contained in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Fraternity will help our men develop authentic Christ centered friendships within St. Mary of Sorrows and will help each man strengthen their faith and their leadership role in their family. With prayer and fraternity, the knowledge of our faith will allow our Lord to help each of us become the saints He wants us to be.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S ST. IGNATIUS PRAYER GROUP

WEEKLY 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

CONTACT DAVE SULLIVAN – DAVES408@AOL.COM

THAT MAN IS YOU

**THURSDAY EVENING OR SATURDAY MORNING
WEEKLY**

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (THURSDAY)

7:15 AM – 8:30 AM (SATURDAY)

SMOS ST. JOSEPH HALL

CONTACT JOE OSBORNE - THATMANISYOU.SMOS@GMAIL.COM

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEEKLY 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

CONTACT DEACON DAVID MAURER – DEACONDAVE@STMARYOFSORROWS.ORG

MEN'S MINISTRY –

2ND SATURDAY MORNING

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

MONTHLY – BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE

OLD ST. MARY OF SORROWS HALL (OSMH)

CONTACT MIKE MELLOR - ALASKAMIKE@GMAIL.COM

PARISH HOLY HOUR

FRIDAYS 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

ST. MARY OF SORROW CHURCH

CONTACT ANY DEACON AT @STMARYOFSORROWS.ORG

COR FORMATION ACTIVITY – MY FATHER'S FATHER

EPISODES 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM JAN 6, 13, 20

SMOS PARISH CENTER

CONTACT MAL DEPONTE - MALDEPONTE@GMAIL.COM

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LITURGY & MUSIC

*All Day All Night Adoration**First Friday, Jan 3, 2025*All day Adoration starting after 9:15 am
with a Holy Hour at 7:00 pm*First Saturday, January 4, 2025*concludes with a Holy Hour for Life at
8:00 am and First Saturday Devotions
after 9:15 am MassTo sign-up for
Adoration,
please scan
the QR code*Oh, come
let us
adore
Him!***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, 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, 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 Vavrinec, Dennis Wagner, Cathy Withers, Joseph Witter, Joyce Zoromski and those in our book of prayers.

Anointing of the Sick**THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2024**
AFTER 11:30 AM MASS**January 1, 2025 Masses****January 1, 2025** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please check the schedule below for Vigil Masses and New Year's Day Masses.**Epiphany Water Blessing**Water blessing is on **Sunday, January 5, 2025** at 6:30 pm. Please bring a container no smaller than a gallon with a top that can be opened.**LITURGY DATES TO NOTE****REGULAR DAILY MASSES OFFERED ON**
DECEMBER 30, DECEMBER 31, JANUARY 2 AND
JANUARY 3 AT 6:30 AM AND 9:15 AM.**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE**
MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL MASSES ON
DECEMBER 31ST WILL BE AT 5:00 PM AND MIDNIGHT**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE**
MOTHER OF GOD MASSES ON
JANUARY 1ST WILL BE AT 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM AND
11:30 AM.**NO ADORATION**
JANUARY 1, 2025**ADULT ENRICHMENT****Luminaries of Holy Mary**Would you like to join others in our parish to prayerfully ponder the messages of Fatima? Then consider attending a monthly meeting (on first Mondays of the month) **January 6th at 5:00 pm in the Parish Center Chapel.** For more information, contact Frank Spicer at praydailyrosary@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



No Religious Ed classes through January 3.

We are back on Jan. 5th, 2025!

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS FROM OUR ST. MARY OF SORROWS FAMILY TO YOURS!

PRESCHOOL


PRESCCHOOL 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 families 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. You can also scan the QR code. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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

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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



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.

