

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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.

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025



Moses and the Burning Bush, Marc Chagall, 1966
Musée National Marc Chagall (Nice)



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
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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

march

- 23 Sunday, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 24 Monday, Lenten Weekday**
• Taizé prayer for unity in the church, 8pm. All are Welcome!
- 25 Tuesday, The ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**
- 26 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**
• “The Light is On” confessions, 6:30 - 8pm, church
- 27 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
- 28 Friday, Lenten Weekday**
• **Soup Supper**, 6pm in the cafeteria
• **Stations of the Cross**, 7pm in the church
• **Estaciones de la Cruz**, 8pm in the church
- 29 Saturday, Lenten Weekday**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 30 Sunday, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 31 Monday, Lenten Weekday**

april

- 1 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**
- 2 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit]**
• “The Light is On” confessions, 6:30 - 8pm, church
- 3 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
- 4 Friday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor]**
• **Soup Supper**, 6pm in the cafeteria
• **Stations of the Cross**, 7pm in the church
• **Estaciones de la Cruz**, 8pm in the church
- 5 Saturday, Lenten Weekday**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 6 Sunday, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 7 Monday, Lenten Weekday [Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest]**
- 8 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**
• **Parish Lenten Penance Service** with 16 priests, 6:30pm in the church
- 9 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**
• “The Light is On” confessions, 6:30 - 8pm, church
- 10 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
- 11 Friday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr]**
• **Soup Supper**, 6pm in the cafeteria
• **Stations of the Cross**, 7pm in the church
• **Estaciones de la Cruz**, 8pm in the church
- 12 Saturday, Lenten Weekday**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

announcements

65%
of goal

Bishop's Lenten Appeal

We're at 65% with 447 pledges (28% of families). Just drop your pledge envelopes in the basket at Mass or at the office, or visit

www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA Please indicate you are a parishioner here and it will count toward our parish goal of \$560,000.

Now accepting applications for PRE-Kinderergarten in our school. Interested in joining our school community? We focus on faith formation, academic excellence, and community service. Visit our website: www.stbernschool.org/admissions-process/

All women are invited to a Lenten Night of Reflection with a special talk given by Fr. Don, Saturday, March 29 from 7-9pm in the Saint Bernadette School Gym. Please join us for refreshments and for small group discussion.

Come one, Come all! Saturday, 5 April 10am-2pm. Please come help spruce up the church in preparation for Easter. Many hands make light work. We will be working on pews, floors around the pews, candle areas, altar, and choir loft. <https://signup.com/go/gOiQRAS>

All Saints Church Multi-Car Raffle is still in full swing. Four vehicles will be raffled along with a \$20,000 cash drawing, plus other cash drawings. The final deadline for ticket returns is April 29th. The drawings begin at 1:00pm Saturday, May 3rd, at All Saints Parish in Manassas. Please return all tickets by mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided.

Lenten Observances

Fasting: Food equivalent to one regular meal, one small meal – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Abstinence: No meat – ALL Fridays

Parish Soup Suppers: Fridays in Lent, 6pm

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, 7pm in English, 8pm in Spanish, in the church

Lent Confessions: Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, Saturdays, 3:30-4:30pm (as usual). *Please plan confessions early in the season to avoid running out of time.*

Parish Penance Service: Tuesday, April 8, 6:30pm

from the pastor

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Some weeks are easier than others to meet a bulletin deadline with an article. This week I'm struggling. As I write this, the ceasefire in Gaza has ended and escalated destruction is promised. There were another thousand dead and wounded people today as missiles destroy their tent cities. Focused on all the news here, the destruction of the West Bank (what is left of Palestinian territories) is underway, largely overlooked by the news cycle. East Jerusalem and Bethlehem could become another Gaza. Apparently our loyalty to Ukraine is no more after losing nearly 500,000 soldiers, according to U.S. officials. Not to mention the family that each of these Ukrainians and Russians leave behind. It is heartbreaking, all of it.

We have also been praying for people in Sudan, a conflict that I am ashamed to say I knew little about. Sudan is on the other side of Egypt from the Holy Land, to the south. I looked it up. In 2003 there were already a million refugees in Sudan from South Sudan and neighboring countries. Military overthrows by warring factions following an autocratic leader have, in the past five years, displaced 12.5 million people. Last year, complicated by new climate realities, an officially confirmed famine threatens everyone. Half of the population, some 25.6 million people, need assistance and protection and face acute food insecurity, 8.5 million of them at emergency levels. Cholera, measles and malaria are spreading at a time when two thirds of the population do not have access to health care. 90 percent of the country's 19 million school-age children have no access to education.

