

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024



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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am

WEEKDAY

M - F: 6:15 and 9:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

M 9:30am, W 7-7:45pm; F 6:45am; Sat 3:30-4:30pm

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS Week of April 1-April 7, 2024

MON 4/01 - Saint Hugh

6:15am William Noble †
9:00am Butch Chwika

TUE 4/02 - Saint Francis of Paola

6:15am Joseph Dillon
9:00am Msgr. Patrick Dempsey

WED 4/03 - Saint Richard

6:15am Joyce Thompson †
9:00am Postulant Nhung Vu

THU 4/04 - Saint Isidore of Seville

6:15am Stella Henderson †
9:00am Margaret Kelly

6:30pm Memorial Mass for Michael Akwa †

FRI 4/05 - Saint Vincent Ferrer

6:15am Ann Mika
9:00am Michael Belland †

SAT 4/06 - Saint Marcellinus of Carthage

9:00am Evenizer Nanalig †

Sat Vigil (Meets Sunday Obligation)
5:00pm Herminia Quiambao †

SUN 4/07 - 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

7:30am Monks - St. Anselm's Abbey of Wash DC
9:00am Ty Turk
11:00am Mary Potosnak †

Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 2024

Come and participate in group prayer as we publicly pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Chaplet and Confessions begin the Church at the Hour of Jesus' death, 3:00 pm, as is the historical practice with adherents to St. Faustine's wonderful vision.



Pray Daily for a Future Priest or Sister:

See the parish pamphlet rack for a brochure explaining the Diocese of Arlington's St. Therese Vocation Society. Members commit to praying daily for vocations and for individuals in formation as priests and religious. Those who join receive a quarterly calendar in the mail which lists the name of one person to pray for each day. There are no dues or required meetings. The prayers can be done at home on your own time. To see a sample prayer calendar or to sign-up online go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st-therese-society/>. Also, please continue to pray for seminarian **Sean Mazary** who was here with us at St. Lawrence a few summers ago and for **Nhung Vu**, daughter of Tien Vu and Lan Do who is a postulant with the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus in Ohio.

Liturgical and Ministry Activity

This Week At a Glance

NO CCD Classes until April 8

Mon 4/01 **OLPH Novena** 7:15 pm
Tue 4/02 **Legion of Mary** 7:30 pm
Wed 4/03 **Fatima Prayer Cell** after 9 am Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-1 pm
Confessions 7:00pm
Holy Hour 7:15pm
Thu 4/04 **11am Choir Practice** 7:00 pm
Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm
Fri 4/05 **Confessions** 6:45am
First Friday Adoration at Basilica 10-11p
Sat 4/06 **That Man is You** 7:00 - 8:30 am
First Saturday Devotions 8:30
Confessions 3:30-4:30pm

OUR PARISH IS SUBSCRIBED TO *FORMED.ORG*

FORMED brings beautiful and faithful Catholic content to parishes, families, and individuals. There is something for everyone here: award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kid's programming.

*This is PROVIDED AT NO
ADDITIONAL COST TO OUR
PARISHIONERS!*

Go to [Formed.org](https://formed.org) and put in "St Lawrence" to enjoy learning about your Faith!!!

Two suggested EASTER Formed Videos:

For Adults: "Easter Sunday: Jesus' Resurrection."

For kids: "Minno: Laugh and Grow, BIBLE FOR KIDS, EASTER"

ATTENTION TEENS AND PRENTS:

◆ Every Tuesday High School Youth Class from 7-8:15pm.
Please contact the youth office at 703-971-8541 or youth@stlawrencealex.org for info.



Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this Easter Season, I reflect on how blessed we are as followers of Christ to live in a diocese that has been given abundant blessings. Our Risen Lord invites us to take those blessings and walk in newness of life as his sons and daughters, each and every day.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary as a diocese, we are renewed in the joyful hope of witnessing and celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Now strengthened in this hope-filled faith, we can better respond to his call to witness to the Risen Lord with greater authenticity, to follow his commands, and willingly proclaim our faith and the truth of the Gospel boldly and lovingly.

By relying on God and trusting in his grace, may we strive daily to live in Christ Jesus, who rose from the dead, bringing a message of new life in him. Jesus Christ is risen today; he is victorious, and his victory is ours. For this reason, we sing 'Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Please be assured of a special remembrance in my prayers for you and your family. May Our Risen Lord shower his abundant blessings upon you at Easter and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



PRAY IN SONG

The 11am choir is looking for additional members. If you enjoy prayer through song, please join us for practice Thursdays at 7pm and for Mass at 11am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. There are no 'try-outs' and all are welcome!

SENIOR PARISHIONER "GET TOGETHERS"

The Seniors meet biweekly at 10:15 a.m. in the parish hall. Our biweekly "get togethers" will include fellowship, as well as discussions about relevant issues facing the elderly.

Please join us on April 4th at 10:15 a.m. in the parish hall for the next meeting of the St. Lawrence Senior Group! All are welcome! For questions, please contact Anne McCray at springfield.ed@sunriseseniorliving.com.

