



DECEMBER 19, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## This Week

#### **Sunday Mass Schedule**

Saturday 5pm Vigil

Sunday 7:30am, 9am & 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish), 6pm

#### **Daily Mass Schedule**

Monday - Friday 7am\* & 9am Saturday 9am \*not on Federal Holidays

#### **Confession Schedule**

Monday\* & Friday 6:30-7pm Wednesday 6:30-8pm Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

#### **Chapel Hours**

Monday - Friday 6am-9pm Saturday 7am-9pm Sunday 7am-9pm

#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 8pm

View our Advent 2021 flyer for Advent schedule of Masses, events and other Advent resources!





Confession 6:30 - 7pm RCIA

7-8pm

Advent Lecture: The Incarnation– Jesus Christ, True God & True Man 8-9pm



Food Pantry Handout 10-12pm

Adore: Advent Meditations & Discussion 7-8pm

Women's Group: Walking with Purpose 7-9pm



**Confession** 6:30pm



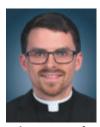
Religious Education Classes 6:30-7:30pm

**GriefShare** 7-9pm



**Christmas Eve Masses** 5pm & 10pm

## Please pray for our Seminarians



Tim Banach



Mike Sampson



Christmas Day Masses 9am, 10:30am, 12pm in Spanish (No 6pm Mass)



**Regular Mass Schedule** 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am 12pm in Spanish 6pm

# Padre's Page

#### Dear Friends,

Here's what we're focusing on this week...

#### **Catholic Charities Christmas Collection**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington serves hundreds of thousands of needy people in Northern Virginia annually with food, rent, and utility assistance, with counseling services, with refugee resettlement, and with much more. If you haven't had a chance to support them yet, please give online using this link: https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA681



Fr. Don Planty, Jr. Pastor

#### **Advent Talks Series**

Join me this Monday, December 20, at 8pm in Benedict Hall for my reflections on "The Incarnation: Jesus Christ, True God and True Man."

#### Christmas

- For our Christmas Mass schedule, scan the QR code on the previous page or follow the link on our website homepage.
- Note that Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation, and falls on Saturday, and Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family, so faithful Catholics should attend Mass twice this coming weekend!
- Whether you're celebrating here or elsewhere, Father Cummings and I assure you of our continued prayers for you, as we wish you and your loved ones a safe, blessed, and merry Christmas and New Year!

#### January Social: Christmas Party!

The Christmas season lasts through January 9, so mark your calendars for our January free monthly social for parishioners on Friday, the 7th–let's continue to celebrate the birth of our Lord together!

I remain, your servant in Christ Jesus, Fr. Don Planty
Pastor

## **GIVING**

#### **Second Collections**

12/19 No Second Collection 12/26 No Second Collection

1/2 Repairs & Maintenance Fund

1/9 No Second Collection

#### **Online Giving**





Faith Direct makes being generous easy. It only takes 10 minutes to sign up to make all of your contributions to St. Charles electronically. Visit faithdirect.net using the parish code VA681

#### **Give from Your Stock Assets**

Consider making a gift of appreciated stock to our parish or diocese. You will receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains tax on the stock appreciation. For more information, please call (703) 841-3819 or visit: arlingtondiocese.org

#### **PARISH CHARITIES**

#### **Parish Charities Donations Needed**

Thank you to everyone who has helped by donating food and other items, giving financially, volunteering with our food pantry on Tuesdays, and delivering food to our parishioners and neighbors in Arlington!

Donate financially online through Faith Direct (visit our website) or by check made out to St. Charles Church (memo: Parish Charities); please mail to the Parish Office. Food donations: Please drop these in the bin at the chapel entrance, 6am-9pm, or during our food pantry hours, Tuesday, 10am-12pm.

