

# ST. MARY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

"Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!" Ps. 24:8

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Presentation in the Temple. Credit: Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn  
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New Church	Parish Center	Historic Church
10500 Zion Drive Fairfax, VA 22032	Preschool and Parish Office 5222 Sideburn Road Fairfax, VA 22032 Parish Center Office Hours M-F 8:30am-5:00pm	Old St. Mary's Hall Cemetery 11098 Fairfax Station Road Fairfax Station, VA 22039

## MASS, CONFESSION, ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND ADORATION SCHEDULE

<u>Weekend Mass</u>	<u>Confessions</u>	<u>Adoration</u>
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am 11:30 am, 5:00 pm	Monday 10:00 am Wednesday 6:30 pm Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm	Monday-Thursday 10:00am-7:00 pm Friday 10:00am-8:00 pm
Ghana Catholic 1:30 pm Community	<u>Anointing/Visits to the sick</u> Duty priest 703-978-4141, then press ✕ Anointing of the sick after the 11:30 am Mass on the last Sunday of the month.	<u>All day/All night Adoration</u> First Friday of the month  <u>Holy Hour</u> Friday 7:00-8:00 pm
<u>Daily Mass</u> Monday-Friday 6:30 & 9:15 am Saturday 9:15 am	<u>Holy Day</u> Vigil Mass: check bulletin Holy Day 6:30 & 9:15 am, 7:00 pm	

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, February 2**

7:30 am Winifred Keaney†  
 9:30 am Cecylia Urynowicz† & Stan Urynowicz†  
 11:30 am Joe Melchiorre†  
 5:00 pm Fred Hildebrandt† & Pat Hildebrandt †

**Monday, February 3**

6:30 am Katia Castelo†, 9:15 am Lita Salmon †

**Tuesday, February 4**

6:30 am Lesli Riso†, 9:15 am Mark Woziwodzki †

**Wednesday, February 5**

6:30 am Madelyn Cummings, 9:15 am Bill Merrigan†

**Thursday, February 6**

6:30 am Mary Catherine Brooks (birthday)  
 9:15 am Harold Smith†

**Friday, February 7**

6:30 am Kathleen & Bruce Walter  
 (55th Wedding Anniversary)  
 9:15 am Harold Smith †

**Saturday, February 8**

9:15 am Thomas Stephen Claffy †  
 5:00 pm Thomas Waldbillig †

**Sunday, February 9**

7:30 am For the People,  
 9:30 am Joseph Anthony Rajendram †  
 11:30 am Sheila M. Ritchie†, 5:00 pm John Martin†

**READINGS**

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 ..... 1 Cor 12:12-30  
 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28 ..... Mk 3:22-30  
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10 ..... Mk 3:31-35  
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18 ..... Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25 ..... Mk 4:21-25  
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39 ..... Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 ..... Mk 4:35-41  
 Sunday: Mal 3:1-4 ..... Heb 2:14-18  
 Lk 2:22-40

**DONATIONS**

Donations for the Week of January 5

Sunday Collection	\$36,902.80
Capital Improvements	\$1,029.00
Samaritan Fund	\$1,633.34
Building Fund	\$13,403.60
Christmas	\$6,030.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5,682.50

**The Second Collection this weekend is for aid to those affected by the wildfires in California and the second collection next weekend will be for the Diocesan Newspaper.**

**PADRE'S CORNER**

An old adage says, "One cannot love what one does not know." Since Mass is the central way Jesus gave us to worship Him, it is always worthwhile to grow in our understanding of the Mass. The words, the gestures, the items, the music used at Mass all have a theological meaning. Perhaps, it would be good to discuss the words, gestures, items and music used at Mass.

Compared to the services of a good many non-Catholic Christians, the Mass can seem a bit rigid; not allowing for 'free expression'. There is reason to the strict format of the Mass. Can you imagine if, over 2000 years, the Church had allowed for every community to do what it wanted with and at the Mass? The Mass, essentially Jesus' Real Presence and Sacrifice on the altar to His Heavenly Father, would have been lost a long time ago. Essential words from the Last Supper, 'This is My Body . . . This is My Blood,' as well as the understanding of the Mass, would have been dropped and/or confusedly substituted by 'more meaningful' terms in each community. Perhaps, 'more appropriate' matter, physical stuff, would have been employed rather than bread and wine.

