

# SAINT LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Parable of the Wicked Servant

September 13, 2020



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## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS- SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am and  
12:30pm (Extraordinary Form Latin Mass)

### HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS- WEEKDAY

M - F: 6:15 and 9:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
**CONFESSIONS**  
M 9:30am; W 7:00 - 7:45pm; F 6:45am; Sat 3:30-4:30 pm

#### Parish Clergy

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#### New This Week-News Corner

**-9am Daily Holy Mass will continue to be recorded and Published Daily**

-We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays--In a Modified schedule to start:  
After Wed 9am Mass to 1pm  
7pm-8:15pm (Holy Hour begins 7:15pm)  
-We are praying the Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help on Monday evenings at 7:15 pm

**During Phase 3 of the reintegration plan, parishioners are invited to come to Church again and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament from 6am to 9pm daily--All Public Masses have resumed with more than compliant social distancing measures in place!**

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**MON 9/14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross (OFM/EFM)**

6:15am James Stakem, Jr. and Family  
9:00am Victor Costa †

**TUE 9/15 - Our Lady of Sorrows (OFM)**

6:15am Greg Mitchell  
9:00am Kathleen Schamel †

**WED 9/16 - Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (OFM/EFM)**

6:15am Maria †  
9:00am Anita Ribero †

**THU 9/17 - Saint Robert Belleramine (OFM)**

6:15am Awa Bernadette Bayo & Family  
9:00am Vicente Matias †

**FRI 9/18 - Saint Joseph of Cupertino (EFM)**

6:15am Maria Quy †  
9:00am Maria Quy †

**SAT 9/19 - Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr (OFM/EFM)**

9:00 am Maria Quy †

**Vigil Mass (Sat Night)**

5:00 pm Maria Tang Pham †

**SUN 9/20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OFM)**

**16th Sunday after Pentecost (EFM)**

7:30 am Evelyn Santone †  
9:00 am Jessie Grifal Mirasol †  
11:00 am Rodolfo Llobrera †  
12:30 pm Parishioners of St. Lawrence

### Council of Catholic Women

We will be meeting Sunday, September 13th at 2:00 pm in Hammond Hall. Due to Covid, and in an abundance of caution, please bring your own food and drink, use hand sanitizer and wear a mask.

### The September Parish Cookout is ON!

Join your fellow parishioners on Sunday, September 20, 2-4 pm, for hamburgers and hot dogs grilled by the Knights of Columbus.



Because of the concerns over the coronavirus, please keep the following things in mind:

- Do not bring any potluck dishes to share.
- Unless you are medically prohibited, please wear a facemask when away from your table.
- Keep distanced as best you can (but we won't tell you who you can sit with).

If you are feeling under the weather, or feel otherwise vulnerable to the coronavirus, please do not attend. We look forward to seeing you on September 20th!

### This Week in Our Parish

All Scheduled Public Masses are still being celebrated--other Parish liturgical activities are also starting. Come to our Monday evening Novena and Exposition on Weds (9:30am-1pm) and Holy Hour starting with Exposition at 7pm! The Main Church is open 7 Days a Week until 9pm for private prayer.

*(Please wear a mask and wash your hands thoroughly before entering church. Please maintain social distancing. We undertake all these measures, in an abundance of caution, for your safety).*

*While we are dispensed from attending Holy Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days by our Bishop--if one feels unable to be in public during these COVID times--even though nothing can replace being physically present at Holy Mass, **know that 9am Holy Mass for Sundays and Daily Mass will be recorded and posted Online each day by 11am (as well as the 12:30EFM on Sunday) so those who cannot make it physically can meet their obligations to honor these Holy Days under the Bishop's dispensation.***



Our parish garden is one of the most beautiful gardens in Alexandria thanks to the loving attention of Tien Vu, our talented Facilities Manager. I 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 contact Anne-Marie Pierce at 703-971-8541 if you wish to volunteer 20 -30 minutes a week to this ministry. God bless you.



The Catholic Diocese of Arlington Office of Catholic Schools is pleased to announce their new virtual school, Saint Isidore of Seville. Enrollment is still open, but space is limited. For more information, please visit the website at:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/st-isidore/>



**Mass for Marriage Jubilarians** - Mass Celebrating Golden & Silver Jubilarians (Married in 1970 and 1995). The Mass for those celebrating 25 and 50 years of marriage will be held at the Cathedral of St. Thomas

More in Arlington on Sunday, October 4, at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Michael Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist. A light reception of cake and punch with an opportunity for a photograph with Bishop Burbidge will follow in Burke Hall. Please register through your parish no later than September 18. **Register even if you cannot attend and the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life will send you a certificate commemorating your 25 or 50 years of marriage.** If you have questions, please contact us at 703-841-2550.

### SHARING WITH THOSE LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Our next **Share Sunday** is the weekend of Sept. 20 and volunteers will be at all Masses to collect donations. Once again we also have a **“Drive-thru Drop-off” option for Koinonia pantry items on Sat. Sept. 19 from 1:30-4:30 pm in front of church.** This month's needs: Cooking oil, sugar, pancake syrup, salad dressing, instant potatoes, chili/hash/stew, canned tuna, gravy, Masa (Maseca), jelly, tea, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners, dish & dishwasher detergent, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, shaving cream & razors, paper towels and tissues. Thank you!



