

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION - SERVICES

Parish Registration - Prior to receiving particular services from the parish, one must be registered. You may register on the parish website or pick up a registration form at the rectory or in the vestibule of the Church.

Prayers/Visits for Ill or Homebound - If you are ill and would like to be placed on the prayer list or have Holy Communion brought to the home, or if you need to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

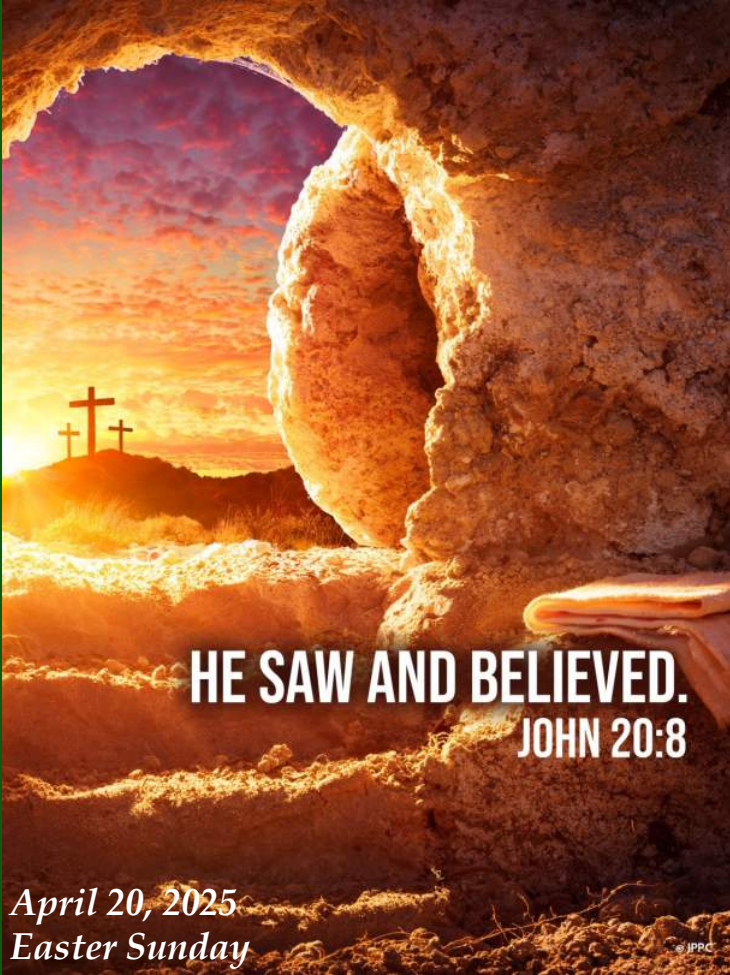
Baptisms - Baptisms are generally held the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:30 pm. Parents must be registered members of the parish and first time parents must attend a one session pre-Baptismal class, offered once a month, usually the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Sponsor Affidavits attest that a parishioner is in good standing and is qualified to act as a Godparent for Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation. See website for requirements and Parishioner Sponsor form.

Sacrament of Matrimony - Contact the office at least 6 months before your desired wedding date. Marriage Preparation is required by Church Law to enable a couple to fully understand the holiness and obligations of the Sacrament.

Religious Education (CCD) - All children not attending a Catholic School who are in the first grade and up should be enrolled in the Parish Religious Education Program. Please call for details.

O.C.I.A. - The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Contact the Religious Education Office.



HE SAW AND BELIEVED.
JOHN 20:8

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday

Parish Clergy and Staff

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS, LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

Monday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. during Lent

Friday 6:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. during Lent

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

NOVENA to Our Lady Perpetual Help

Monday 7:15 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Wed 9:30 - 1 p.m.

HOLY HOUR Wednesday 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, 4/21	Easter Monday
6:15 a.m.	Special Intention
9:00 a.m.	Paula Battistoni
Tuesday, 4/22	Easter Tuesday
6:15 a.m.	Joseph Raiger †
9:00 a.m.	Stan Menker †
Wednesday 4/23	Easter Wednesday
6:15 a.m.	David Lewis †
9:00 a.m.	Theresa A. Carroll +
Thursday 4/24	Easter Wednesday
6:15 a.m.	Dr. Sonia Alencherry
9:00 a.m.	John Thomas Maguire †
Friday 4/25	Easter Thursday
6:15 a.m.	Dr. Jenny Lynn
9:00 a.m.	Christine Sopko
Saturday 4/26	Easter Saturday
9:00 a.m.	Peter Nguyen †
(Vigil for Sun.)	Council of Catholic Women (Liv/Dec.)
5:00 p.m.	
Sunday 4/27	Divine Mercy Sunday
7:30 a.m.	Tom & Sheila Bruen
9:00 a.m.	Lucia Rodriguez
11:00 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

