

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Solemnity of Christ the King

November 24, 2024



Christ in Majesty, 12th century
Santa Maria del Castell de Besora, Orsona, Catalonia, Spain



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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welcome



SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil in church 5pm (live-streaming) Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), 5pm
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri., 7 & 9am (live-streaming); Sat., 8am (live-streaming) Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
LIVE-STREAMING	Monday-Friday, 9am; Saturday, 8am; Vigil Sat., 5pm and Sundays 9 & 11am
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Fridays, 7-8pm (church) Rosary after 9am weekdays/8am Saturday Masses in church Taizé Prayer Service, 3 rd Mondays, 8-8:45pm (church)
CONFESSION	Sat., 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment. English and Spanish Confessions
PARISH OFFICE	703-451-8576, fax 703-269-1121 office@stbermpar.org Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
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BAPTISMS	Saturday, 10am. 1 st and 2 nd Saturdays in English; 3 rd Saturday in Spanish. Parish registration is encouraged for parents. Class attendance is required. Please contact the parish office to schedule at least four weeks in advance. All required paperwork must be submitted before a baptism may be scheduled.
WEDDINGS	Sat., 12 & 2pm. Parish registration encouraged; contact a priest at least six months in advance of desired date.
JOIN US	You are welcome! Registration forms are available in the church vestibule, office, or online www.stbermpar.org .
	Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. bulletin@stbermpar.org .

calendar

november

- 24 Sunday, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 25 Monday, Weekday [Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr]**
- 26 Tuesday, Weekday**
• **Burke/Springfield Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service**, 7:30pm,
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
- 27 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 28 Thursday, Thanksgiving Day**
• **ONLY ONE Mass**, 10am. Please bring donations of non-perishable food to bring to the altar at the offertory during Mass.
- 29 Friday, Weekday**
• Adoration, 7pm in the chapel
- 30 Saturday, Saint Andrew, Apostle**
• Christmas Tree sales begin, lower parking lot, 9am - 9pm
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

december

- 1 Sunday, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 2 Monday, Advent Weekday**
- 3 Tuesday, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**
- 4 Wednesday, Advent Weekday [Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor]**
- 5 Thursday, Advent Weekday**
- 6 Friday, Advent Weekday [Saint Nicholas, Bishop]**
• Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 7 Saturday, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
• **Catholic Charities Christmas Collection**, all Masses
• Festival of Trees, Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Shop, 7:30am, Gym/Cafeteria
- 8 Sunday, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
• **Catholic Charities Christmas Collection**, all Masses
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 9 Monday, The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
• **Holy Day of Obligation Masses: 7 & 9am, Noon, 7:30pm (bilingual)**
- 10 Tuesday, Advent Weekday [Our Lady of Loreto]**
- 11 Wednesday, Advent Weekday [Saint Damasus I, Pope]**
- 12 Thursday, Our Lady of Guadalupe**
• 7pm Procession, bilingual Mass at 7:30pm, followed by light reception
- 13 Friday, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**
• Adoration, 7pm in the church
• Advent Lessons and Carols, Church, 7:30pm
- 14 Saturday, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 15 Sunday, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am

announcements

You are invited to our Burke/Springfield **Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 26, at 7:30pm** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Please join us.

There will be only one Mass at **10am on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28**. As a way of giving thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives, please bring non-perishable food items to Mass on Thanksgiving day and help those experiencing food insecurity. You will be invited to bring your contribution to the altar during the offertory. A basket will be available for donations of cash, checks, or gift cards. All donations will benefit Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Food Project.

The Springfield Council of the **Knights of Columbus** will be **selling Christmas trees** in the lower parking lot from **November 30 through December 20**. Please support the charitable work of the Council by purchasing your tree from the Knights. The lot is open from 5pm to 9pm on weekdays and 9am to 9pm on weekends.