These are the places where CRS, Catholic Relief Services, uses our support to help people. Every rice bowl from you makes a difference.

We consider the penance we are doing in Lent as effective for the reparation of our own sins, personally, but our Lenten sacrifices and good works are also efficacious when applied to the sins of the world in a broader sense.

We can apply the grace of our actions for the benefit of others. When I talk about this with my non-Catholic friends they

find it a strange concept, because faith for most of the world is just "between me and God." According to Catholic tradition, you can ask God to use that grace for whomever needs it most. Maybe you can receive Holy Communion and ask that the grace be given to your non-Catholic wife or husband, or a son or daughter who might not be coming to church anymore.

Sometimes you will hear that the Pope has declared a day of fasting for the intention of world peace, or for the sanctity of life. We do not pray for concepts, but to benefit people. Our prayers, fasting and almsgiving may be offered to God for a person who might be able to bring about the change that is needed, or people who might die of hunger today in Sudan. Or they may benefit the Christian and Muslim families who, in the Gaza tragedy, are largely forgotten.

They might be offered for the conversion of heart of the very ones who are causing so much suffering and death.

Consider this for Lent. Take a day each week and fast or pray a little extra, or intentionally offer up your joys and sorrows, your successes and failures, breakthroughs and frustrations for these, the least of our brothers and sisters, as Christ himself clearly explained to us.

Who knows what the general judgment on last day will be like? The Church teaches that it will take place at the end of time, after the resurrection of the dead, when Christ returns to judge the living and the dead, revealing the full consequences of human actions and determining eternal destinies.

Not the *particular* judgment which every soul will experience at the hour of death, this "universal judgment" is the moment when all people will be judged at the end of time, according to what we did to care for one another and how the consequences of our good or evil deeds have affected the overall virtue of all.

We are responsible for each other, bound together... so let us get going with our prayers, good works and sacrifices for the benefit of those who need the grace we can share to do the right thing.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

Saint Patrick's Day comes to school

When one thinks of celebrations from school memories, celebrating Saint Patrick's Day comes up frequently. While there is not as much candy as on Saint Valentine's Day, students of Saint Bernadette still enjoyed marking this special day in faith-filled ways.

Fourth grade students study a saint a month and, of course, March is for learning about Saint Patrick – his journey and mission to spread the faith to Ireland. While examining his journey, students also planned and budgeted a trip to Ireland included planning sightseeing, souvenirs, lodging, and food. Their addition and subtraction math skills were tested to have a fun trip, but still have enough money for the return flight home!

When kindergarteners returned from PE and the library, they discovered a leprechaun had visited the classroom! The students had to find where the leprechaun had hidden the pot of gold so they could take one coin home. The clover symbol is a perfect way to teach students about the trinity. The kindergarteners discussed God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and created a clover craft.

First-grade students pondered the question, "What is worth more than gold?" Using a bubble graphic organizer, they wrote about the things in their lives that were worth more than gold: God, family, and friends. These paragraphs were proudly displayed in the hallways. Drawing on the luck of the day theme, students wrote notes to their classmates, sharing why they were lucky to have each other in the same class.

During computer classes, older students created pixel art within a STEM challenge framework. Others created digital glyphs to describe themselves. While the lessons featured Saint Patrick's Day symbols, they also reinforced valuable keyboarding skills and multimedia concepts.

Although the our official colors are red and black, there is plenty of green for Saint Patrick's Day.



cardinal corner



FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
= CHRIST

Now enrolling PRE-Kindergarten

Interested in joining our school community? We focus on faith formation, academic excellence, and community service.

We are now accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year. Visit our website: www.stbernschool.org/admissions-process/

religious education

Weekly update

Please contact Lynn Jones, Director of Religious Education, at 703-451-8576, ext 136; Arlyn Agasen, ext 132, or Victor Mendez, Administrative Assistant, at ext 138.

RE regular schedule:

Tuesday Session
5:30–6:45pm

Wednesday Session
6–7:15pm

youth ministry

Stay in touch:

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

Follow us on Instagram @stbernyouth

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Mee, at gme@stbermpar.org with any questions you may have.

RE Program upcoming schedule

Regular classes: Mar. 25-26, and Apr. 2 (Wed.). No class on Tuesday Apr. 1 due to FCPS student holiday
Saturday SPRED class, Mar. 22, Apr. 5.
Sunday Family Faith Formation Class: Apr. 6.