### USE FORMED.ORG TO IMPROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH

**Teach Your Children (and Yourself) About Our Faith - Our Parish Subscribes to FORMED.Org which host thousands of Catholic Movies and Classes on our Great Religion. Set up your own account today at no additional cost to you!!! Go to Formed.org**

**Book Rack Info:** Currently on the **Book Rack** you will find Ignatius Catholic Bible Study Guides for books of the Old and New Testament. They contain the biblical text (RSV) as well as commentary, notes and study questions. October Magnificats are also available. 2021 Daily Planners and Religious Art Calendars will arrive soon. Note: A three month trial subscription continues to be available during "Covid" for just \$5 at <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.



**Please Pray for the Sick** of our parish family, including Jane Palladino, Jay Farabaugh, Melanie Brady, Justin Pham, Raymond Stanekenas, Rita MacQueeney, Donald Lawson, Alice O'Connor, Minh Tran, Anthony Torres, Leah Bloom, Richard Kuron, Sr., Jack Marzan, Matthew Peters, Patricia Lewis, Christian Escoto, John Bonfanti, Chris Henderson, Baby Leah, Francis Flaherty, Barbara Gaul, John Forrester, Bud Shatzer, Bon Le, William Geoghegan, Francis Flaherty, Donna Sullivan, Jocelyn Reyes, Keven Hermenau and Julietta Fuster.

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION AND SERVICES

**Baptisms** - Baptisms are held the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1:45 pm. Please contact the office at least one month in advance. Parents must be registered members of the parish and first time parents must attend a one session pre-Baptismal class, usually held on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Parents are encouraged to attend this class before the birth of their child; please call to register. The Godparent(s) must provide a Sponsor Certificate from their parish before the Baptism. **Baptisms in the Extraordinary Form may be requested by calling the parish office.**

**Sponsor Certificates** - These are Parish testimonies to the fact you are a practicing Catholic in the parish and are issued to those wishing to be a Godparent or sponsor for a Confirmation candidate. You must be registered in the parish and first time Godparents must attend a class before a certificate will be issued.

**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. Note that living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to future marriage. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the marriage preparation time.

**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. Call the Religious Education Office at (703) 971-8541 for details or email [religioused@stlawrencealex.org](mailto:religioused@stlawrencealex.org)

**R.C.I.A.** - The Rite 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. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the Religious Education Office, Anne-Marie Pierce, 703-971-8541 or email [religioused@stlawrencealex.org](mailto:religioused@stlawrencealex.org)

**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 - (ON HOLD DURING PHASE II)** If you are ill and would like to be placed on the prayer list or have Holy Communion brought to the home, please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

## Memorial Stone **Custom Dedication:** We still have two left at the greatly re- duced price of 19,500 (a deal we get to engrave several at once)!

See our St. Mark stone (opposite) for just one idea of what can be engraved in the dedication portion of the stone!

*Call Deacon Mike for more info!!*



## Mission Appeal Special Collection--All MASSES

In order to meet the needs of our Missions, a collection will be taken up, as usual, for our annual Mission Appeal. Because of Covid and travel restrictions impacting many countries we will not have a mission representative visit us this year.

The Mission we are supporting is in Sylhet, Bangladesh. It is a mission that supports the faith and temporal needs (food, shelter...etc) of the citizens involved in farming some of the greatest tea plantations--these people earn no more than \$1.25 a day for back breaking labor, but they still come to the Church in droves, more than 100 adults join the Church a year!! This is truly a mission of great importance for the salvation of souls.

A "Mission Appeal" bucket is placed at the back of church for your convenience in giving to our missions on the weekend of the Sep 6 and 13th. As always, if you would like to make a donation outside of Mass, please place your donation in an envelope (marked "Mission Appeal"), and drop it in any candle safe/poor box, or at the Rectory office.

Please give generously, as the St Lawrence family always does, to our brothers and sisters being brought into the faith, and having their temporal needs somewhat met, in the mission organizations we support.



**Sylhet citizens toil in the many Tea Gardens of the area!**

### The 25th Alexandria Life Chain

Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 4, along Franconia Road from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Life Chain is an annual public witness to the sanctity of human life conducted across the United States and Canada. All parishioners are encouraged to participate and show our commitment to the protection and sanctity of human life. Proper social distancing between persons will be observed.

### Mass for Disability Awareness

The annual Mass for Disability Awareness will be held on Sunday, September 27, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale (8800 Braddock Road). The Very Reverend Jamie R. Workman, Vicar General of the Diocese of Arlington, will be the celebrant and homilist. All families with members with intellectual and developmental disabilities are invited.

### CCD students - sign up now for Religious Education classes

You are all so missed we need to see and hear you once again in Hammond Hall learning about Jesus and our beloved Catholic Church. Small classes, social distancing, and masks will be required but we will still have fun as we get closer to Jesus. **Sign up now.**

Registration forms are in the parish office, Hammond Hall, and Church Narthex. Remember to attach a copy of your baptism certificate to your registration form. **School starts September 9, 2020 at 7pm.** God bless you.

**SUFFERING BECAUSE OF ABORTION? Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for Women:** An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, October 17, 2020** (in both English and Spanish). Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

**Offering Spiritual Acts of Mercy for Those Hurting from Abortion:** Abortion leaves living wounded in its wake. Would you consider offering a Spiritual Bouquet in English or Spanish on behalf of the women attending the above retreat? Spiritual Bouquets &/or Letters of Encouragement may be submitted by email to [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org) up to 1 day prior to the retreat. For more information please visit: [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org) or call (703) 841-2504.

## Parish Finance Update - Narthex Giving

**A huge "Thank you" to all Parishioners Who Continue to Meet--and, Yes, Even Exceed--Their Pledges for the Beautiful Construction of our Narthex**

**We Have Now Exceeded our Original \$1.2 Million Pledge Goal by almost \$29,000**

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