Please keep in your giving plans for the holidays the **annual Catholic Charities' Christmas Collection December 7 - 8** which provides a large portion of the annual budget for diocesan charitable works.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in our **Parish Bake Sale December 14 - 15 by contributing baked goods**, helping with setup and cleanup, or shopping during the sale. All proceeds support our Capital Campaign.

Keep Christ in Christmas! The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards in the vestibule after all Masses the weekends of **November 16 - 17 and 23 - 24**. You may contact Mike Candolor at mcandolor@cox.net to get information or arrange another opportunity to view/purchase cards.

from the pastor

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

I came across an account of the real stories of the times that our celebrations of Thanksgiving Day look back to, almost with fond memory, and realized that we have more to consider in our Thanksgiving holiday, including our debt to the peoples whose lands we inhabit today. Our celebration should come with a commitment to somehow express our regret (at least) for what our forefathers did in those days of colonialism and settlements. From the lens of Israel Palestine, we almost get a story that is all too familiar today. I have included here some paragraphs summarizing the website of the Potawatomi nation, who give a history from their experience that is different, and difficult for many to acknowledge.

Although many Potawatomi and others across the United States celebrate Thanksgiving, the factual history behind the holiday for them is something to be less than thankful for. While communing with loved ones and showing appreciation for the bounties and gifts provided is one positive aspect of the national holiday, teaching a false narrative of its beginnings perpetuates colonialism and ignores more than 400 years of atrocities committed against Native Americans and First Nations' people.

The formation of Thanksgiving as an official, United States' holiday did not begin until November 1863 during the Civil War. President Abraham Lincoln officially established the holiday as a way to improve relations between northern and southern states as well as the U.S. and tribal nations. Just a year prior, a mass execution took place of Dakota tribal members. Corrupt federal agents kept the Dakota-Sioux from receiving food and provisions. Finally at the brink of death from starvation, members of the tribe fought back, resulting in the Dakota War of 1862. In the end, President Lincoln ordered 38 Dakota men to die from hanging, and he felt that proclaiming Thanksgiving offered an opportunity to bridge the hard feelings amongst Natives and the federal government.

"It was to try and build this event so that you could have a deeper narrative about community building and coming together in shared brotherhood and unity."

Textbooks often indicate the Pilgrims settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts, because the harsh winter was approaching or a storm sent

them off course from their original Virginia destination. Winter's onset cannot have been the reason, however, for the weather would be much milder in Virginia than Massachusetts. Clearly, the Pilgrims wanted to avoid the persecution they were fleeing from with the Anglican church, who were already in Virginia. It is thought that the Dutch possibly bribed the Mayflower's captain to sail north, a good distance from New Amsterdam in present-day New York.

Some historians believe their arrival in Cape Cod was purposeful. It has been argued that, in addition to the fine fishing along Cape Cod, much of the land already cleared by the indigenous people offered an unusual opportunity for English settlement due to a plague that, within three years, had wiped out 90 to 96% of the native populations. Prior to European arrival, America's Indigenous did not experience illnesses attributed to livestock, overcrowding or poor hygiene. One in 20 survived the coming of Europeans. Once the pilgrims did arrive in 1620, the epidemics across Indian Country were far from over. They believed the wide-spread death and devastation of Native Americans due to disease was divine providence and that God wanted them to take over the land.

The article concludes with this hopeful message: While many will continue getting together with friends and loved ones to celebrate and recognize the gifts provided since the year before, incorporating traditional [ingredients and recipes](#) as well as teaching the factual history can go a long way in healing and restoring the Native narrative within the American culture.

As we look back over the histories of cultures and peoples, we always find narratives that have been changed or skipped over depending on who is writing (or rewriting) the account. The fact that we are still here is enough to declare a day of thanksgiving, but we must also remember those who didn't survive the conflict and who paved the way for our being here today, rightly or wrongly.

