



Saint Ann  
Catholic Church

December 12-13, 2020

# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

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**Something to think about:** When preparing your estate, please consider St. Ann, your parish family, in your will. Your gift can help the parish continue Faith Community in the future.

## A Note from Fr. Danny

For the duration of the pandemic thus far, we've been praying a prayer asking for the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the end of the petitions during Mass. This prayer was written by Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Also, a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe has been in our sanctuary, near the ambo.

In December 1531, on Tepeyac Hill in Villa de Guadalupe in Mexico City, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared several times to Juan Diego, a local peasant. When he asked her for a sign to demonstrate the authenticity of the apparitions, she told him to gather flowers from the hill. Not only was the hill usually barren in December, but roses that were not native to Mexico were blooming there. When he opened his cloak to show the local archbishop the roses, the image of the apparition was miraculously imprinted on it.

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared as a young pregnant mestiza woman, wearing a striking blue mantle, emblazoned with stars. She spoke to Juan Diego in his native language. Her apparitions became a symbol of the inculturation of the Faith, especially in Latin America.

Because of the sheer cultural and religious significance of her apparitions, Our Lady of Guadalupe was named patroness of the Americas (both North and South America) in 1946 by Pope Pius XII.

Let us pray for each other,  
Fr. Danny

"The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest, call Father Brian W. Capuano at (804)359-5661, or write: bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org.



**Safe Environment**—Bishop Knestout encourages anyone who is aware of misconduct or abuse on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities. Call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline (833-454-9064) and reach out to the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Karen Loper at 877-887-9603 or VAC@richmonddiocese.org. More information about the bishop's commitment to transparency, a timeline of actions, and other resources can be found on the diocesan website: www.richmonddiocese.org/diocese-response.



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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Closed to the Public  
Staff available via phone call, email, or by appointment only .

## MASS TIMES

### *WEEKEND EUCHARIST*

*Saturday - 5pm Sunday - 8:30am & 11:15am*  
*Capacity limited, doors will open 30 mins before Mass start time, face masks required, health screening at the door*

### *WEEKDAY EUCHARIST*

*"Livestreamed; not open to the public"*

### *RECONCILIATION/ PENANCE/ CONFESSION*

*Every Saturday from 3:45-4:30pm*

## SUPERVISED WEEKEND NURSERY

*Temporarily suspended*

## PASTORAL CARE

If you or a loved one becomes seriously ill or are facing surgery and would like a visit, please contact Fr. Danny or Katie Johnson in the office. Please inform us whether you would like to receive the Eucharist and/or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Also, please contact us if you would like to place your name or a loved one's name on the St. Ann prayer list for the sick.

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact Fr. Danny or Katie Johnson as soon as possible when a loved one has passed away. We will be happy to work with you and the funeral home regarding funeral arrangements, as well as offering prayer and support during this difficult time.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

St. Ann's offers support for anyone who is hurting because of life's ups and downs. Stephen Ministry is one-to-one, confidential, Christian caring for those who are grieving, struggling with job or relationship difficulties, living with an illness, caring for someone who is ill, or many other issues. Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people. To get help for yourself or someone else, contact Katie Johnson (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548) or Laurel Rothenberger (ldrothenberger@comcast.net; 804-898-1684).

## PARISH LIFE

**Year-End Giving** - This is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to begin considering how we might give back some of our wealth or assets to Him with a special year-end gift. Gifting is a great way to thank God for these blessings. Take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 (benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits), and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to St. Ann can make a great difference. There are a variety of ways you can contribute a gift. The easiest and most direct methods are donations of cash, stock and IRA Charitable Rollover. For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to our parish, please contact Melissa Pakurar in the parish office.



**Christmas Flower Donation** – It is that time again! Your donation will help make our church a beautiful worship space for this holiday season. What a special way to remember a loved one or to honor someone you hold dear. You will find Christmas

flower donation envelopes on the table in the Commons the weekend after Thanksgiving. You are welcome to make a donation in any amount. Please be sure to fill out the envelope just the way you want it to appear in the Christmas Bulletin. The envelopes may be placed in the offering basket or turned into the office. All flower donations are due by December 9th to be included in the Christmas bulletin. Envelopes that come in after the due date will be included in the in the January 10th Bulletin.