#### Items needed!

- Canned entrees (chili, ravioli, etc)
- Canned fruit (in its own syrup)
- Dried Beans
- Cooking oil
- Pasta & Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter & jelly



To sign up for our newsletter to receive updates about food pantry and other needs, scan the QR code or visit StCharles.flocknote.com/ParishCharities2

#### Respect Life

Voice your support of the Hyde Amendment, which keeps taxpayers dollars from funding abortions. For more information, scan the QR code or visit: ttps://vacatholic.org/action-center/save-hyde/

#### **Catholic Charities Counselor**

Jennifer Barry, LCSW from Catholic Charities' Family Services, is continuing to offer counseling through teletherapy. Jennifer is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Catholic University of America. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please contact Family Services at 703-772-4022. To speak with a counselor in Spanish, call 703-447-9402.

### PARISH RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Please note that the dispensation by Bishop Burbidge of the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation has been lifted as of the weekend of June 26-27. To read the official statement scan the QR code or visit https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/press-releases/2021/statement-of-the-bishopsof-the-province-of-baltimore-and-the-archdiocese-of-washington/

- We have returned to the pre-COVID status for Masses, meetings, and events at the parish: there are no occupancy limits, no social distancing requirements, and no required disinfecting or cleaning between events; during the liturgy, we have choirs, holy water, an offertory collection, and the sign of peace.
- Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a face mask in church. Unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to continue wearing a face mask.

View the latest information from our bishop on the coronavirus at www.arlingtondiocese.org/coronavirus

## Share

#### **Advocacy**

As Catholic Christians, we are called to advocate for policies that reflect Gospel values. To see the most current legislative issues and to sign up for action alerts visit: www.vacatholic.org (or text VCC to 50457 to join) for state issues and visit https://www.usccb.org/take-action for national issues.

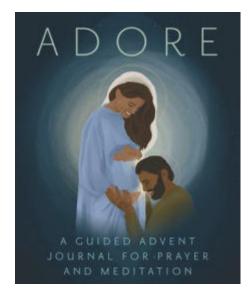
#### Haiti Update and Fair Trade Gift Fair

Monsignor Coissy, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and eight underlying chapels and schools, six of which St. Charles helps support, as well as Notre Dame High School, sends his heartfelt thanks for your support to his earthquake-devastated community. To assure us of the good use of our contributions, he attached pictures of the ongoing construction of temporary classrooms to provide continuing education as they await the means and materials to rebuild the destroyed buildings. He also informed us of his short, medium, and long-range reconstruction plans. If you have the means, please help our sister parishes in their struggle.

After all Masses on December 18 and 19, Haiti Committee members will be outside Benedict Hall selling Haitian coffee, chocolate and art work and offering the opportunity to purchase chickens and goats for our sister parish families. Please come by!









#### **RCIA**

Mondays, 7pm-8pm

Would you like to explore the Catholic faith in an even deeper way? Would you like to begin the journey of entering the Church? Then you are invited to join RCIA. The Rite of Christian Initiation is not a "sign-up" for becoming a Catholic. It is a time of no obligation, during which we pursue the Truth and the Meaning of life, answers to eternal questions, and the truths, teachings, and practices of the Catholic Church. stcharleschurch.org/rcia



#### **Adore Advent Meditations & Discussion**

Tuesday evenings, 7-8pm Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about - Jesus.

In Adore, popular author and speaker Fr. John Burns and illustrator Valerie Delgado of Pax. Valerie will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent, focusing on a new theme each week-vigilance, preparation, nearness, and Emmanuel-that you can relate to your own life. stcharleschurch.squarespace.com/bible-studies#tuesday





#### Advent Lecture Series by Fr. Don

Monday evenings, 8-9pm Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20 in Benedict Hall

The Incarnation: Jesus Christ, True God & True Man 12/20





#### Men's Group: Borromeo Brothers

Saturdays, 7:30am-9am

Men of all ages on pilgrimage together to know and love God striving to become whom He has called us to be. Join us each Saturday morning for

brotherhood and discussion about living out our vocation as Christian men.

Borromeo Brothers meets (via Zoom & in-person) each Saturday morning from 7:30-9am for fellowship, learning about our faith, and discussion about living out our vocation as Christian men. stcharleschurch.org/small-groups#bbros



#### Women's Group: Walking with Purpose

Tuesday evenings 7:15pm

Our current study is called Opening Your Heart. This 22-lesson Bible study is all about learning the core aspects of our faith, experiencing a deep, lasting transformation of the heart, and growing closer to God and with fellow women from all stages of life.