I think it is for this reason that the immigrant communities over the decades have been, perhaps, the greatest to embrace Thanksgiving Day. But we should do so with a sober realization that what we enjoy was not free, and in many cases it was not ourselves who paid the price.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

Eighth grade leaders

Our mission statement reads: *“The community of Saint Bernadette Catholic School and Parish works together to form hearts and minds in Christ. By fostering a love for lifelong learning, we develop the whole child through faith formation, service to others, and academic excellence to be leaders in our ever-changing world.”* Daily, our mission statement drives our actions. Moreover, we embrace and continue the traditions of excellence.

Friday, November 15, was an exciting day for our 8th graders. Gathered in the cafeteria, they participated in a Red Sweatshirt celebration, a rite of passage tradition at our school. Our 8th graders were recognized for their role in leading our school with virtue and as a witness to God’s love. The red sweatshirt they wear is a symbol of their leadership role.

With leadership comes responsibility. The PreK-7th graders look up to the 8th graders. During the ceremony the 8th graders listened to an article which focused on the virtues Saint Bernadette Soubirous modeled during her lifetime. We discussed how Saint Bernadette was poor in spirit, lived a life of humility and obedience, and exhibited great patience. As leaders in our community, our 8th graders have a responsibility to make good choices and, as Saint Bernadette Soubirous modeled, to practice such virtues as fortitude, humility, and patience. Students reflected on and then individually shared their God-given talents and gifts. Administrators called each student forward individually to receive a red sweatshirt. Fr. Don provided insightful closing remarks. We are proud of our 8th graders and look forward to their leadership this school year.

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HEARTS
& MINDS
IN CHRIST**



religious education

Weekly update

Please contact Lynn Jones, Director of Religious Education, at 703-451-8576, ext 136, or Victor Mendez, Administrative Assistant, at 703-451-8576, ext 138.

RE regular schedule:

Tuesday Session
5:30–6:45pm

Wednesday Session
6–7:15pm

Special Tuesday Session
for Confirmation Fall 2024
7-8:15pm

RE Program upcoming schedule

Nov. 24: **Family Faith Formation** monthly class
Nov. 26-27: **No classes**
Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18: Regular classes
Dec. 7 and 14: Saturday **SPRED** Class

Email vmendez@stbernapar.org or Lynn Jones, Ljones@stbernapar.org for more information.

TOBET Lessons Completed

All our classes have completed the lessons in our special Theology of the Body Curriculum, *The Body Matters*. Parents, if you have questions about this program, or would like to learn more about Saint Pope John Paul's Theology of the Body, go to <https://tobet.org/the-body-matters/> or contact Lynn Jones at Ljones@stbernapar.org

Upcoming Confirmation Event

In mid-December we will be asking our Religious Education and Saint Bernadette Families to donate canned goods to support our partnership with ECHO to provide forty holiday food baskets to local families. We will collect the items on 17 and 18 December during class time and our Confirmation Teams will pack and deliver the baskets the following weekend.

RE Class Safety Notice

With the fall season and early evening darkness, as well as other parish activities such as CYO sports in the gymnasium, we need to be extra cautious for the safety of all our students. Please follow these guidelines:

1. For drop off, please either park your car and walk your child to school door #1, or pull up along the curb and drop them off. NOTE: After dropping off at the curb, continue to the back of the gym and drive around the circle to turn around towards Old Keene Mill. DO NOT turn around in the lane next to the gym!
2. For pick-up, you MUST park your car in a legal parking spot and walk to door #1 to pick up your child. DO NOT park along the curb, in the handicapped spots in back of the church (unless you have a DMV placard), or along the narrow driveway and have your child come to you. We need to see all parents/guardians/pick-up adults at or near door #1 to release your child to you.
3. Arrive on time, pick up on time! Late arrivals are disruptive to the classroom, and late pickups are worrying to your child and to us! Please make every effort to be here on time for arrival and for dismissal. We cannot release your child until we see you, and we wait with them inside door #1 if you are late. Their safety is our primary consideration.

