

## THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

### MONDAY 12th

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Zec 2:14-17/Lk1:26-38

6:30 AM Emily Liutkus

7:00 AM +Mary Kalukiewicz

8:45 AM Douglas&Marita McCollum

### TUESDAY 13th

**St. Lucy**

Zep #:1-2,9-13/Mt 21:28-32

6:30 AM +Cynthia Entwisle

7:00 AM +John D. Crimmins

8:45 AM +St. Lucy Guild Members

### WEDNESDAY 14th

**St. John of the Cross**

Is 45:6b-8,21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23

6:30 AM Jeanne Guerin

7:00 AM +James Webb

8:45 AM +Anthony Pengidore

### THURSDAY 15th

**Advent Weekday**

Is 54:1-10/ Lk 7:24-30

6:30 AM Patricia Ferreras Family

7:00 AM Partridge Family

8:45 AM +Alice Ilalo Baun

### FRIDAY 16th

**Advent Weekday**

Is 56:1-3a,6-8/ Jn 5:33-36

6:30 AM Pio Lazo, Jr. Family

7:00 AM Fr. Francis de Rosa

8:45 AM +Dr. Edwin Carey

### SATURDAY 17th

**Advent Weekday**

Gn 49:2,8-10/ Mt 1:1-17

7:00 AM +Josefina Dino

8:45 AM Douglas Kings

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38

### SATURDAY 17th

5:30 PM

+Deceased Members of De La Cruz-Lim Family

### SUNDAY 18th

7:00 AM

+Baudouin T. Konahap

7:30 AM

+Presentacion Asesor

8:45 AM

+Corsillo Family

10:30 AM

+Kossi Djossou

12:30 PM

+Mathilde & Hans Muller

5:00 PM

People of St. Louis Parish

Dear Parish Family,



Over at the school, our kindergarteners, first, second and third-graders have been gathering on Wednesday mornings in observance of Advent. Whenever they do a good deed they are given a piece of straw to help make a bed for the Infant Savior when he comes at Christmas. We have only one week left before Christmas. Will he find that we have created a place for him through our good deeds this Advent season? I hope so! May this last week of Advent be for all of us a time of prayer and good works to Welcome Our Lord when he comes!

Your Servant in Christ,  
Fr. Mullins

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



*"The shepherds...came to adore the Infant Savior. Mary rejoiced at seeing the homage & willing offerings they made to her Jesus...How happy is the loving soul when it has found Jesus with Mary, His Mother!"*

Can You Spend One Hour With Our Lord?

### Hours that we need adorers:

Tuesday 1 AM - 2 AM, Tuesday 2 AM - 3 AM

Tuesday 3 AM - 4 AM, Tuesday 3 PM - 4 PM

Wednesday 3 AM - 4 AM, Wednesday 2 PM - 3 PM

Wednesday 3 PM - 4 PM, Thursday 10 AM - 11 AM

*If you would like to become a committed adorer, we invite you to call Princess at 703-778-2727.*



## ONLY TWO SUNDAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR ST LOUIS CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT!!

We still have 100 ornaments left to reach our goal of 500 ornaments sold. Please consider purchasing a unique heirloom quality ornament for yourself or someone on your Christmas list and help us reach our goal. All proceeds benefit the St Louis Capital Campaign. Thank you for your generous support of our St Louis fund raiser.

## PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offertory for 22nd Sunday of FY 2012: \$29,397.50

Offertory for 22nd Sunday of FY 2011: \$30,770.00

Offertory thru 22 Sundays, FY 2012: \$580,051.11

Offertory thru 22 Sundays, FY 2011: \$552,889.82

*Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish!*



## CONFESSIONS



Sunday, December 11th 10:00 AM

Monday, December 12th 9:15 AM  
5:30 PM

Tuesday, December 13th 9:15 AM

Wednesday, December 14th 9:15 AM  
12:00 Noon

Thursday, December 15th 9:15 AM

Friday, December 16th 9:15 AM  
12:00 Noon

Saturday, December 17th 9:15 AM  
4:30 PM

Sunday, December 18th 10:00 AM

*"For those who love Him, and after each fault come to ask pardon...Jesus trembles with joy" (St. Therese of Lisieux)*

## Parish News



This Sunday the Knights of Columbus will have their monthly Pancake Breakfast after the 8:45 and 10:30 Masses. Come on over and enjoy a delicious breakfast and great fellowship!