**Let's Be Real – The Pandemic is Tough!** If we're honest with ourselves, sometimes it's all we can do to make it through each day; everything seems like more work than it used to be: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual work. And if you're also experiencing some of life's "normal" ups and downs – loss of a loved one, chronic illness, financial stress, loneliness – it's even worse. If you are having a tough time right now, maybe you could use a caring, supportive person to talk to. Stephen Ministers are well-trained, compassionate members of our church who would love to help you. Stephen Ministry offers one-on-one, confidential conversation and prayer to help you through life's tough times. Don't go through this alone! For more information, contact Katie Johnson (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548), Laurel Rothenberger (ldrothenberger@comcast.net; 804-898-1684), or Beverly Cornell McGlynn (beverlycornell@gmail.com; 248-556-6746). Please spread the word about Stephen Ministry to your family members and friends who could use a helping hand, too! (They do not have to be members of St. Ann.) Thank you!

**DCU Soup Kitchen**—Next Soup Kitchen day is Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. Thank you to all that currently serve on this committee; your commitment to serve and donate goods each month, especially during this year of Covid & change, is much appreciated. Based on the current COVID-19 crisis and the need to socially distance, we have had to revamp, at least temporarily. We primarily are **in need of people to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and donate fruit, chips, and bottled water.** Please email Heidi Stafflinger ([stafflingerh@gmail.com](mailto:stafflingerh@gmail.com)) if you would like to help in any capacity.

## PASTORAL CARE

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:** *Missy Muncy, Ray & Patti Andrade, Mallory Flores, granddaughter of Elaine and Robert Flores, Lucas, Miles, and Christine Hilsher, great-grandchildren of Peggy Lee, Pat Eaton, Robert Crenshaw, Norma Brown, John Hadden, for the Granddaughter of Shawne and Jim Kaeser, Christine Harris (daughter of Cynthia Mayberry), Moses Graham, Diane Flanagan, Elizabeth Kerekes, Sean Higgins, Rita Newby, Barbara Whelan, Lawrence Coleman, Craig Henry the son of Tammy Martin, Jim Wallen, Diane Ouellette, Mary Ann Estep, Christine Alcaraz, Robin Zivadinovic, Diane Errico, Bud Mervine (grandfather of Amy Mervine), Nancy Snyder (mother of Berny Snyder), Karen Covington, Carlos Rivera, Antonia Quinones, Chad Glass (Husband of Jennifer Glass), Judith Ashley & Jeanne White (mother and aunt of Judith Dialessi), Mark Chisholm, Keith Nestor (brother-in-law of Robin and Heath Driver), Pat Nalepka, Barbara Meloy, Gregory Nelson, Joe Lamontagne, Claire Richards, John Metzinger, Holly Clement, Johnny & Alice McDaniel, Annette Zimmerman, Elizabeth Quaiss, Grace Heydet, Jay Allen, Al Miller, Salete Valter, Matthew Priestly (son-in-law of John Klink), David Rogers (son of Margaret Rogers) Jacqueline Anne Wallace (daughter of Anne Lizzol), Lucy Dunn, Alison Devereaux, Claire Lecomte Du Nouy, Kathy Wilusz, Amari Friend, Tiny Anckaitis, Irene Kelly (sister of Julie Miller), Debra Hayer, Marie Ascenza and Edgardo Scian.*

**During the month of December**—The members of Churches participating in Metro Richmond at prayer pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the homeless and the hungry, for the provision of safe, affordable housing and low cost nutritious food, for the personal safety, dignity, and well being of those who are unable to work.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for December**— We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



**The Food Pantry Needs YOU!** Many, many thanks to those who answered our recent request to help re-stock our shelves – the response was amazing! We are able to provide needy families with food five days each week, so we continue to ask for your help to keep food on our shelves. In particular, we need canned vegetables, beans, soup, and canned meats – but any non-perishable food is welcome! Also, we need drivers to help us pick up donations from area Food Lion stores. On a temporary basis, we are picking up two days a week at the Rivers Bend Food Lion (the agency that usually picks up there has had to close for a few weeks because of COVID), so the need for drivers is even more acute. Please contact Bernadette Gilmore ASAP if you are able to help (804-914-0293; [bgilmore653@gmail.com](mailto:bgilmore653@gmail.com)). Thank you!





## CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY Dec 13, 2020

For more info about Christian Formation and Youth Ministry, contact the office, (804) 526-2548, for: Coordinator of Religious Education Grades Pre-K-5th Grade): contact Linda at [lmingos@stanncc.com](mailto:lmingos@stanncc.com); Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12 & Confirmation Prep.): contact Elise at [echapman@stanncc.com](mailto:echapman@stanncc.com). Coordinator of Adult Formation: contact Pat at [pclement@stanncc.com](mailto:pclement@stanncc.com)

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION (K-12)

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION** for Elementary, Middle & High School continues on Sunday, Dec. 13 during their regularly scheduled times.

**CELEBRATE YOUTH MASS** is Dec. 20 at the 11:15a and is hosted by our 8th Graders. All 8th Graders should arrive by 10:30a to meet and greet parishioners as they arrive! Make sure to bring your mask!



**Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation: The next family check-in is scheduled for Tues., Dec. 15th @ 7PM. Assignments Due:** Complete workbook-sessions 3 & 4 Students memorize the Act of Contrition & practice making the Sign of the Cross. Parent Videos-*Teaching Your Child How to Apologize AND Confession* 101. The meeting will be held in ZOOM [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) Meeting ID: 763 091 5280 code: 0317



**ADVENT WEEK 3 CAN DO:** This pandemic often causes us to focus on what we CAN'T do instead of what we CAN do. This week we focus on the Christmas tradition of baking; Something you CAN do with family and friends, building relationships while having some fun at the same time. Consider making Christmas baking a new and memorable experience. Try one of these recipes:

#### LAURA MCKELVEY CRACKER COOKIES

Saltines 1lb butter 1c sugar 6oz chocolate Chips 1 c chopped nuts  
Line a 9X13 baking sheet with rims with foil. Place saltines, salt side up, on foil. Boil butter and sugar for 3 minutes. Pour over saltines. Bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove from oven. Spread chocolate chips. Sprinkle with nuts. Cool. Refrigerate. Break into small pieces. YUM!



**Because of the demands on family time and the chaos due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the Laura McKelvey Christmas Cooke Sale has been cancelled. Let's look forward to our cookie sale tradition next year.**

#### BABY JESUS BIRTHDAY CAKE (Pineapple Upside Down Cake—tradition in the Chapman family)

½ C Butter                      1.5 C Brown Sugar                      1 (20 Oz) can sliced pineapple  
10 Maraschino Cherries      (18.25 oz) package white cake mix

Melt the butter over medium high heat in the iron skillet. Remove from the heat and sprinkle the brown sugar evenly to cover the butter. Next, arrange pineapple rings around the bottom of the pan, one layer deep. Place a maraschino cherry into the center of each pineapple ring. Prepare the cake mix as directed by the manufacturer, substitute some of the pineapple juice for some of the liquid in the directions. Pour the batter over the pineapple layer. Bake as directed by the cake mix directions. Cool for 10 minutes, then carefully turn out onto a plate. Do not let the cake cool too much or it will be stuck to the pan. **Remember to post those pictures and share those stories....**

### ADULT FORMATION



#### SUNDAY MISSALS and ADVENT FAMILY SUPPLIES

All the Advent supplies are available in the Commons. During December, additional Christmas items will become available, including the St. Ann calendars (free).



It's never to late to join the RCIA process. If God is calling you to consider becoming Catholic, or if you know someone who wants to be baptized or become Catholic, contact Pat Clement in the parish office. Interested folks can start this special faith journey at anytime and proceed at your own pace with the prayer and support of the entire St. Ann Parish community!