Living the liturgical year

We celebrate Thanksgiving this week, which can become too busy with food, family, friends, and not enough time for thankfulness. How about this great idea to focus your family on giving thanks-- a Thanksgiving Tablecloth. Go to Real Life at Home for the details: <https://www.reallifeathome.com/building-memories-with-a-thanksgiving-tablecloth-project/>

youth ministry

Stay in touch:

Text/Email Updates: Sign-up at flocknote.com/stbernyouth or text "stbernyouth" to 84576.

Follow us on Instagram
[@stbernyouth](https://www.instagram.com/stbernyouth)

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Rihl, at grihl@stbernapar.org with any questions you may have.

Middle School Youth Ministry - Wednesday, December 4

All 6th-8th graders are invited to Middle School Youth Ministry every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Join us for games, snacks, and fun from 6:45-8pm in the Gym. All middle schoolers are welcome, bring a friend!

High School Tuesday Socials

All High Schoolers are invited to join us for games, snacks, fun, and discussions on the faith every Tuesday from 7-8:30pm in the youth room! All are welcome, bring a friend!

High School Boys Catholic Life Community

Join other Catholic high school boys in this community of faith, prayer, and fellowship. New attendees are always welcome, every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:15pm in the youth room.

CYO Sports for 3rd-8th Graders

CYO sports are open to children who attend St. Bernadette's school or are enrolled in the parish's religious education program this school year. If you have any questions, please reach out to your CYO Reps - Gina Soriano (gvsoriano@gmail.com) or Catherine Luby (catherineeluby@gmail.com).

Catholic Women's Group Upcoming events

Come and enjoy warm fellowship and great food. No need to RSVP. For more information, please email us at women@stbernapar.org.

Tuesday, November 26 is our next Lunch with Friends at noon, at Milano's Family Restaurant, 6230 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual lunch on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Monday, December 2 is our next Dinner with Friends at 5pm, at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual meal on the 1st and the 3rd Monday of every month.

Family Advent Wreath making

Please come on Sunday, November 24 to make a family Advent Wreath, sponsored by the Women's Group. We will be meeting in the Bradican Room following the 9am and 11am Masses. Supplies will be provided. This is a wonderful way to start the Christmas season!

High School Theater productions

Bishop Ireton High School's Theater Arts Department presents A Man for All Seasons, November 17 and 22 at 7pm, and November 23 at 2pm in Garwood Whaley Auditorium at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314. Tickets and further information available at <https://www.bishopireton.org/fine-arts/theater-arts>.

St. John Paul the Great High School Drama Program also presents A Man for All Seasons as their 2024 fall play December 6 at 2pm, December 7 at 2pm & 7pm, and December 8 at 2pm. JP Theater - 17700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, VA. Tickets and more information: <https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/drama>

St. Paul VI Catholic High School presents Pride and Prejudice. Show times are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 21, 22, and 23 at 7pm and Sunday, November 24 at 1pm. 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152. Purchase your tickets today! <https://cur8.com/40072/project/127306>

Get Ready for the Parish Christmas Bake Sale!

December 14/15 after all Masses in the church vestibule. Everyone is invited to participate – Share your ethnic, traditional, or favorite Christmas baked goods, especially loaf breads, chocolate chip cookies, brownies, ethnic breads, and cake pops! Great gifts for neighbors, family, and friends. We also need volunteers to help setup, work a shift, or cleanup. Ready, set, BAKE! Proceeds benefit our Capital Campaign. Questions? Contact Kathy Marchetti: kathmarc@yahoo.com or 703-644-1689. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/KrzPzSu>



Women's Advent Night of Reflection Dec. 7

All women are invited to attend an Advent Night of Reflection with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." Join Walking with Purpose women's Bible study for a night of finger food, fellowship, and prayer with a special reflection by Fr. Andrew Clark. Saturday, December 7 from 7-9pm in the school gym. All women are welcome, so please invite a friend and email StBWWP@gmail.com to register.