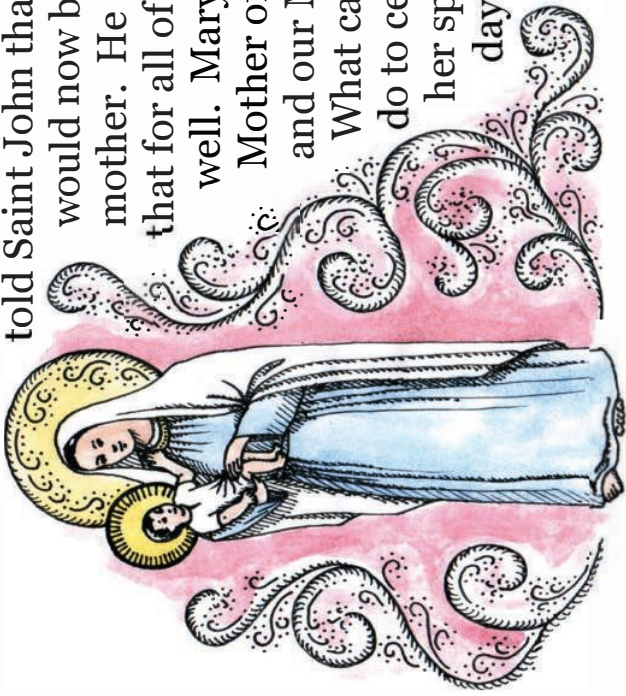
Mary the Mother of God January 1

On the first day of the year we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God.

If you didn't have a mother and God let you design your own mother, what would she be like? Well, God did get to make His own Mother! Can you even imagine how perfect she was?

When Jesus was dying on the Cross, he told Saint John that Mary would now be his mother. He meant that for all of us as well. Mary is the Mother of God and our Mother!

What can you do to celebrate her special day?



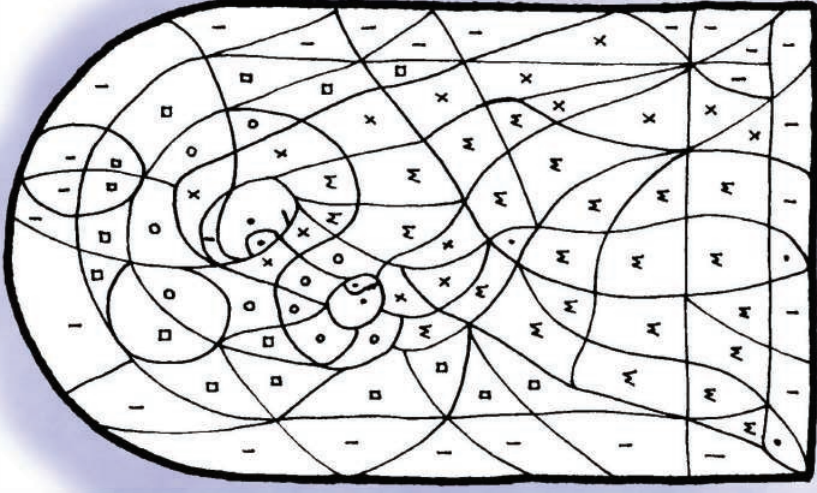
Answers to Holy Family Puzzle: Parents, Passover, Jesus, festival, Temple, Mary, find, searched, third, know, FATHER'S HOUSE, Nazareth, wisdom

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The Kids' Bulletin

Holy Family Sunday: December 29, 2024

&
Mary the Mother of God: January 1st, 2025



The first day of the year is dedicated to the greatest saint in Heaven. Do you know who it is?

Use the code to colour the picture and find out!

- BLUE
- PINK
- ! BROWN
- × WHITE
- YELLOW
- SKIN COLOUR

Saint Sylvester

December 31

SAINT SYLVESTER WAS BORN IN THE 200'S AD. HE WAS TRAINED FOR THE PRIESTHOOD BY A GOOD AND HOLY PRIEST.



You must never forget it is the soul that matters most.

SOON AFTER HE WAS ORDAINED THE EMPEROR DIOCLETTIAN BEGAN KILLING CHRISTIANS.



Shh! Come in quickly!

AFTER THE PERSECUTION THE POPE DIED AND SYLVESTER WAS MADE THE NEW POPE.



Tell them that Christ is both human and divine.



HE SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO TWO IMPORTANT CHURCH COUNCILS TO FIGHT HERESIES.

DURING HIS REIGN AS POPE, CONSTANTINE THE GREAT BECAME EMPEROR.

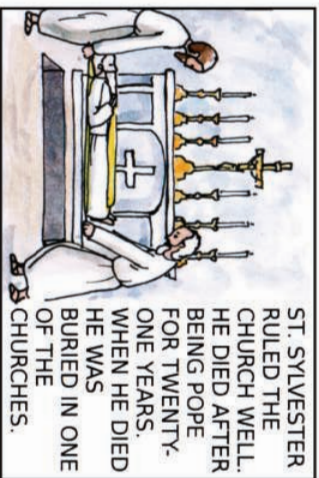


We will conquer under the sign of the cross!

IN THIS TIME OF PEACE GREAT CHURCHES WERE BUILT IN ROME.