The Catholic Church that Jesus founded has, as one of its chief missions, to maintain the Seven Sacraments that Jesus instituted. Therefore, the Church is strict about how each sacrament must be celebrated. This is so that the Sacraments may be faithfully celebrated and passed on to all generations. In the document from Vatican Council II on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, as well as the General Instruction to the Roman Missal, (both documents guide priests as to the celebration of the Mass) the Church teaches that no one – including priests – may arbitrarily add or subtract from the liturgy of the Mass or other sacraments. The priest is guided as what to say and what gestures/postures to make at Mass by the Roman Missal which is nothing other than the big red book on the altar from which the priest reads at Mass. Because of the structure of the Mass there is a beautiful phenomenon that occurs. The Mass is not dependent upon the personality and attributes of the priest. It doesn't matter who the priest is! Each priest plugs into the Mass. In this way, Christ the High Priest is able to shine through every priest at Mass. Years ago, I met a woman who converted to Catholicism two years after her husband had died. Her husband had been one of the ministers at a local Baptist Church. When asked why, she responded that in her church every service's structure depended on the minister. It was quite focused on the personality of the minister as to how the service would run. For many years, she had admired and longed for the continuity and consistency of the Catholic Mass.

Yes, the Mass is always the same. It is good to recall that it is precisely because it is the same that we have one, consistent, continuous worship that we can trace back to Jesus with the Apostles at the Last Supper!

God bless,  
 FRVW

## LITURGY &amp; MUSIC

## Hymns for February 2

- 313 Rejoice the Lord is King**  
**268 O Gladsome Light**  
**242 Lead, Kindly Light**  
**271 O Jesus, Light of Very Light**



**THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION**  
**for February**  
**For vocations to the priesthood**  
**and religious life**

**Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.**

## Baptism Classes Rescheduled

Due to the holiday on Monday, February 17, the Baptism class scheduled for that date has been rescheduled to **Monday, February 24th**.

## 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, 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, 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, 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, Edie Reinsel, Raymond Remeika, Kevin Roper, 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 Zoromski and those in our book of prayers.

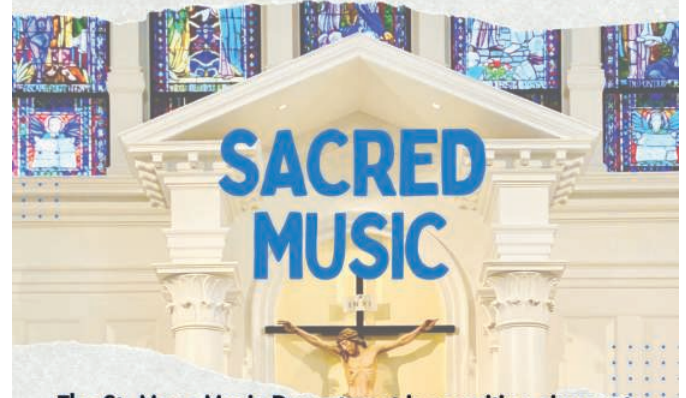
*If you know someone who should not be included on this list, please send the name to [bulletin@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:bulletin@stmaryofsorrows.org).*

*Generally, names remain on the list unless otherwise requested.*

## Please Pray for the Deceased

Ruth & Paul Campbell, Jane Stevens, Robert Prosoy, Richard Lee

## CALLING ALL CANTORS



The St. Mary Music Department is recruiting singers to become cantors who will assist the congregation in singing the Mass. Cantors provide vocal support for one to two Masses per month. Requirements are a pleasant vocal tone and the ability to read music. Singers with families are welcome to bring family members to sit in the loft during Masses cantored. For more information, contact Jacob Temple, Director of Sacred Music, at [jacobl@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:jacobl@stmaryofsorrows.org).

## 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) **February 3, 5:00 pm in the Parish Center Chapel**. For more information, contact Frank Spicer at [praydailyrosary@gmail.com](mailto:praydailyrosary@gmail.com).