Mary's Comfort: Thanks.

Thank you, St. Bernadette parishioners, for being amazing! Your generosity inspires all of the Mary's Comfort volunteers. Our recent baby bottle drive raised more than \$13,000 and put us on the road to opening a second shelter for pregnant moms in need. We're grateful to you!

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ADVENT: THE YEAR OF GRACE 2024

Daily Mass

Monday—Friday • 7 & 9am, Saturday • 8am
Adoration, Fridays • 7pm

December 7, 14, 21: Regular Confession Schedule

Saturdays • 3:30pm, or by appointment.
All are kindly asked to arrive as near as possible to the beginning of scheduled times, and to be patient.
Confessions end once Mass begins.

Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, December 9

No Vigil Mass due to it being Sunday
Monday, December 9 • 7 & 9am, Noon, 7:30pm
The 7:30pm Mass is bilingual, English and Spanish.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 13 • 7:30pm
Join us for scripture and seasonal music.

Parish Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 17 • 6:30pm
a special evening service of reconciliation will be offered with 16 priests. Please be sure to come.

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Please note: opportunities probably will be limited for confessions, although we will have three priests on Sundays of Advent this year. Please plan to attend the parish penance service on December 19.



CELEBRATING *the* CHRISTMAS SEASON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

4:30pm, 8:30pm (preceded by Contemporary Choir Carol Prelude at 8pm)

Midnight Mass • 12am (preceded by Saint Bernadette Choir Prelude of Carols at 11:30pm)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

(Midnight Mass)

7, 9, 11am & 1pm (en español)

Note: There is NO 5pm Mass on Christmas Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

We will follow the regular Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass schedule for the parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

A Holy Day of Obligation

Regular Holy Day schedule: Vigil Tuesday, 7:30pm

Wednesday: 7 & 9am, Noon, 7:30pm (bilingual)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of the LORD

We will follow the regular Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass schedule for the parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

The BAPTISM of the LORD

The Christmas season ends today with our regular daily Mass schedule.

Announcing Saint Bernadette's 2024 Giving Tree

Welcome to our Giving Tree Program.

We welcome you to select an organization from the tree and use the URL or QR code on the tag. We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to help those less fortunate and bring some Christmas joy into others' lives. Some items will be accepted here at the Church. **Plan to make your donation/gift available to the organization by noon on December 6**, to ensure delivery by Christmas. Remember, the most fulfilling way to enjoy Christmas is to give!

Gift Cards can be dropped off @ Parish Office - Sleeping Bags Church

CATHOLIC CHARITIES of the Diocese of Arlington receives hundreds of calls from seniors, the disabled or working poor, families and the unemployed seeking food, toiletries, clothing, and financial assistance for prescriptions, utilities, and rent. Gift cards in \$25 increments to any of the following: Aldi, Wegman's, Walmart, Target, Sheetz or Shell Gas Cards. 50 Sleeping bags with a 32° rating.

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

CHRIST HOUSE This is a men's transitional shelter, and emergency aid office in Old Town Alexandria run by Catholic Charities. It provides food and clothing and helps people in crisis situations to avoid eviction or termination of essential utilities. We are in need of weather-rated sleeping bags.

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

ECHO Ecumenical Community Helping Others is a local service which provides for those in the Springfield area who have difficulty providing for themselves. Please do not buy gift cards for ECHO recipients. ECHO will be collecting their gifts earlier than the other charities.

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

PROJECT GABRIEL / PROJECT RACHEL This organization provides aid for people suffering from the pain of abortion and provides aid for pregnant women in desperate situations.