ST. SYLVESTER RULED THE CHURCH WELL. HE DIED AFTER BEING POPE FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS. WHEN HE DIED HE WAS BURIED IN ONE OF THE CHURCHES.



ONE THING WE CAN LEARN FROM THE STORY OF ST. SYLVESTER IS THAT THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH AND RULERS OF THE LAND CAN WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP A COUNTRY AT PEACE. WE SHOULD PRAY FOR THE LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY SO THEY WILL SUPPORT THE CHURCH AND PROTECT CHRISTIANS.

The Holy Family Puzzle

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks with numbers part-way down.

Every year Jesus and His went to Jerusalem for the

festival.

When was twelve, they

went to the (LFSETVIA)

as usual, but Jesus stayed in the

(MPELET) afterwards. (RMYA) and

Joseph thought He was with their relatives in the caravan, but when they couldn't

(DNIF) Him they went back and

(CHDEASRE) for Him.

On the (HDRIT) day they found

him. When they asked Jesus why He had done this, He replied, "Did you not

(WNKO) that I must be in my

Then he went home with them to

(ZRNATHEA) and was

obedient to them, and grew up in

(DSIWMO) and age and grace.





COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SPRING 2025

Deadline April 15th

St. Mary of Sorrows Knights of Columbus Council 8600 is pleased to offer five college scholarships for spring of 2025. Student applicants must be registered members of St. Mary of Sorrows Parish, or a St. Mary's KofC Council 8600 member or son, daughter, grandchild, or spouse of a member of St. Mary's KofC. Four of these scholarships grant an award of \$1000.

In addition, a memorial foundation cosponsors a fifth KofC scholarship for an award of \$1500.

Applications and official grade transcripts are due by midnight April 15, 2025 to be considered. Visit the KofC website at www.kofc8600.org for information.

Thank you!

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who gave so generously of their time and resources to support House of Mercy's Christmas with Mercy Toy Collection and The Gabriel Project and The Holy Family of Bethlehem Hospital Foundation. May God bless you and your families abundantly in the new year and always!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Healing and Conversion in Families

Please come and spend time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 to 8:30 pm every 2nd Tuesday. To join the livestream, go to the St. Leo the Great YouTube Channel.

January 14 - Fr. Ed Guilloux with VISION
February 11 - Fr. Juan Puigbo with Michelle Jacobeen and Joseph Jacobeen

No March Holy Hour

April 8 - Fr. David Dufresne with Mike Tenney
May 13 - Fr. Joseph Moschetto with VISION
June 10 - Fr. Jeb Donelan with Michelle Jacobeen and Joseph Jacobeen

For more info contact our office at familylife@arlingtondiocese.org.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Parish Center: FH= Farrell Hall SJH= St. Joseph Hall CR= Conference Room MR= Music Room PC= Parish Center	Other Locations: CL= Choir Loft NC= New Church OSMH= Historic Church Hall HC= Historic Church PL= Parking Lot
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Sun	29	OCA Ghana Meeting Ghana CC Meeting Ghana Children's Christmas Ghana Natal Group	8:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM 3:30 PM 3:30 PM	HC/OSMH CR SJH/CH/CR FH CR
Mon	30			
Tue	31	Cursillo Group KoC Santa Maria Dolorosa	1:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	8L OSMH CR
Wed	1	AA Meeting	10:00 AM	OSMH
Thu	2	Stephen Ministries Quad Meeting (Mary) Food Pantry (Burke dist.) Quad (Carlota) BST 697 NSS Practice LaLande Quad Cub Scout Bear Den Meeting TMIY	10:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:16 PM	8L 8L FH (b)wall 5L OSMH MR 7L 8L SJH
Fri	3	Set-up for Gabriel Party Taize Holy Hour	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	FH Set MR
Sat	4	TMIY Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study Cursillo Group Gabriel Project Christ Organ practice OCIA Dismissal St. John Mission (OCA) Ghana Choir Practice	7:00 AM 7:30 AM 7:30 AM 7:30 AM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM	SJH 8L CR FH FH SJH CR HC MR
Sun	5	OCA Young Adult Coffee Ghana Meeting Ghana CC Meeting AOH GS Troop Ghana Natal Group	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM 1:00 PM 3:30 PM 3:30 PM	HC/OSMH SJH CR SJH/CH/CR OSMH OSMH CR

Day of Prayer and Healing

Entering Canaan Days of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on the following dates: February 1, April 26, June 14 and September 27, 2025.

After Abortion Retreats: The next Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on **Saturday, February 1, 2025**. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries and registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.



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