### United Community Ministries (UCM) Christmas Food Drive

Next weekend, **Saturday and Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**, St. Louis will conduct its monthly food drive to help stock the shelves of **UCM's Food Pantry** and help feed the hungry in the Mount Vernon area during the Christmas season. Last month – for Thanksgiving -- our parish donated a record **1,584 lbs** of groceries to UCM. Our goal should be to exceed that amount for Christmas. Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin for additional information.

**Did you know that Sts. Claire of Assisi and Martha are two of the patron saints of laundry workers?** And not to leave out the men, St. Lawrence can be invoked by laundry workers as well. During this Advent season, we are seeking help with laundering cassocks and surplices for the altar servers. No ironing necessary. Please call the office if you can help.

### **BEARS, BOOKS & BLANKETS DRIVE**

The 8th graders are still collecting for the **Bears, Books, & Blankets drive through Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. We invite the St. Louis School/Parish community to join in this wonderful cause to comfort sick children with a cozy bear, warm blanket, or an interesting book for infants and toddlers to help make them feel better during the holiday season. All donated items will be delivered to Alexandria Hospital on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> by the students. **Please consider donating any of the above New items and placing them in the labeled boxes as you enter the school, church, or rectory.**

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

Tags can be picked up after Masses on Sunday or any weekday in the vestibule of the church. The 2 foot Christmas Tree will be on the table in the vestibule with tags made by the various children of families in need. A decorated box will be in the corner of the vestibule to **drop off new toys NLT December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Toys will be distributed by United Community Ministries (UCM) prior to Christmas Day. Whatever you can donate is most appreciated. Questions, call 703-660-6629.



### **Please pray for our Military and Civilian members serving in harm's way:**

Captain George S. Webb IV, Col. John D. Sims, James Thomas Frey, Major Brian Ferguson, and PFC Tyler Parton, US Army, and LTC (ret) Kyle T Fugate, all serving in Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Mark Allen, in Baghdad, Sgt. Brennan J. Wheatley, and Lt. Brian Larson, in Iraq, Lt. Brendan McKeague in the Middle East, and Major Matthew Jemmott, deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. **God Bless America!**

## Office of Vocations

### **Men's Group: Day of Discernment – Saturday, December 17, 2011**

Meet Christ in the Sacraments, and meet in fraternity with seminarians and other men discerning their vocation. Mass, penance, and adoration will all be included in the day, which runs from 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the beautiful Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C. Check the website at [www.arlingtonvocations.org](http://www.arlingtonvocations.org) for more details. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Office for Family Life

### **Give a Gift for Life: Support Women, Children and Families**

One grateful mother who received prenatal care thanks to Gift for Life donations wrote, “Before calling the Gabriel Project I was confused, stressed, and essentially did not know what to do... From the first phone call everyone was very kind and helpful... The conversations I had with the staff and my Gabriel “Angel” mentor allowed me to see that no matter what, this child is a precious gift that God has given me.” Please give a **Gift for Life** this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. **Donate online at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)**

### **Augustine's Brothers....You are not alone....**

Augustine's Brothers is a group for Catholic men who find it difficult to free themselves from the chains of pornography and other sexual behaviors no matter how hard they try. Many men feel isolated and alone and believe that they are the only men who are struggling...many men don't know where to turn. Augustine's Brothers is a group of men helping and supporting each other to overcome this powerful force...to become the men God created them to be. For meeting information or questions, call Tim at 727-207-2856 or email [augustinesbrothers@hotmail.com](mailto:augustinesbrothers@hotmail.com)

## Catholic Charities

### **Volunteers Needed at Catholic Charities' Christ House!**

The Christ House Shelter in Alexandria has several volunteer opportunities available for those looking to help us extend love, friendship, solidarity and service to members of our community. Volunteers needed any night of the week for **Evening Meal Clean-up**, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Volunteers also needed in the **Thrift Store** any day of the week between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. for sorting, pricing, stocking and organizing. Contact Sherri Longhill at (703) 841-3834 or [slonghill@ccda.net](mailto:slonghill@ccda.net)