ALEXANDRIA FOOD PANTRY

Formerly the Catholic Charities food pantry provides perishable and non-perishable food, including fresh produce, dairy, and meat, and basic items such as cereal, canned vegetables, rice, and beans. Amazon, Aldi and Giant Gift Card in increments of \$25 or \$50 can be mailed directly to the organization or dropped by the parish office. **See the gift tag for more information.**

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

ST. ANN'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES is a Catholic Care Center that provides for teen mothers and their children in great need within the Washington area. Your gift can provide support to mothers and Christmas joy to babies and children who have begun life in very difficult circumstances.

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

BETHANY HOUSE provides crisis intervention, safe housing, food, clothing and emotional support and guidance to spouses who have been abused, and to their children. Your gift will be one of the few bright spots in a family which has been torn apart by the tragedy of domestic violence.

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

MIGRATION and REFUGEE SERVICES Your donation supports individuals or families who are coming to our country from very difficult situations through the Diocesan Resettlement Office with only with the clothes they are wearing.

These tags / Gift Cards can be dropped off in the Parish Office

MARY'S COMFORT is a program which provides housing for women facing a crisis pregnancy, along with supportive help and guidance for mother and baby in all stages of care. \$25-\$50 Walmart or Amazon gift cards. Gift cards can be dropped off in the parish office.

May God bless you for your generosity!

Thank you for your continued generosity and support

SAINT BERNADETTE'S WINTER WONDERLAND

DECEMBER 7, 2024
7:30 AM - 12 PM

JOIN US IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND GYM
FOR A MORNING PACKED WITH FESTIVE FUN!



FESTIVAL OF TREES

Visit the Christmas trees decorated by Saint Bernadette classes and enter the raffle to win one!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join the Knights of Columbus for a pancake breakfast and photo op with Santa!



CHRISTMAS SHOP

Let your child shop for friends and family at the Christmas shop. Free gift wrapping included!



Novena to Christ the King

The US Conference of Bishops has offered a novena for the churches to pray for religious freedom in the world, November 15-23, the nine days preceding the Solemnity. Each day has a specific intention:

Nov 15: May all people of faith be free to gather in houses of worship without fear.

Nov 16: May God give hope and courage to people who live in fear of persecution under unjust blasphemy laws.

Nov 17: May the Holy Spirit give us the courage to bear witness to the truth of the gospel, even in the face of social and legal pressure.

Nov 18: May the Lord protect all migrants and refugees, and may those who work with people on the move be free to serve.

Nov 19: May the Lord protect our Christian brothers and sisters in India, who face harassment and violent attacks.

Nov 20: May business leaders be free to promote a culture of life in their workplaces.

Nov 21: May God give us the grace to remember the dignity of all and invite others to do the same.

Nov 22: May governments respect the consciences of all individuals and institutions that care for the sick and vulnerable.

Nov 23: May all Christians serve Christ the King and bear witness to his reign.

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King,
the beginning and end of all things,
you have made your Church to be a people that bears witness to the goodness and beauty of your kingdom.

By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one body, called to live as one family of God.

Fill our hearts with your grace, that we would be close to you by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized.

Give us the patience to share one another's burdens, and give us the courage to always be friends of the truth.

May we remain with you always.
Amen.

This prayer is followed each day by one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Young adults "EXALT"

Young adults are invited to EXALT, an adoration worship celebration sponsored by the Diocese's Young Adult Ministry. Come for worship, rest, prayer, adoration, music, confession. Friday, December 6, 7 - 8:30pm at Nativity Catholic Church in Burke. You can scan the QR code at right for more information.