CRS Rice Bowls

Our students received Rice Bowls which raise funds for the good works of Catholic Relief Services at classes last week. Please take this on as a family Lenten activity. Plan to return the rice bowl on April 8 and 9.

Trinity House Family Donut Social

Mark your calendars! Join us on March 23 in the school cafeteria for fellowship, hospitality, and kids' activities after the

9am Mass! Come visit with other parish families while you enjoy coffee, juice, and donuts while your children do some fun activities with volunteers! Our next Family Donut Social will be on April 27.

Living the liturgical year

During Lent our parish hosts Friday meatless soup suppers at 6pm right before Stations of the Cross at 7pm in English, and 8pm in Spanish. Plan to join us next week! Not sure how to introduce your kids to Stations of the Cross? Go to Look to Him and Be Radiant to download a free printable booklet about it! <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2025/02/simple-stations-of-cross-booklet-for.html>.



Moses and the Burning Bush, a mosaic in the apse of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Girls' Craft Night - March 26

All 8th - 12th grade girls are invited to our March Girls' Craft Night on Wednesday March 26th! We will be making rosaries. Join us from 7-8:30pm in the youth room. Contact Grace Mee for more information. gme@stbermpar.org.

Middle School Youth Ministry Next gathering April 2

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 Dinner - April 5

All High Schoolers are invited to join us for food, friends, and fellowship on Saturday, April 5th from 6-8pm in the Bradican Room. Contact Grace Mee with any questions.

WorkCamp adult volunteers still needed

-- 1 woman to serve as an Adult Crew Leader for the week June 21-27
-- 1 contractor to supervise the repairs performed at the resident's home June 22-26. Please contact Matthew Frey with any questions: matthew_c_frey@yahoo.com or 571-265-5258.

Bishop Ireton Theater presents Guys and Dolls!

The show will run on April 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7pm; April 6 at 2pm in Garwood Whaley Auditorium, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314. Event page with details: <https://www.bishopireton.org/fine-arts/theater-arts>
Direct Ticket Link: <https://bihs.booktix.com/>

Holy Week 2025 *Semana Santa*



Holy Thursday

APRIL 17

(No morning Mass; no hay misas por la mañana)

8AM
Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

7:30PM
Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual)

The concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood by Jesus at the Last Supper. The commandment of love is symbolized by the Mandatum, or foot washing, where Jesus teaches, "As I have done, so must you also do." Parishioners are encouraged to join in the ancient Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to its place of repose in the gymnasium, where adoration will continue until midnight as we accompany Jesus in his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Misa de la Cena del Señor

(Misa Bilingue) La Misa de la Última Cena del Señor, recuerda la institución de la Eucaristía y el Sacerdocio por Jesús. Su mandamiento de Amor está simbolizado por el Mandatum, o la Lavadura de los Pies, cuando Jesús enseña: "Como he hecho, como deben hacer también." Todos son invitados para participar en la procesión del Santísimo Sacramento a su lugar de reposición en el gimnasio, donde adoración va a continuar hasta a medianoche, y acompañamos a Jesús en su agonía en el Jardín de Getsemané.

11:45PM
Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)
Night Prayer will conclude Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel.



Good Friday

APRIL 18

(No morning Mass; no hay misas por la mañana)

8AM
Office of Readings / Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

12-3PM
"Tre Ore" - the Seven Last Words of Jesus in meditation and song (limited confessions will be available)

3PM
Stations of the Cross (English)

4PM
Via Crucis (en español)

5PM
La Pasión y Veneración de la Santa Cruz (español)

En la liturgia de Viernes Santo, nos reuniremos en observancia de la muerte salvífica de Cristo, y leeremos el evangelio de su Pasión, oraremos por la iglesia universal, y veneraremos su Cruz en un rito muy antiguo. Recibimos, también, la Eucaristía, preparada en la Misa de Jueves Santo.

La ofrenda hoy es para el mantenimiento de los lugares santos en Tierra Santa.

7:30PM
The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (English)

We assemble in observance of Christ's saving death, by reading the narrative of his Passion, praying for the Universal Church, venerating his Cross in this ancient Rite and receiving Holy Communion which was consecrated on the previous evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

The Good Friday collection assists the maintenance of the Shrines in the Holy Land.



Holy Saturday

APRIL 19

(No 8am or 5pm Mass; no hay misas a las 8am ni 5pm)

8AM
Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

10AM Easter Foods Blessing

8:30PM
The Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord (bilingual)

What Sunday is to the week, Easter Sunday is to the year. This holiest of nights we celebrate the victory over death and promise of eternal life given to us by Jesus Christ in his resurrection from the dead. The Liturgy includes the Service of Light, the Vigil of Readings and Psalms, the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for those who have prepared all year for initiation in the Catholic Church, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please note the unusual time that we begin: it marks the end of twilight and the beginning of Easter Sunday.