### **Bring Christmas Joy to Prisoners in Northern Virginia**

Catholic Charities' Prison Ministry is looking for volunteers to write Christmas cards and donate paperback religious books to area prisoners. Contact Sister Connie Parcasio, director of Prison Ministry, at [cparcasio@ccda.net](mailto:cparcasio@ccda.net) for more information.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We are looking for a 7th grade aide for Sundays.**

**Advent Confessions on Wed., 12/14!**

### **Adult Faith Formation**

This year we are pleased to introduce adult faith formation opportunities during the Sunday RE class time. Everyone is welcome to join us in the school cafeteria each week from 10:05 to 11:05am.

#### **Upcoming Programs:**

Sun, Dec. 11—The Teachings of Jesus

Sun, Dec. 18—The Ineffable Mystery of God

### **Registration and Classes**

All classes are held in the St. Louis School buildings.

The following classes are offered:

**Grades K-8 on Sundays, 10:00—11:15am.**

**Grades K-8 on Wednesdays, 6:45—8:00pm**

Classes (RCIC) are available for students in 3rd grade through High School who need to receive the sacraments.

Classes (SpEd) are available for students with special needs.

*Please see [www.saintlouisparish.org/registration.html](http://www.saintlouisparish.org/registration.html) for forms and more information.*

### **Confirmation 2012 (8th grade in 2011-2012)**

*Requirements already due:*

Sacramental Records, Baptismal Certificate,

Saint Choice and Report, Sponsor Choice and Eligibility

**Upcoming requirement due dates:**

Letter to Pastor—2/6/12

Sponsor Interview—3/12/12

Service Project Forms—5/21/12

Mass attendance sheets

### **Penance and Communion 2012**

First Penance—March 24, 2012 at 10:30am

First Communion—May 19, 2012 at 10:30am

*Please see [www.saintlouisparish.org/penance&communion.html](http://www.saintlouisparish.org/penance&communion.html) for more information.*

### **Confirmation 2011**

Confirmation DVDs are available for purchase (\$25) and pick-up in the parish offices.

### **Penance and Communion 2011**

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[saintlouisreligiouseducation.tumblr.com](http://saintlouisreligiouseducation.tumblr.com)  
[www.twitter.com/#!/saintlouisre](http://www.twitter.com/#!/saintlouisre)*



## YOUTH MINISTRY



### **Upcoming Events:**

**Sports Night** **SUNDAY, 12/11, 7:00 PM**

In McClunn Hall. **Until 8:00 PM.**

**Coffeehouse** **Thursday, 12/15, 7:30 to 9:00PM**

Featuring the musical talents of Kevin Heider at Perk Up Coffee Shop, 829 S Washington St in Old Town.

**Sunday Session** **SUNDAY, 12/18, 7:00 PM**

The youth of the parish are invited to gather for faith and fellowship in the Blue Room, downstairs in the rectory.

**Dodgeball Tournament - January 16**

**Life is VERY Good - January 22**

**March for Life - January 23**



*E-mail Patrick Krisak at [youth@saintlouisparish.org](mailto:youth@saintlouisparish.org)*

*On the web: [www.saintlouisparish.org/youth.html](http://www.saintlouisparish.org/youth.html)*

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*[saintlouisyouth.tumblr.com](http://saintlouisyouth.tumblr.com)*

*[www.twitter.com/#!/saintlouisyouth](http://www.twitter.com/#!/saintlouisyouth)*

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Montessori Atrium program has OPENINGS for 3 to 9+ year olds.**

*Register now and receive \$100 off the annual tuition.*

Children gather in a room specially prepared for them, called an atrium, which contains simple yet beautiful materials that they use to draw near to God.

