



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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Sunday
December 8, 2019



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am, 12:00 noon, and
7:00pm
Spanish Mass: 2:30pm
Daily: 6:30am, 8:30am &
12:00 noon
Saturday: 8:30am

Federal Holidays:

6:30am and 8:30am only
Holy Days: 7:30pm Vigil
6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon
and 7:30pm

FIRST FRIDAYS:

Exposition: 9:00 - 11:45am
Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament:
11:45am
Eucharistic Holy Hour:
Sunday: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

Friday: 11:15 - 11:45am
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30pm &
7:30 - 8:00pm and by appt.

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Weekdays 9:00am- 9:00pm
(closed 12:45 - 1:30pm)
Saturday 9:00am - 1:30pm

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On The Way

The Immaculate Conception and Christmas, I

There is no better way to prepare for the birth of our Lord than to grow closer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As His Mother, she more than anyone else knows the circumstances and meaning of the events surrounding her Son's birth. She shows us what His birth means.

Provisionally, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, one of the most important Marian feasts, falls in the first part of Advent. It is tempting to see this feast as a pause in our Advent preparations and penance. In fact, however, this feast is perfectly suited to help us prepare even more for Christmas — because our Lady's Immaculate Conception reveals to us the reason for our Lord's coming into the world.

But first, let's clarify the dogma, since there is often confusion. In 1850 Blessed Pius IX infallibly defined it in these words: *The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.*

The essential words are these: *from the first moment of her conception...[she was] preserved immune from all stain of original sin.* At no moment in her existence did sin ever touch her soul. The devil never had any claim on her, as he once had on us (and does again every time we commit mortal sin). Notice the word *preserved*. God delivers us from sin; He kept her free from sin. In effect, He delivers her preemptively.

God does this *by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ*. Every grace that Mary receives, beginning with her freedom from sin, comes from our Lord's Crucifixion. She is not independent of her Son's redemptive act. Rather, she benefits from it ahead of time.

All of this comes about *by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God*. Here we encounter the reason for the Immaculate Conception. As the prayer for the feast says, it was to prepare *a worthy dwelling for [His] Son* that God kept her free from sin. Mary is the only one immaculately conceived because she is the only one to become the Mother of God. This miracle is not repeated for anyone else.

At the same time, however, this *singular grace and privilege* does teach us something about ourselves. Or, rather, about what God wants to accomplish in us. A good principle to keep in mind for all Marian devotion is this: what God accomplishes in Mary in an extraordinary way He desires also to accomplish in us by the ordinary working of His grace.

More on that next week. Meanwhile, because December 8th falls on a Sunday this year, the celebration of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday the 9th. Although the obligation to attend Mass on that day is not transferred, we will have an extra Mass on Monday the 9th at 730PM.
Next week: Freed and Filled

—Fr. Scalia

From Our Bishop



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mary of Nazareth changed the world forever when she offered her simple “yes” to the angel Gabriel and agreed to give birth to the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Because of her “yes,” God entered our world, died for our sins, and opened wide the gates of heaven. In humble acknowledgment of the power of just one “yes,” for the Advent and Christmas seasons, we are launching the Just One Yes campaign to encourage everyone in the Diocese to increase their connection to God through prayer, service of others, and self-sacrifice. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your one yes will transform the world by turning darkness to light, division to unity, and chaos to peace.

There are so many ways to “just say yes” to God. Each time you pray an Act of Contrition, a Rosary, or your favorite prayer, you chose Just One Yes that brings you closer to God. Each time you teach a child or a friend about Christ and His Church, you have said “yes” to God.

Whenever you spend time with the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament, you have said “yes”. The same can be said each time you donate food to the poor, bring clothing to the homeless, or offer up a personal suffering. Thinking about, and then choosing just one yes, draws you deeper into the heart of Christ who rejoices in our company.

Each action, each “yes” to God, no matter how small, is a profound sign of devotion and humble acknowledgment of how much we need Our Lord to be in our lives. Once you say “yes” to God once, you will want to say “yes” many times over. Let us join together and commit to prayer, service and self-sacrifice during the Advent and Christmas seasons this year.

Make this Advent and Christmas different than previous years. Commit to Just One Yes. It will change you, your family, your community, and, like Mary's powerful “yes” to God, it can change the world.