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 or scan the QR code to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



SCAN ME

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

NO Classes 4/24

French conversation classes meet every Thursday in Hammond Hall from 10:30 - 12:00 Noon

Spanish conversation classes meet every Thursday in Hammond Hall from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

If interested, call the parish office and leave a message. ALL ARE WELCOME



Liturgical and Ministry Activity

This Week At a Glance

CCD Classes resume 4/28

Mon 4/21	Confessions 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. OLPH Novena 7:15 p.m.
Tues 4/22	Legion of Mary 7:30 p.m.
Wed 4/23	Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00 Mass Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Confessions 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Holy Hour 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Thu 4/24	Women's Bible Study 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. 11:00 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Fri. 4/25	Confessions 6:45 a.m.
Sat 4/26	That Man is You 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Confessions 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 27

Come and participate in group prayer as we publicly pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Chaplet and Confessions will begin in the Church at the Hour of Jesus' death, 3:00 p.m., on April 27th, as is the historical practice with adherents to St. Faustina's wondrous vision!!



PRAY IN SONG

The 11 am 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!



Join Catholic Charities in Serving the Vulnerable!

As the charitable arm of our church, we need volunteers to help us fulfill our mission of caring for those in need. Your time and compassion can make a lasting impact. Be part of something meaningful—sign up today! volunteer.ccda.net or call : (703) 224-1478

The Council of Catholic Women VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering for our **Christ House Ministry** through CCW. St. Lawrence provides an evening meal every second Monday of the month at Christ House in Old Town. **The next date is April 14.**



Volunteers provide ingredients for the main course, vegetables, bread, desserts, and/or their time to support this ministry. Please contact our coordinator Rita Tassa by emailing either ccw@stlawrencealex.org or office@stlawrencealex.org

Please Pray for the Sick of our

parish family, including: Anne Marie Pierce, Dr. Ronald Griphover, Colleen Adamson, Curley Anderko, Giovanna Faustina Annarella, Jenny Antoun, Sandy Bertini, Lorenzo Betia, Leah Bloom, Dave Bocchino, Maria Bonfanti, Betty Bonifer, Melanie Brady, Luis Cristian Carranza, Joan Charters, Barry Childers, Pat Childers, Baby Reese Clasen, Josie Cofer, Renate Craft, Nancy Crowley, Ann Cullen, John D'Adamo, Anna Deaver, Gary DeMarco, Felicia DiFeo, Kevin Donaleski, Evan Duncan, Hilda Elizondo, Francis Flaherty, John Forrester, Barbara Gaul, William Geoghegan, Julia Delli Gatti, Patricia Gilcrest, Jaime Guzman, Carl Haines, Karina Hanna, Christal Eve Herrera, Elizabeth Horswell, Judy and Kevin Jackson, Judith Jackson, Norma Kemp, Mary Kirby, Tom Kirby, Jr., Richard Kuron Sr., Donald Lawson, Antonio Yu An Leng, Patricia Lewis, Luisa, Kathleen MacQueeney, Rita MacQueeney, Rose Marie Malatesta, Jack Marzan, Martha Mastic, Deborah Miller, Nhung "Kim" Miller, Robert Nguyen, Matthew Peters, Justin Pham, Steve Piscitelli, Larry Poh, Aubrey and Lori Polson, Ginny Rauer, Herman & Martha Rollandini, Vin Rosano, Eduardo San Diego, Hannelore Smallfield, Randy Souther, Raymond Stanekenas, Kurt Steinbacher, Donna Sullivan, Lily Tan, Henry Taylor, Zemui Teklu, Jun Tolentino, Anthony Torres, Minh Tran, Grace Valenciano, David Verbano, Marie Victorino and Fran Visco **Holy Mary, Mother of God, we seek your intercession for our sick!!!**



Board Members from **Mary's Comfort**, a new non-profit maternity home in Springfield, VA, will host an informational Zoom meeting on Friday, May 9, 2025 at 7pm. Please email - maryscomfortva@gmail.com to obtain the Zoom link. We'll share an overview of the program and tell us how we can help this important pro-life, pro-family effort. We hope you can join us!

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

We pray for those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, most recently we remember: **Dai Pham, Joan Curley, Mary Anne Choi, Federico Carreon, Elie Feghali, James Bennett, Balthazar Yambao, Christopher Cruz, Elvira DePaolis, Sarah Anne Valandra, Jay Farabaugh, Mulumebet Demissie, James Stakem, Jr. (Father of our DRE, Joe Stakem), John Dina, Joanne Robertson, and Benjamin Sarmiento.**

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

Joseph Son (d. April 1, 2002)
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)
Helen P. Angelick (April 18, 1995)
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.)

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 and prayers can be done at home on your own time. For a prayer calendar or to sign-up on-line 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.