ALL DAY ALL NIGHT  
ADORATION

*First Friday, February 7, 2025*

All day Adoration starting after  
9:15 am with a Holy Hour at 7:00  
pm  
concludes with a Holy Hour for  
Life at 8:00 am

To sign-up for  
Adoration,  
please scan  
the QR code



*Oh, come let  
us adore  
Him!*

PARISH LIFE

**MARDI GRAS PARTY**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 1  
 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM  
 FARRELL HALL  
 Tickets are available at the front office.  
 Presale tickets: \$15      At the door: \$18  
 For more information, email Teresa at tsappier15@gmail.com

The Chosen is back!

Please mark your calendars. "Called and Chosen", the story of Fr. Capodonna will be shown in the Parish Center on **Saturday, February 22nd** after the 5:00 Mass.

Please join us for a delicious meal, fellowship and an opportunity to explore your faith with others through a discussion of the episode.

**BINGO Night**  
 Saturday, February 15  
 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
 St. Mary of Sorrows  
 Farrell Hall  
 Food Sale starts at 6 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:**

**REECE'S RAINBOW**  
 SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION SUPPORT  
**CALLING ALL BINGO BAKERS**

We are in need of donations of baked goods to sell at BINGO NIGHT, February 15th.  
 If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Larosa at [c.a.larosa@me.com](mailto:c.a.larosa@me.com)

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**Opera Night**  
 featuring **Carlos Alberto Ibay**  
 A short performance by Chuckie!

**SPAGHETTI DINNER ON FEBRUARY 8**  
 FARRELL HALL AFTER 5PM VIGIL MASS  
 HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI, MEATBALLS, SAUSAGES, BREAD, SALAD, DESSERT, COFFEE, TEA, BEER & WINE!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON FEBRUARY 9**  
 FARRELL HALL AFTER 7:30 & 9:30 AM MASSES  
 REGULAR AND BLUEBERRY PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, BACON, SAUSAGES, COFFEE, TEA, AND JUICE!

**A SCOUT IS REVERENT**

**CALLING ALL SCOUTS OF ALL AGES**

Scout Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 9 at 5pm Mass**. Please contact Michelle Huber, [mhhuber05@gmail.com](mailto:mhhuber05@gmail.com) if you would like to **help at the Scout Mass** as a Lector (scouts who have received the sacrament of Confirmation only), Altar Server, Usher, Gift Bearer, or Greeter. All Scouts are invited to wear their full Class A uniform to the Mass and receive a special blessing. **If you cannot make this Mass, please wear your uniform to whichever Mass you attend on February 9th to show the Parish your commitment to God and Service.**



Inova Blood Donor Services

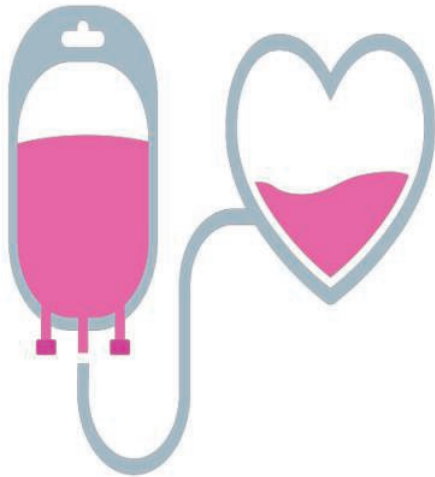
# St. Mary of Sorrows Blood Drive

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

**8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**5222 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax, VA**

Inova Blood Donor Services will be in  
Farrell Hall.



## Contact

**Gordon Goetz**

(202) 713-6345 | [ghgoetz@gmail.com](mailto:ghgoetz@gmail.com)

**Donate and receive a Valentine's Day  
themed t-shirt\*.**

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### PRESCHOOL

### PARISH OUTREACH



**Catholic Schools**  
United in Faith and Community

As we close our Catholic Schools Week, we reflect on over 25 years of Catholic Education at St. Mary's Preschool and are growing stronger each year as we bring our littlest ones to the faith.

Our prayer time is fully charged with joy in song and with hand motions. We welcome children of all abilities, knowing that each child is unique in their learning experience. We bring our students to Mass and Adoration each month. It is amazing how the Holy Spirit works through these little hearts and minds and the questions they have about our incredible faith as they sit by the altar gazing at Our Lord.