May Our Lord continue to bless you and your family, now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael F. Buehrle

Mass Intentions For The Second Week of Advent

Saturday, December 7

St. Ambrose

5:00 p.m. +Jim Bellor

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. +Mary Czosnyka

9:00 a.m. +Patrick Gibbon

10:30 a.m. +Molly O'Donohue

Noon +Jim Sober

2:30 p.m. +Sergio Rivero

7:00 p.m. People of St. James

Monday, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m. +Demetria and Eugenio Boyo

8:30 a.m. +Danny Diaz and Ana Diaz

Noon +Kathy Volpe

7:30 p.m. +Stephen Ponticiello

Tuesday, December 10

Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent

6:30 a.m. +Grace and John Mulligan

8:30 a.m. +Alexander Bautista

Noon +Concetta Gaudiosi

Wednesday, December 11

St. Damasus I

6:30 a.m. +Zac Taylor

8:30 a.m. +Fr. Austin Coupe, O. Carm

Noon +Mary and Patrick Gacquin

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 a.m. +Greg Farrell

8:30 a.m. +Ed and Carolynn Scheid and
Suzann Scheid Southworth

Noon +John G. McNeely

Friday, December 13

St. Lucy

6:30 a.m. Jane Conner

8:30 a.m. +Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.

Noon +Maria Hanh thi Nguyen

Saturday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

8:30 a.m. +Kenneth Whitehead

5:00 p.m. +Clarice Fingers

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. +Matas and Irena Butkai

9:00 a.m. People of St. James

10:30 a.m. +Magdalena and Michael Duatschek

Noon +Al Reyman

2:30 p.m. +Ricardo MacIntyre

7:00 p.m. The Gonsalves Family

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

("...a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse...")

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

("O God, with your judgment endow the king...")

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

("Whatever was written previously was written for...")

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

("John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert...")

Readings for the Week

Sunday:

Is 2:1-5;

Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1];

Rom 13:11-14;Mt 24:37-44

Monday:

Is 4:2-6;Ps122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10;Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7];

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a;Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd];

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6;

Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21, 25-27a [26a];

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Is 29:17-24;Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a];Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26;Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Jean Bitzer
Sandy Choopun
Mary Hurd
Lenore Karnis

Laura Lareau
Rob Lemmers
Ed Murphy
Robyn Stewart

and the deceased of our parish family.

and those serving our country:

Our disabled veterans, military retirees,
and those serving overseas in the military
and foreign service, especially:

Justin Berg
Veronica Elkins
Major Alan Harvey

Michele Petersen
Roger VanSanford
Major Albert C. Young





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National Junior Honor Society Members Help at Christ House

Members of the St. James Catholic School National Junior Honor Society recently traveled to Alexandria to help prepare meals for the homeless at Christ House. Christ House, run by the Diocese of Arlington, provides an evening meal each day of the year to homeless and low-income individuals at no cost to them. Catholic Charities depends on the generosity and work of volunteers from over 40 churches, youth groups, and local businesses. By participating in the program, our students learned about the vital role that service plays in our faith, and that serving others brings great joy, for both the servant and the beneficiary of the service.

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or by appointment**

Tuesdays 2:30pm—8:00pm

An Advent Movie For the Whole Family

Help prepare your children for the celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas. Watch "Brother Francis: the Days of Advent" on FORMED

(www.stjamescatholicva.formed.org)

What is #JUST ONE YES?

TO CHANGE THE WORLD

How can you experience more JOY this Advent and Christmas? Follow in the footsteps of Mary of Nazareth, a simple girl whose *yes* to God changed the world. #JustOneYes to God could change you, your family, your community. Like Mary's powerful "yes" to God, it can change the world.

In humble acknowledgment of the power of just one *yes*, for the Advent and Christmas seasons, our #JustOneYes movement encourages all in the Diocese to increase their connection to God through prayer, service of others, and self-sacrifice.

How can you join the *yes* movement? Commit to a daily Rosary, daily Mass, your favorite prayer, an extra holy hour a week, to volunteer at your parish, or anything that brings you closer to Christ.

Register your #JustOneYes at ArlingtonDiocese.org/JustOneYes. Show us your yes using the hashtag #JustOneYes on social media!

Stewardship—Saying “Yes!”