### SACRAMENT UPDATES



**Infant Baptisms:** Our Winter Baptism weekend is Feb. 6-7, 2021. Parents must register and attend 2 virtual sessions and 1 short on-site rehearsal. The Winter virtual parent sessions will be on Jan 11 & 25 at 8pm with the on-site rehearsal on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm .

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
(Fiscal Year: July 2019– June 2020)

Weekly Contributions

Week Beginning:	11/29/2020	\$18,848.93
In Church Collection		\$12,879.00
WeShare		\$4,329.93
EFT Collection		\$1,640.00
Last Year Week Beginning	12/1/2019	\$14,073.39
Weekly Budget		\$14,175.96
YTD Collections Thru	11/29/2020	\$296,254.96
YTD Budget		\$326,047.08
YTD Difference		(\$29,792.12)

**2020 National & Diocesan Second Collections**

Respect Life	January 19, 2020
Catholic Relief Services	March 22, 2020
Diocesan Home Missions	May 24, 2020
Peter's Pence	June 14, 2020
Retired Religious	September 27, 2020
World Mission Collection	October 18, 2020
Archdiocese of Military Services	November 8, 2020
Catholic Charities	December 25, 2020

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

TUES.	Dec 15	8:00 am	Parish
WED.	Dec 16	8:00 am	Parish
THURS	Dec 17	8:00 am	Parish
FRI.	Dec 18	9:00 am	Parish
SAT.	Dec 19	5:00 pm	Parish
SUN.	Dec 20	8:30 am	† Jackie Jones By the Barnes Family
		11:15am	Parish



**Supporting our Mission**  
During Covid-19

A big “thank you” to all of those participating in online giving with WeShare! Online giving has been a big help to our parish during this time. WeShare is a great way to still contribute to the parish even if you cannot make it to a Public Mass. WeShare can accept credit and debit cards and make automatic withdrawals from checking or savings accounts. WeShare is a secure way to give.

No matter how you give, your gifts are always appreciated! If you have not yet made the switch to online giving, we invite you to consider doing so. If you need any assistance setting up your online contributions please call Melissa Pakurar in the office at (804) 526-2548. Thank you for your support!

**THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT ANN CHURCH**

**MONDAY—December 14 Night Manager—Craig Mingloski**

9:00 am	Lauds	Live-Stream
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**TUESDAY—December 15 Night Manager — Gene Chiodo**

8:00 am	Mass	Live-stream
7:00 pm	Sacramental Prep Reconciliation #2	All-space
7:00 pm	RCIA	Dbl Classroom
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**WEDNESDAY—December 16 Night Manager—Eric Evans**

6:15 am	Bible Study	Worship
8:00 am	Mass	Live-stream
7:00 pm	Wild Worship Wednesday	Worship
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**THURSDAY—December 17 Night Manager—Erin Drumm**

8:00 am	Mass	Live-stream
9:00 am	Morning Pause	Chapel
5:00 pm	Vespers	Live-stream
7:00 pm	Confirmation Retreat Meeting	Zoom
7:00 pm	Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration	Worship
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**FRIDAY— December 18 Night Manager— Bill Berkel**

8:00 am	Mass	Live-stream
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**SATURDAY— December 19**

9:00 am	Advent Day of Reflection	Zoom
3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**SUNDAY—December 20**

8:30 am	Mass	Worship/Live-stream
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	Schl Building
11:15 am	Mass	Worship
4:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group	Worship
6:30 pm	High School Youth Group	Worship
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**Hours the Worship Space is Open**

Mondays—Thursdays: 9am – 6pm  
Fridays: 10am – 6pm  
Saturdays: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Please help keep our Worship space open for prayer. We need Volunteers to sign up as a Porter. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aa9aa29a20-porters>



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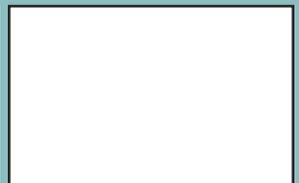
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