Parish penance service

It is hard to believe, Advent is a couple of weeks away! We will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation as a parish with 16 priests present on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Mass and healing service

A Mass and healing prayer service is scheduled Tuesday, November 28 at 7pm at the Basilica of St. Mary, 310 S. Royal Street, Alexandria. Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, contact Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

Fair trade sales event at Nativity

Coming Soon! **Fair Trade sales event in the Nativity Catholic Church Cafeteria on Saturday November 30 - Sunday December 1.**

Fair Trade embodies the principles of Catholic Social Teaching including care for God's creation, the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Fair Trade organizations are invested in the people they work with, helping them meet nutritional needs, get access to health care, receive financial training and more. This event will offer beautifully crafted items ranging from jewelry and accessories to home goods, toys, clothing, food, and holiday items--each has a story to tell. Consider meaningful holiday gifts this year and support fair trade! For information, contact George & Kim Young, 703-932-6986.

coming up



Parish Offertory

Offertory 11/17 \$42,191
Catholic Campaign for
Human Development 3,992

Thank you for your faithful support!



Consider using Faith Direct to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards, the same way you make car or tuition payments. Faith Direct also offers personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You may enroll securely online. Visit www.faithdirect.net or call (866)507-8757. Our parish code is VA70.



Parish Christmas Collection | December 7-8, 2024

Your support of Catholic Charities helps serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer – serving our neighbors **right here in our diocese.**

“I called so many different people... Catholic Charities was the only one that said that they could help me.”

CRYSTAL
Received emergency assistance after transplant surgery

“God led me to Catholic Charities Christ House. He made that call.”

DORIAN
Former Christ House resident

“They usually come over here and say, ‘is anybody picking up your food today?’ And then sometimes they’ll bring it over to me.”

GEORGIA
Receives food from Catholic Charities St. Lucy Project

The need continues to grow:



Source: Catholic Charities tracking systems, fiscal years 2022-2024

Catholic Charities serves all those in need regardless of their faith.

To make your gift today, scan the QR code or give online at ccda.net/Christmas



MAKE A GIFT





Parish Christmas Collection
December 7-8, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Catholics, one way we communicate Christ's love to our neighbors in need is by generously sharing with them our time and gifts of charity and of our very selves.

When vulnerable people come to Catholic Charities, they encounter Christ's love and the hope that springs from love. And, in a beautiful way, our own faith is strengthened when we join *Together in Hope* with those needing a helping hand.

As we enter this season of giving, I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting men, women, and families who are in true need throughout our diocese by making a sacrificial gift to the Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection on December 7 and 8.

Be assured of my gratitude and prayers for you and your family. May God fill you with abundant graces during this Holy Season of Advent, as together we look forward in joyful hope to the celebration of the birth of Jesus our Savior.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

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emergency assistance
(rent, utilities, car repair)
2,729

Adults and teens
provided with mental
health counseling
829

People served at the
senior center
(food, activities, exercise)
193

Individuals served by
pregnancy and adoption
services
298

Refugees
resettled or
served
3,211

Prison inmates
who received
spiritual care
1,067

Adults enrolled in
education & workforce
development
(job skills, English classes,
citizenship classes)
1,613

Number of
minors re-united
with their families
290

Source: Catholic Charities tracking systems, fiscal year 2024

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YES! I/We will share our blessings with those in greatest need in our diocese.

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Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

Please call the office also if you would like to request a Mass sooner, that is not announced.

November

25 MONDAY

7am The Cantu Family
9am* The Alain Family
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

26 TUESDAY

7am Thanksgiving
9am* † Gert Cutter
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

27 WEDNESDAY

7am † Jane Hoover
9am* † Zenaida Cruz
Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

28 THURSDAY

10am* † Stan Dereska
Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

29 FRIDAY

7am † Dorothy Lafave
9am* † Pauline Usher
10am** † Emily Macadangdang
Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

30 SATURDAY

8am* † Consuelo Fernandez
Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
5pm* † Peter Olenick

1 SUNDAY

7am † Stephen Waalkes
9am* † Robert Orr
11am* † Mario Fortin
1pm For the parish
5pm † Bernard Hillman
Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Nov 30	5pm	Fr. Don
Dec 1	7am	Fr. Don
	9am	Fr. Jeb
	11am	Fr. James
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	5pm	Fr. Jeb

Parish Prayer List

It has been a long while since we have updated this list. If anyone is listed here who no longer needs to be included, please call the office.