- Level I openings (for 3-6 year olds) are on:  
Monday from 10am - 12noon  
Saturday from 10am - 12noon
- Level II openings (for 6-9+ year olds) are on:  
Monday from 2:30-4:30pm  
Tuesday from 1:30-3:30pm



- For more information, please contact Maria Blazeovich at (703) 765-4421 ext. 29, [maria@saintlouisparish.org](mailto:maria@saintlouisparish.org), or visit our website at [www.saintlouisparish.org/atrium.html](http://www.saintlouisparish.org/atrium.html).

**Choir Anthems** Today the choir sings two anthems in celebration of Gaudete Sunday. As a prelude to the Mass the choir will sing *O Thou That Tellest* from G. F. Handel's well-known oratorio *Messiah*. The chorus quotes Isaiah 40, from last week's Old Testament reading: *O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee*. As a Communion meditation, in keeping with our practice of singing Marian hymns during Advent this year, the choir will sing Tomás de Victoria's setting of the great Vespers hymn *Ave Maris Stella*, or *Hail, Star of the Sea*. Chant verses and polyphonic verses alternate in this richly textured treatment, full of solemn joy.

**IN THE AREA**

**Baja Fresh Fundraiser for Divine Mercy Care/Tepeyac Family Center**, December 20 from 4-10 p.m. While Christmas shopping, stop by for dinner at Baja Fresh located at 12150 Fairfax Town Center in Fairfax, VA. 15% of the proceeds benefit Divine Mercy Care's principal program, Tepeyac Family Center, LLC.

Find something more than medicine at **Tepeyac Family Center, LLC (a pro-life OB/GYN physicians office based in Fairfax, VA)**. Your highest compliment to us is becoming a patient or referring someone to our practice (obstetrics, gynecology, natural fertility, holistic medicine, minimally invasive procedures, perinatal hospice programs and more). Tepeyac participates in a number of insurance plans and helps provide assistance to those without insurance. Our five physicians are Fellows of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. **For more information or to make an appointment, please call 703-273-9440 or visit us online at [www.tepeyacfamilycenter.com](http://www.tepeyacfamilycenter.com)**

**Immaculée Ilibagiza**, Rwandan genocide survivor, and author of the book, *Left to Tell*, will give a presentation on the power of faith and forgiveness on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Bishop O'Connell High School auditorium. The public is invited to this event which is sponsored by the O'Connell PTO. Admission is free. Read more about the inspiring story of this remarkable young woman at [www.bishopoconnell.org/lefttotell](http://www.bishopoconnell.org/lefttotell). Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington. For more information, call 703-237-1400.

**SICK FRIENDS & RELATIVES**

Gloria Afton	Ray High	Gonzalo Saenz
Jacqueline Ahounzo	Amy Howell	Claire Satta
Essie Backus	David Hsu	Gigi Sere
Terry Baer	Erna Grigg	Virginia Sere
Dick Bowman	R.K. Innocencio, Jr.	Eugene Skinner
Peggy Burley	Dan Jenkins	Lillian Srednicki
Anne Coen	Catherine Kieloch	Chela Sullivan
Mike Criniti	Susan Kimball	Winifred Sullivan
Maize Croley	Richard Koslow	Romaine Umlor
Dinorah Cruzado	Andrew Michael Kuc	Edith Virata
Pat DiGeorge	Holly Lyles	Beverly Wheatley
Nancy Dixon	Kasif Masih	Donna Thurber-
Blanche Druker	Susan R. McDowell	Wheatley
Grace Duffy	Christina Mills	Lynn Webb
Joanne Donahue	Earl & Mary Moore	Edwin Williams
Margaret Dulaney	Betsy Niezgoda	Colleen Woznak
James Dunn	Dorothy O'Donnell	Assiba I. Zinsou
Dana Faber-Martin	Cindy Peed	
Mary Fones	Adelfa Penagos	
Amy Forrest	Marie Pentecost	
Cynthis Ann Galonia	Frank Perka	
Nonata Garcia	Eileen Poslosky	
Russell Hammond	Joanne Rivera	

**Sick and Homebound:** If you know of someone in need of the Sacraments who is homebound or hospitalized, call the Rectory Office at 703-765-4421.

**Prayer Line:** If you are in need of prayer and would welcome the support of our parish family, our Prayer Line is available to you. Please call Amy at 703-765-0761.



Please pray for the deceased members of our Parish family.