Matt Chapman, in formation for the Diaconate.

Sister Gaudete Maria, daughter of Tien Vu and Lan Do (who work in your parish). Sister Gaudete Maria has taken the second step of her vocation with the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus in Ohio.

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St. Monica Prayer Group

Men and women are invited to attend on the first and third weeks of the month - Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm and/or Friday mornings at 8:00 am. The group meets in the Family Room in the Narthex. For more information contact the parish office at and leave your name and contact info.

Electronic giving through



Faith Direct is a highly respected and secure company. The Faith Direct program gives you a convenient way to support St. Lawrence by electing to use direct debit like many do for other payments or charitable giving. It also gives you the opportunity to support our parish even if you are absent from Mass for travel or illness. Visit the Faith Direct website www.faithdirect.org and use the parish's code **VA325** for secure online enrollment.

SATURDAY PROLIFE ROSARY PRAYER VIGIL

Please join St. Lawrence at the Rosary Prayer Vigil conducted every Saturday morning, 9:05 – 10:15 am, outside the abortion clinic at 2839 Duke Street, Alexandria. St. Lawrence has led this prayer vigil for over 30 years outside one of Virginia's largest abortion providers. For further information, contact the rectory or Bruce Borzino, 703-402-8335.

Send the Encouragement of Prayers!

Looking for a tangible way to let a loved one know you prayed for them? **Stop by our recently restocked rack of Catholic greeting cards from NovenaCards.com available for purchase in the parish narthex!** The cards cover many different Catholic devotions including praying for someone at Mass, offering a Holy Hour, and praying a Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, or Novena for the intended recipient. **Special occasion cards are also available: Birthday, Thank You, Get Well, Sympathy, Mother's Day, Easter, and each of the Sacraments.** The cards are located on the small wall rack located on the left side as you enter church, adjacent to the ladies restroom. **The suggested donation is on the back of each item and Book Rack payment envelopes are provided for your use.**



PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC):

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Come on out with us to: Lunch at Delia's Pizzeria & Grill, Springfield (4/24 - 1:00 p.m.); Christ House, Alexandria (4/26 - 3:00 p.m.); *"Legally Blond"* at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, Arlington (4/27 - 2:45 p.m.); For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom

ORDINATION OF TRANSITIONAL DEACONS SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Bishop Burbidge will ordain twelve seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: James Harbour, Donghan Lee, **Sean Mazary**, Eric McDade, Alexander Solsma, Teko Teko-Agbo and Aaron Zanca. The Mass will be held at The Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington at 11:00 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!

The MaRiH Center, a crisis pregnancy and pregnancy resource center, needs donations and volunteers.

Items can be left in the cradle near the entrance of the Narthex. Our volunteers make weekly pick ups and deliver the donated items to MaRiH Center: **Please note that large, heavy bags of clothing are too cumbersome to our volunteers. Smaller bags would be helpful. Thank you!**



- Baby clothes up to size 2T
- Maternity and nursing clothes
- Formula, baby food, and diapers
- Baby equipment; e.g., **MOST**

NEEDED are non-expired car seats and strollers that collapse easily.

- Other items: shoes, bottles, diaper bags, toys, books, stuffed animals, bedding
- Baby wipes -- which are in very short supply.

There is also an Amazon baby registry that MaRiH has created. Check out the website at www.marih.org to learn more. Thank you for your generosity!

ST LAWRENCE ROSARY MAKERS

If you would like to learn to make rosaries to help spread the faith, we have a monthly meeting in Hammond Hall. No experience is necessary. If you can tie a knot, you can make a rosary to spread Mary's love for Christ! **NOTE: The Rosary Makers will meet monthly on the first Tuesday at 10 a.m. Call the parish office for more information.**



**PRAY THE ROSARY
FOR THE HEALTH OF
OUR HOLY FATHER**



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Easter 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is truly risen. The Christian rejoices and is glad at Easter for the marvelous sign of God's love and mercy: the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of our Savior and all that our Lord promises.

Pope Francis, in opening this Jubilee Year for the Universal Church, encouraged all to see this holy year, with its focus on the virtue of hope, as an "opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama." Our Lord's victory over sin and its consequences makes possible our hope. By God's grace, when we see by the light of faith our vision extends beyond the limited horizon of this world and into the glory and splendor of eternal life.

At Eastertime, Sacred Scripture tells us that Peter "ran to the tomb, bent down, and saw the burial cloths alone; then he went home amazed at what had happened" (Luke 24:1-12). We follow in the footsteps of Peter in the Easter season, marveling at our Savior's triumph with the same amazement. May we resolve to carry the joy of this season in our hearts throughout the rest of the year so that we may enjoy the true freedom that God offers.

May Our Lord Jesus bless you with his peace and increased faith, hope, and love throughout the Easter season, the Jubilee Year, and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



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