La Vigilia

Esta noche, la más santa, celebramos la victoria sobre la muerte y el promesa de la vida eterna dado a nosotros por Cristo en su resurrección de la muerte. La liturgia incluye el Servicio de la Luz, la Vigilia de las Lecturas y Salmos, la Celebración de los Sacramentos de la Iniciación, el Bautismo y la Confirmación para los que han preparado todo el año para ser recibidos por la iglesia Católica, y la Liturgia de la Eucaristía.

Easter Sunday

APRIL 20

7, 9, AND 11AM, AND 1PM (SPANISH)

The Resurrection of the Lord

Please note: there will be NO 5PM Mass on Easter Sunday!

Lent 2025



Fasting, Abstinence, and Prayer, Soup Suppers & Stations of the Cross



Lent is a special time of quiet and personal reflection as well as a time in which the parish comes together to observe special devotions and gatherings.

Remember, Fridays are days of abstinence from meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting and abstinence**, which means no meat *and* we eat only one full meal and two small meals not equalling one full meal, with no snacks in between.

Join us for our parish Lenten Soup Suppers on Fridays at 6pm!

We celebrate the Way of the Cross, or Stations of the Cross, on Fridays at 7pm in English, and 8pm in Spanish in the church.

Confessions



Our special **Parish Penance Service** with 16 priests will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30pm in the church. Please plan to join us.

Confessions will be available also on Wednesday nights, 6:30-8pm and the normal time, 3:30pm on Saturdays. *Please plan to come earlier in the season so as not to encounter limited opportunities later.*

2025 Bishop's Lenten Appeal *Abounding in Hope*

Thank you to those who have pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a commitment. The BLA unites as a diocesan family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. Every donation, large or small, is essential. You may mail a pledge, go online to arlingtondiocese.org/BLA to make a gift.

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, March 25, is our next **Lunch with Friends** at noon, at Milano's Family Restaurant, 6230 Rolling Road. We will meet for this casual lunch on the first Tuesday of each month.

Monday, March 31 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.

Knitting/crochet ministry

Join our Friday Nights virtual and in person meetings - Knitting/Crochet Ministry at St. Bernadette Church in the Bradican Room, Friday evenings from 5 to 6:30pm. and in-person meetings on the 3rd Friday of the month, same time. The main objective of the knitting group is to be able, as a community, to help the very poor by donating our products to the less fortunate through charity organizations, and at the same time have fun while meeting other knitters, making good friends, and sharing our favorite knitting skills. You don't need to know how to knit or crochet to join the club, other knitters will teach you.

Yarn donations: Our Ministry is now concentrating in making baby blankets, as it is the demand at the moment.

Therefore, we welcome yarn donations, provided it is suitable for baby blankets, e.g., soft and right thickness.

Contact: Lerick Kebeck: 703-477-1725; or Lsotelo0712@yahoo.com





Live Jesus! 2025 at St. John Neumann Saturday, Mar. 29

Live Jesus! is a Catholic Lenten gathering that includes a morning of reflection, fellowship and prayer based on the humble and gentle spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal. Registration is free (although the event is



wholly supported by freewill donations), and encouraged for anyone high school age and above!

St. John Neumann Catholic Church (11900 Lawyers Rd., Reston VA) on Saturday, March 29 beginning with breakfast at 8am and speakers at 9am. The keynote speaker is Fr. James Greenfield, OSFS and two secondary speakers are Olivia Wills Kane and Carol Swiger, founder of Live Jesus! For more details and registration, visit oblates.org/events-feed/live-jesus-2025 or scan the QR code.

Walking with Purpose night of reflection

All women are invited to a Lenten Night of Reflection with a special talk given by Fr. Don Rooney. Saturday, March 29th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the St. Bernadette School Gym. Invite a friend to join us for hot chocolate, tea, and light hors d'oeuvres along with a chance for small group discussion!