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, has challenged all of us at St. James to say “YES!” to emulate the Blessed Virgin Mary’s “Yes!” to God the Father. Bishop Burbidge is urging us to pray more, give more to others, and give less to ourselves. At St. James, this Advent season, we have many ways to say, “Yes!” Look at page 10 and see all our Social Outreach committee is doing to help those who need help this season, there are a myriad of choices to say “Yes!” to. Look to your own schedule, is there something you can give up to make more time for prayer, or family? Are there rifts that you need to heal? Forgiveness, you

Novena Schedule; Advent Confessions; Christmas Masses

Novena for the Immaculate Conception— Final Days

Join us for the last three days of our Novena for the Immaculate Conception, nightly, in the Church, from Friday, December 6 through Sunday, December 8. The Novena is asking the Blessed Virgin Mary for her powerful intercession on our behalf, and for her wisdom and guidance as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. We hope that you will be able to attend. The schedule for each night is:

Friday, December 6 at 7:30pm
“Tower of David” Fr. Paul Scalia

Saturday, December 7 at 7:30pm
“Help of Christians” Fr. Steven Oetjen

Sunday, December 8 at 5:00pm
“Queen Conceived Without Original Sin”
Fr. Jamie Workman

2019 Season of Advent Confession Schedule

In order to help you spiritually prepare for the joyous celebration of our Lord’s birth, St. James will be offering these additional Confession times during the Season of Advent:

- **Thursday, December 19:** 7:00pm—9:00pm
(There will also be a Holy Hour starting at 7:00pm as an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration.)
- **Friday, December 20:** 10:00am—12:00pm
- **Monday, December 23:** 6:00pm—8:00pm
- **Tuesday, December 24:** 10:00am—Noon

Please note that we will still offer Confessions on our normal schedule of Fridays from 11:15am—11:45am, and Saturdays from 3:30pm—4:30pm and 7:30pm.

“Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy.”

St. Isidore of Seville

Christmas Masses

As Wednesday, December 25, The Nativity of our Lord, is a Holy Day of Obligation, St. James will offer Masses on the follow schedule:

Tuesday, December 24: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, and Midnight

Wednesday, December 25: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, Noon, and 2:30pm
(Misa en Español).

Please note that we will not be offering a 7:00pm Mass on Christmas Day.

“May the joy of Christmas and the peace which the Birth of the Savior brings into the world be in your hearts forever.”

St. John Paul II

Christmas is 17 Days Away—How are You Spiritually Preparing Yourself to Celebrate the Birth of Our Lord?

Recommended Spiritual Reading Can be Found at: <http://bit.ly/2VobgbE>

St. James Events and Happenings

Santa Invites You To Breakfast and To Visit His Workshop After Mass on December 8

Take time out of your busy morning on Sunday, December 8, to stop by the school between 8:30am and 12:30pm for a delicious pancake breakfast and a picture with Santa Claus. The breakfast will be served in the school's cafeteria (Door 18). After breakfast, stop by Heller Hall (Door 13) and visit Santa's Secret Workshop from 8:30am—12:30pm. There will be a selection of gifts, gift cards and books available for sale at Santa's Secret Workshop—direct from the North Pole to you!

St. James Seniors Holiday Luncheon—December 12

The St. James Seniors will be hosting their Christmas holiday party on December 12 at 1:00pm at the Olive Garden restaurant at Baileys Cross Roads on Route 7 (3548 S Jefferson St, Falls Church, VA 22041) Prices will depend on what is ordered from menu.

Please bring a wrapped and labeled clothing gift for an adult at a homeless shelter.

RSVP by December 11 to Marina Martini at 703-533-0296, Cae Gilley 703-533-3845, or Mary Anne Stallings 703-244-2610. Rides are available upon request.

Girl Scouts Selling Christmas Ornaments—December 15

The St. James second grade Girl Scout troop will be selling beautiful Saint James Catholic Church Christmas ornaments following the 9:00am, 10:30am, and Noon Masses on Sunday, December 15. These shatterproof, acrylic, gift-boxed keepsake balls are \$10 per ornament. They will make great gifts, and will look beautiful on your family's Christmas tree! If you cannot make it to those Masses, but still desire to purchase an ornament, please contact Kelli Edwards at kelli_annel@yahoo.com. We hope you will be able to support our Girl Scouts in this endeavor.

Knights of Columbus Brunch With Santa—December 15

On December 15, The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Brunch with Santa from 9:00am to Noon. The brunch will feature the opportunity for children to get their picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The food available will include omelets, a waffle bar and a full buffet. The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (children 3 and under are free). Please join us and don't forget that the Knights regular brunch is held the third Sunday of every month.

St. James Young Professionals Community Upcoming Events—December, 2019

The St. James Young Professionals Community, formerly known as "CONNECT," invites all young professionals in the St. James community to the following events:

Monday, December 9 - Christ House Meal Prep - Heller Hall Kitchen (Door 13). We will get together at St. James to help prepare a meal to be served at the [Christ House Evening Meal](#) in Alexandria. More details to come!; **Sunday, December 15 - Mass & Brunch** - 10:30am mass followed by brunch (location TBD); **Thursday, December 19 - Holy Hour** from 7:00pm-8:00pm immediately followed by Happy Hour at the House of Ministries (913 Park Ave). If you are interested in learning more about these events for the St. James Young Professional community, contact Aaron Tishkoff at aarondt@umich.edu.