Please email us - wwp@stcharleschurch.org stcharleschurch.org/small-groups#wwp





#### **SACRAMENTS**

#### Baptisms, Funerals, and Marriages

Please contact the Parish Office at (703) 527-5500 or email parishsecretary@stcharleschurch.org for information about scheduling baptisms, funerals, and marriages.

#### **Confession Schedule**

Confessions take place in the chapel.

 Mondays
 6:30-7pm

 Wednesdays
 6:30-8:00pm

 Fridays
 6:30-7pm

 Saturdays
 3:30-4:30pm

#### **OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE**



To keep up with the growing attendance at weekend Masses, we are going to need volunteers to step up!

We particularly need sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, and altar servers. Volunteering can work with busy schedules, and be only as frequent as you're comfortable with. It's easy to tell us when you're available to help!

To let us know you're interested, scan the QR code or visit the St. Charles home page, and click the quick link to the "Interest Form for Liturgical Ministries"

#### Please pray for our sick,

Jacqueline Merz, Gregory Dessert (nephew of Beth Nicholson), Owen Eickel (nephew of Kathleen Talley), Bob Giusti, Alfred Gomez (husband of Rectory Housekeeper, Leonor Herrera), and Susan Currier (mother of Meghan Currier), Darlene Cataldi (stepmother of Rebecca Cataldi), Patrick Oak, Mr. Blake Willi, Patricia Aybar, Jon McRory, Edward Biddle, Martin Erroa Rivas (father of Delmy Enriquez), Beth Powell, Bridgette Johnson, Cosmo Carelli, Chloe Basso, and Jackson "Foltzy" Huttman (son of Kenny and Alexis Huttman), Marta Fernandez, Doug Galbi, and Walter Quinn.

#### And deceased,

Michen McRory, Jose Andres Gonzales (brother of Zonia Iglesias), Anna Grace Wallace (mother of Dcn. Forrest Wallace), Mary Jean Rathje (mother of Peter Rathje), Joe Russo, Bill Whitesides (resident of the Jefferson), and Katherine Ingraham (parishioner), Maria Angela Vales (aunt of Mariel Vales), and Paul D'Ambrosio.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Call Kevin Flynn at the office between 9am and 12pm to have a Mass offered at St. Charles for your intentions or any person or persons, living or deceased.

#### Saturday, December 18

9am Louisa Gutierrez by Miguela Gutierrez5pm † Regina C. Finan by Frank Finan

#### Sunday, December 19

7:30am Greg McSween by the Kellogg Family 9am † William Browning by the Urban Family

10:30am The People of the Parish

12pm † Antonio Ruíz Arce by Teresa Reyes

6pm † Charles R. Cummings by Fr. Keith Cummings

#### Monday, December 20

7am Becky Randles by Stephanie Thompson 9am † Donald T. Rocen by the Urban Family

#### Tuesday, December 21

7am † Paul D'Ambrosio by Mario D'Ambrosio 9am † Aurora D'Lemon by Dick & Perleeh Digo

#### Wedesday, December 22

7am

9am † Joe & Liz Wozniak by the Urban Family

#### Thursday, December 23

7am

#### Friday, December 24

7am Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fleming by the Fleming Family

5pm

10pm The People of the Parish

#### Saturday, December 25

9am Maurice & Lise Martin by the Martin Family

10:30am The People of the Parish

12pm

#### Sunday, December 26

7:30am

9am † Efren Vidal by Debra Ruggieri 10:30am The People of the Parish

12pm † Antonio Ruíz Arce by Teresa Reyes 6pm † James Kenny by Debra Ruggieri



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Rev. Anthony Giampietro, C.S.B. (Catholic University of America)
Dominican Friars from the Dominican House of Studies in D.C.

## Sign up to stay informed of the latest parish news and activities.

#### St. Charles Challenge

Tips and reminders for spiritual growth text "scchallenge" to 84576

#### St. Charles Weekly Bulletin

The parish bulletin delivered electronically text "stcharlesweekly" to 84576

#### **St. Charles Alerts**

Holy Days, weather closings, & urgent news text "stcharlesalerts" to 84576

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