Please Pray for the Sick of our parish family, including: Anne Marie Pierce, Dr. Ronald Gripshover, Giovanna Faustina Annarella, Jenny Antoun, Lorenzo Betia, Leah Bloom, Dave Bocchino, Maria Bonfanti, Betty Bonifer, Melanie Brady, Luis Cristian Carranza, Joan Charters, Pat Childers, Barry Childers, Baby Reese Clasen, Renate Craft, Nancy Crowley, Ann Cullen, Joan Curley, John D'Adamo, Anna Deaver, Felicia DiFeo, Kevin Donaleski, Evan Duncan, Hilda Elizondo, Jay Farabaugh, Francis Flaherty, John Forrester, Barbara Gaul, William Geoghegan, Julia Delli Gatti, Patricia Gilcrest, Jaime Guzman, Karina Hanna, Christal Eve Herrera, Judy and Kevin Jackson, Judith Jackson, Mary Kirby, Tom Kirby, Jr., Richard Kuron Sr., Donald Lawson, Antonio Yu An Leng, Patricia Lewis, Kathleen MacQueeney, Rita MacQueeney, Jack Marzan, Martha Mastic, Deborah Miller, Nhung "Kim" Miller, Robert Nguyen, Matthew Peters, Robert Pettiti, Justin Pham, Aubrey Polson, Ginny Rauer, Joanne Robertson, Vin Rosano, Eduardo San Diego, Hannelore Smallfield, Randy Souther, Raymond Stanekenas, Kurt Steinbacher, Donna Sullivan, Henry Taylor, Zemui Teklu, Jun Tolentino, Anthony Torres, Minh Tran, David Verbano, and Marie Victorino.



Mother of God, we seek your intercession for our sick!!!

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

We pray for those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, most recently we remember: **Yolanda Malferrari, Josephine Turk, Stella Henderson, Eduardo Barrios, Msgr. Roy Cosby, Palbo Maldonado, Jim Weaver, Wilfredo Picardo, and Rowene Valdellon.**

We also pray for the souls of the following deceased loved ones on this month's anniversary of their deaths:

Purificacion P. Ebdani (d. April 1, 2008)
Sovanny Saray (d. April 7, 2021)
Jose Dos Ramos (d. April 7, 2022)
Robert F. Corgan (d. April 8, 2023)
Robert D. Morgan, Sr. (d. April 10, 2018)
Sidney Ho (d. April 11, 2023)
Lisa Marie Wilusz (d. April 11, 2017)
Tracey Ann Taylor (April 18, 2016)
Evelyn Santone (d. April 24, 2017)

(If you have a memorial of a death you wish remembered in the Parish please contact the office, giving the name and anniversary date.)

Bishop's Lenten Appeal

The theme for the 2024 BLA is shared with the theme of our Diocesan Jubilee: "Behold, I make all things new." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. As we look forward to the celebration of the 50-year Golden Anniversary of our diocese, let us renew our commitment to the Lord and be inspired to share what we have received from Him.



SCAN ME

We are now at 93% of our Annual Goal

**We have More New pledges!
Less Than \$20,000 in Pledges to GO!**

**Lets End our Narthex Campaign by Easter!!
Pledge today!!**

We Now Have Building Project Pledges in the Amount of \$1.982 Million

Twelve Seminarians to be Ordained Transitional Deacons

On Saturday, April 6, Bishop Burbidge will ordain 12 seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: Timothy Banach, Emmanuel Carreño-García, Joseph Connor, Jordan Evans, John Fimmuchime, Raymond Goins, Andrew Lewandowski, Richard Malebranche, John Meyerhofer, Christian Njodzela, Michael Sampson and Alfredo Tuesta. The Mass will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn at 11 a.m. and will also be livestreamed. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests (God willing)!



Sacristan Assistants/ Substitutes

We are looking for someone who can fill in when our regular sacristan is away. The basic responsibilities are:

- ◆ Set up the Altar for 9:00 AM weekday and Sunday Masses
- ◆ Change the candle and the Altars cloths when needed
- ◆ Soak, rinse, launder, and iron the linens used for Holy Mass once a week
- ◆ Keep the Altar and the floor of the sanctuary clean
- ◆ Water plants once a week

If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful work, please either call or email the parish office.



Our parish garden is one of the most beautiful gardens in Alexandria thanks to the loving attention of Tien Vu, our talented Facilities Manager. We would like a team of volunteers called "Our Lady's Gardeners" to help Tien pick up the leaves, especially those large magnolia leaves in front of Our Blessed Mother. Please see Mr. Vu if you wish to volunteer 20 -30 minutes a week to this ministry. God bless you.

Parents Ministry

If you're bringing home a newborn, recovering from illness or surgery, or facing any other major life event and could use some help with meals, your St. Lawrence family would love to support you with a Meal Train. Contact the parish office or email parents@stlawrencealex.org, and we will set up a Meal Train page for you to coordinate your fellow parishioners bringing you dinners.

The Parents Ministry is preparing to offer childcare in the parish hall during confession one Saturday a month. If you love kids and are interested in volunteering, please email parents@stlawrencealex.org or contact the parish office. We welcome volunteers of all ages and will be in touch with more information soon.

ATTENTION! COMING SOON! CONVERSATION CLASSES IN SPANISH AND FRENCH.

Weekly classes begin April 11th and 12th.
Spanish on Thursdays from 11:30 - 12:30 pm
French on Fridays from 10:30 - 11:30 am
(No French Classes on First Fridays).
More details to come! If interested, call the Rectory.

MAKE ROSARYS TO SPREAD THE FAITH

If you would like to assist in spreading the use of the Rosary, we are in need of persons who would like to make Rosaries which we provide for free by the Book Rack and which are very popular. No experience necessary, if you can tie a knot, you can spread Mary's love for Christ. Call the Office for info.



KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR SOUGHT



No experience required. Graces await. If you are a young man who was received the Sacrament of the Eucharist and are interested in learning to serve at the altar, please have your parents contact the parish office.

MEN-REINVIGORATE YOUR FAITH
TMIY IS LOOKING FOR GOOD MEN
WHO ARE TRYING TO BE GOOD
CATHOLICS IN A COMPLEX WORLD
EVERY Saturday Morning-7am

Meetings Every Saturday!!!

A Program Designed to help Men
Seeking SPIRITUAL PEACE

That Man is You! Call the office for info.



PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

We are a social group, mostly age 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate membership group). Meet us for: Easter dinner (March 31). For details, visit our

website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.