Support Catholic Relief Services International with Rice Bowls of the change you bring in Lent

Shahadat Hossain lives on Manpura Island in Bangladesh. He is a successful vegetable farmer who grows beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, eggplants and green chilis. He spends his day caring for his cows and tending the garden plots on his family's land. Their farm provides nutritious food for Shahadat's family to eat and extra produce he can sell at the market. Despite these challenges, Shahadat didn't give up. He and his mother joined a Catholic Relief Services' project—implemented in partnership with Caritas Bangladesh—that helps families reduce their risk from natural disasters like flooding, cyclones and river erosion. They learned how to protect their crops from floodwaters by planting on raised garden beds. They also learned how to make organic fertilizer to grow healthier crops. With their new skills, Shahadat and his mother boosted their vegetable harvest in just one year. Then they bought cows and chickens and sold the eggs for additional income. Soon, Shahadat could afford to pay for his college tuition and for the education of his brothers.

To Donate please visit <https://tinyurl.com/34sdsx4> or take and return a Rice Bowl from the church vestibule. Please return no later than April 11, 2025. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Relief Services.

Calling all softball players

The Parish fields a softball team in the Fairfax County Adult Softball League, Church Division, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council. We are seeking men and women over the age of 18 who may wish to participate. Games are played in the Centerville area on weeknights from April through June, usually one night per week. If you have experience and a desire to compete, please reach out to Mark Price at 703-894-8300 or email at mnpprice@verizon.net. We are especially in need of younger players to remain competitive. You do not need to be a member of the Knights to play.



Parish Offertory

March 16:
Offertory \$29,856

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.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

March

24 MONDAY

7am Angie Ramos
9am* † Tom Madden
2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

25 TUESDAY

7am Mike Ramey
9am* † Sr. Louise DuFour, DW
Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

26 WEDNESDAY

7am Kathy Thompson
9am* † Mary Mountel
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

27 THURSDAY

7am † Jack Popeck
9am* † Jorge Calat
Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

28 FRIDAY

7am † Traves Washburn
9am* † Alicia Valderrama
10am** † Roy Kepferle
Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

29 SATURDAY

8am* † Joseph Macek
Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
5pm* For the parish

30 SUNDAY

7am The Steeman Family
9am* † Henry Shinol
11am* † Alan Thomas Okopinski
1pm † Mercedes & Fideligno Corredor
5pm † Lynn Nash
Jos 5:9a-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
* live-streamed Masses
** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

March 29	5pm	Fr. Don
March 30	7am	Fr. Don
	9am	Fr. Jeb
	11am	Fr. Cedric
	1pm	Fr. Jeb
	5pm	Fr. James

Parish Prayer List

Jessica Curtis, Sean Duffy, Paul Flapper, Mark Fortin, Shamsun Nahur, Kamden Harriet, Alisa Squatrito, Jerome Furlow, Joanne DeAngelis, Jim Gribschaw, Pierre DesLauriers, Frank Caponegro, Krista Buskey, Helena Larsen, Cristy Perez Ayala, Amy Greenlee, Larry Lawrence, Thomas Fitzgerald, Adrian Vincente, Evan Robish, Kathryn Yeager.

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.

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 parish hall Capital Campaign. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at rcaporali@stbernpar.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@stbernpar.org or call the office.

Associates of Saint John Bosco scholarships

The Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), a Catholic non-profit in the diocese founded by Fr. Christopher Vaccaro, has opened

its scholarship application for all current and rising college students. ASJB will be awarding up to \$40,000 to up to five recipients who seek to serve the Church in some way after they graduate from college. Applicants must be residents of the Diocese of Arlington. Students may apply by May 19, 2025, by visiting: www.asjb.org/scholarship-program.

The Car Ministry

If you have a used car to donate, please consider The Car Ministry, a charitable agency that processes and repairs donated vehicles, which are given at no cost to families and individuals who can support a car, and who have been referred by pastors and social workers. These vehicles transform people's lives because transportation allows them to obtain employment in places that were previously inaccessible, and be self-sufficient. For more information, contact Larry Gordon (703) 237-8479.

Consider a volunteer mentor role at Mary's Comfort

Mary's Comfort maternity shelter is growing our mentoring team! We're in need of additional mentors to work directly with our guests and closely with other dedicated volunteers as we support pregnant women in crisis. Please see our website for more details about our program <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/>. If interested in becoming a mentor, email maryscomfortva@gmail.com with a brief summary of your interest and your contact information. Your love and support will make a long-term positive impact on the lives of pregnant mothers and their children.

Mass intentions available

It is unusual, but requests are very slow right now for Mass intentions. Of course, a Mass is the best thing you can do for loved ones who have died, but also an important way to show someone how much you care for them by having a Mass celebrated for their intentions. There is no fee -- but a freewill offering to the church is customary, usually \$10. Also, you don't have to be present for Masses you request. Our most unrequested Masses are 7am weekdays.



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