Registration opens on February 14th. We would love to speak with you about our program by contacting us at [preschool@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:preschool@stmaryofsorrows.org)

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


#### BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS! The 2025 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. This year's theme is: "Abounding in Hope." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. Sharing your gifts with the 40+ ministries and programs funded by the BLA truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese. You make a gift at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code below:



SCAN ME

### YOUTH MINISTRY



*Youth Ministry*

# FEBRUARY EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>SUNDAYS</b>	High School Ministry 6pm-8pm in St. Joseph's Hall ( <i>weekly</i> )
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	High School GSG (small groups) 7pm-8:30pm in St. Joseph's Hall ( <i>weekly</i> )
<b>1ST &amp; 3RD MONDAYS</b>	Middle School Youth Ministry 6pm-8pm in St. Joseph's Hall
<b>2/15/2025</b>	GMU Basket Ball Game @ Eagle Bank Arena (open to High School & Middle School)

• NO Ministry February 9th due to the Super Bowl!!



SMOS FOOD PANTRY



## 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 February 9, 8:00 am - 1:30 pm**

#### Thank you from a Food Pantry Client

One of our St. Mary's Food Pantry clients sent us this note in gratitude for our prayers:

"My friends at St. Mary's or shall I say my brothers and sisters in Christ: Thank you so much for your prayers. It is true indeed that every prayer is heard. God is there and watches. He probably wants me to slow down. Yes, indeed, there are so much things that I can't do at this time. I am sure that with God's love and mercy I will be back to my normal routine. Thank you so much and continue to include me in your prayers. God Bless." - Food Pantry Client

# SAVE THE DATE



SCAN ME  
TO SAVE THE DATE



Climb aboard the Vatican Express! Don't miss the bus!



**JULY 28 – AUG 1**  
St. Mary of Sorrows - Religious Education

**ADVENTURE**

**FAITH**

**CRAFTS & MUSIC**



## Jesus is Presented to God in the Temple

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Baby Jesus in the Temple. All the Jews presented their first-born sons to God in the Temple forty days after they were born. So Mary and Joseph obediently went to Jerusalem to offer Jesus to God in the Temple, even though He was Himself God!

That day God inspired a holy man named Simeon to go to the Temple and meet the Holy Family as they came to present Jesus there. Simeon told them that Jesus would be the cause of great changes and that Mary would be pierced by a sword. We know that he meant that she would have to suffer greatly because of what would happen to Jesus.

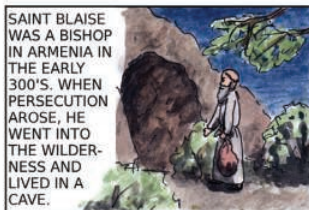
Every day we should offer our own lives to God. We should tell Him every morning that we offer this day, and all that happens in it, to Him. We should be ready, like Mary was, to joyfully accept whatever suffering God allows for us and offer it up with the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. Can you try every morning to offer your day to God?



Answers to True or False: 1. False (40 days) 2. True, 3. False (Simeon) 4. True, 5. True, 6. False (She thanked God and spoke about Jesus.) 7. True.

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

## SAINT BLAISE FEBRUARY 3

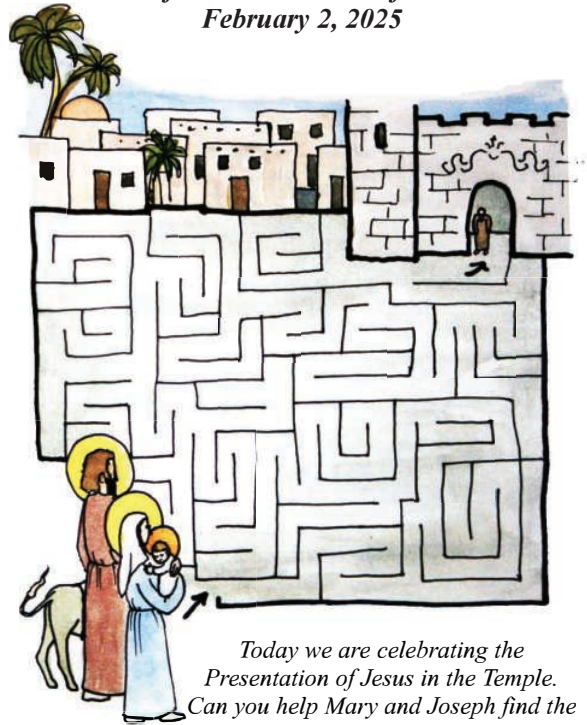


SAINT BLAISE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF PEOPLE WITH THROAT PROBLEMS, SO YOU CAN PRAY TO HIM IF YOU GET A SORE THROAT. SAINT BLAISE TEACHES US TO BE KIND TO WILD ANIMALS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HE TEACHES US TO NEVER GIVE UP OUR FAITH IN GOD, EVEN UNDER TORTURE.

[THEKIDSBULLETIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THEKIDSBULLETIN@GMAIL.COM)

# The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord  
February 2, 2025



Today we are celebrating the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Can you help Mary and Joseph find the way through Jerusalem to present Baby Jesus in the Temple?

## True or False? The Presentation

How well do you know the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple?

Can you figure out which of these are true and which are false?

1. Fifty-five days after Jesus was born His mother Mary and St. Joseph took Him to the Temple. True or false?
2. Mary and Joseph offered two doves as a sign of their offering of Baby Jesus, since that is what the law required. True or false?
3. A holy man named Solomon came to meet them in the Temple. True or false?
4. When he had seen Baby Jesus, Simeon said to God that now he was ready to die in peace, since he had seen God's salvation. True or false?
5. Simeon said, "This Child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted." True or false?
6. A holy widow named Anna who was in the temple came and looked at Baby Jesus but did not say anything. True or false?
7. When Mary and Joseph had done what the law required they went home to Nazareth. True or false?



AROUND THE DIOCESE



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](http://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

**Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC)**

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Come on out with us to: a comedy play at Jefferson Community Theatre (Feb. 2); square dancing (Feb. 4, 11, 18, 24); walk at Brenman Park (Feb. 6); dining-out in Shirlington (Feb. 9); Thursday lunches (Feb. 13, 27); Valentine's Day dance (Feb. 14); guided tour of George Washington's Alexandria (Feb. 16); movie/dinner in Fairfax (Feb. 19); visit to St. Thomas More Cathedral/lunch (Feb. 21); preparing/serving meal at Christ House (Feb. 22). For details, visit our website: [bit.ly/ptsc](http://bit.ly/ptsc). With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com).

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>Parish Center:</b> FH= Farrell Hall SJH= St. Joseph Hall CR= Conference Room MR= Music Room PC= Parish Center	<b>Other Locations:</b> CL= Choir Loft NC= New Church OSMH= Historic Church Hall HC= Historic Church PL= Parking Lot
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Mon	3	Fatima Group GS Leader Meeting	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Chapel OSMH
Tue	4	Boutique Bible Study Rosary Makers KoC Santa Maria Dolorosa Young Adult "Band of Bros." KoC Exemplification	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	FH(b) CR 8L OSMH CR SJH HC
Wed	5	Ignatian Adventure AA Meeting Logs of Fire Prayer Group HSG Drama Food Pantry OCA Evening Vespers Children's Choir OCIA Compassionate Friends Church Choir Practice Legion of Mary Meeting	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 1:30 PM 2:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	CR OSMH SJH SJH SJH HC FH OSMH NC CR
Thu	6	Stephen Ministries Walking w/ Purpose Quad Meeting (Mary) Food Pantry (Burke dist.) Quad (Carlota) BST 697 NSS Practice LaLande Quad Cub Scout Bear Den Meeting TMIY Walking w/ Purpose	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM 7:30 PM	8L CR 8L FH(b)wall 5L OSMH MR 7L 8L SJH CR
Fri	7	T697 Snow Date	5:00 PM	OSMH
Sat	8	Men's Ministry TMIY Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study Couples for Christ KoC Spaghetti Dinner St. John Mission (OCA) Ghana Choir Practice	7:00 AM 7:00 AM 7:30 AM 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 3:00 PM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM	OSMH SJH 8L CR SJH FH HC MR
Sun	9	OCA OCIA Dismissal OCA Study Ghana Meeting Ghana CC Meeting Ghana Natal Group GS Troop 1465	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM	HC/OSMH CR OSMH CR SJH/CH/CR CR OSMH

The presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior-the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the "light to the nations" and the "glory of Israel", but also "a sign that is spoken against". The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God had "prepared in the presence of all peoples". ~ CCC 529



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