Christopher Ayala, Christy Perez Ayala, Barbara Baxter, Lorenzo Beitia, Benedi Family, Javier Blandon, Marvin Board, Krista Buskey, Eleanor Butler, Josue Cabrera, Frank Caponegro, Victoria Castro Guerra, Hyung Ji Choi, Kathleen Cobb, Emilio A. Conde Hernandez, Joaquin Cortez, Mary Crossin, Fernando Cruz Conde, Jessica Curtis, Russell Cykoski, Celine D'Cruze, Deeney Family, Joanne DeAngelis, Pierre Deslauriers, Ron & Karen Dietz, Nick Domahoski, Sean Duffy, Evans Family, Debbie Field, Thomas Fitzgerald, Paul Flapper, Richard & Veronica Flynn, Mario and Mark Fortin, Jerome Furlow, Elvira Gaudamus, Jim Gribshaw, Bill & Leona Hannon, Andres Hernandez, Lauren Hicks, Shawn Hoisington, Elizabeth Howarth, Matthew Ianuzzi, Masaharu Ishii, Jack Judd, Sage Kalper, Astania Kamau, John Kelly, Theresa Khim, Mike Kidwell, Tim Kirk, John Kochersperger, Large Family, Melissa Lavelle, Lawler Family, Teodora Lim, Sharon Lord, Robert Madison, Minka Malnikof, Alice Martin, Tim McCarthy, Katherine Mehigan, Ken Miller, Jeremy Monsanto, Jonathan Mundell, Mike Mundell, Kathleen Maxwell, Ted Musialkiewicz, Kathleen Murray, Shamsun Nahar, Steve Nelson, Mike Nolen, the Noonan family, Sarah Norton, JoAnne Plavchan, Corina Portillo, Daren Perry, Evan Robish, Joanna Robson, Apolonia Rye, Sagum Family, John Sandidge, B. Schulz, Smith Family, Glendora Spinelli, Ailsa Squatrito, Laura Sutherland, Ellie Urmston, Holger Vargas, Mary Vago, Silvio Villena, Adrienne Vincent, Margaret Wyse, Earnest Yambot, Yessenia Zelaya Diaz.

Pro-Life Witness

The Saint Bernadette Pro-Life Committee invites you to pray the rosary and be a witness to the sanctity of life on Tuesday or Saturday mornings in front of the abortion facility at 2616 Sherwood Hall Lane in Alexandria (ample free parking across the street). We legally, peacefully, and respectfully gather for an hour starting at 10am; no sign-up or commitment required. Questions? Email Tom Palumbo at tompalumbo@outlook.com.

Prime Time Single Catholics

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Meet us for: Ice & Lights Show--Tailgate Party at Cameron Run Park (Dec. 1); Square Dancing at Greenspring Village (Dec. 3, 17); Christmas Party (Dec. 7); Lunch (Dec. 12); Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church (Dec. 15); Walk at Frying Pan Park (Dec. 18); Christmas Concert at Constitution Hall (Dec. 22); Christmas Dinner (Dec. 25); Christ House meal (Dec. 28); New Year's Eve daytime celebration (Dec. 31); New Year's Day lunch (Jan. 1). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Planned giving: make a gift of appreciated assets

Consider a gift of stock or any other appreciated asset as a donation to Saint Bernadette Catholic Church and School. In exchange for a gift of a long-term appreciated asset, you can receive an income tax deduction for the current market value and avoid capital gains taxes on that appreciation. Your gift will support the Church, School, or the Make All Things New Campaign. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at rcaporali@stbernapar.org or call the office.

Remember us in your will or trust

The next time you review your will or trust with your attorney consider adding a provision to donate a portion of your assets to Saint Bernadette Church and School. Your gift will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at rcaporali@stbernapar.org or call the office.

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