**12 de Diciembre—La Fiesta de la Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
December 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Únase a nosotros el jueves 12 de diciembre, a las 7:30 pm, para una misa para el Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Después de la misa, los participantes procesarán desde la Iglesia hasta el gimnasio de Knecht, donde se llevará a cabo una recepción.

Please join us on Thursday, December 12, at 7:30pm, for a Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. After Mass, participants will process from the Church to Heller Hall (Door 13) where a reception will be held. All are invited.

Simbang Gabi (Filipino Night Mass at St. James – December 16

Please join us in celebrating a traditional Filipino mass at St. James on Monday, December 16 at 7:30pm. Ours is one of many celebrated by Filipino Catholics from December 15-24 throughout our diocese. It is in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary leading up to Christmas Eve. Our St. James Mass will include Filipino prayers and responses and a choir singing beautiful Filipino songs. And of course, please join us for Filipino food in Heller Hall (Door 13) after Mass.

A Note About Mass and Event Parking At St. James

Please remember that parking on the residential side of Park Avenue is by permit only, and only then for residents of those houses. If you are attending Mass or other functions at St. James you may park on the rectory side of Park Avenue, or on N. Spring Street, in front of the Church, for a maximum of two hours, or in any of our school's parking lots. Avoid a ticket, park smart!

Recuerde que el estacionamiento en el lado de Park Avenue es sólo por permiso, y solo entonces para los residentes de esas casas. Si usted es asistir a misa u otras funciones en St. James puede sestacionar en el lado rectordeo de Park Avenue, o en N. Spring Street, frente a la Iglesia, durante un máximo de dos horas, o en cualquiera de los estacionamientos de nuestra escuela. Evita un boleto, aparca inteligentemente.

For a map of the campus click
<http://j.mp/33ZwyA7>

Para un mapa del campus, haga clic aquí
<http://j.mp/33ZwyA7>

No Noon Mass on Tuesday, December 24

There will be no Noon Mass on Tuesday, December 24. Please plan your daily Mass attendance accordingly. We will still celebrate Mass at 6:30am and 8:30am. Thank you!

National Suicide Prevention Life Line

1-800-273-8255

They Can Help

Social Outreach Committee Christmas Activities 2019

Gift Cards for Families in Need — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 8 and DECEMBER 15

The St. James Social Outreach Committee is working with Catholic Charities to provide gift cards to families in need. We are asking parishioners to donate gift cards from various stores such as Giant Food, CVS and Wal-Mart to be used by families for purchases such as toiletries and food. Parishioners can give in various ways. They can purchase gift cards in Heller Hall on December 8 and 15. This purchase will be through St. James and benefit the school as well. Gift Cards can also be purchased separately and dropped off at the rectory. Any questions, please call Mary Ann Parker (at maparker4@verizon.net) or Amy Steinbicker (at asteinbicker@verizon.net).

Work of Human Hands Sale and Donut Sunday — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 15

On Sunday, December 15 from 8:30am to 12:30pm the Social Outreach Committee will be hosting Donut Sunday with donuts and coffee in Heller Hall. Along with the reception there will be a Work of Human Hands Sale where you can buy delicious Divine Chocolate, fair trade coffee, and other fair-trade items that support artisans and farmers worldwide, a craft table for children to make Christmas tree ornaments, and more! Holy Spirit Gift Cards will be available with a donation to the Social Outreach Committee. These make excellent gifts for hard-to-buy-for people. Please come and join us!

Alternate Gift Program — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 15

If you are looking for a unique way to give a gift at Christmas, consider making a monetary donation to St. James Social Outreach Committee and in turn be given a custom-made gift card that can be given to someone special on your Christmas list. Information on how your donation will be used appears on the back of the card. This makes a great gift for your friend and is a blessing for one of God's beloved. The card is also appropriate for birthdays, anniversaries, retirement or other special occasion. Check it out on Sunday, December 15 from 8:30am to Noon, or call Vicky Schoenberger at 703-532-7783 or Lori Lisiecki at 703-532-5357.

Christmas Gifts for the Homeless — THROUGH DECEMBER 17

We support five homeless shelters in the area and at Christmas time provide NEW clothing to men and women. In particular, we are in need of: hoodies, jackets, shirts, socks, hats, scarves, other articles of warm clothing and undergarments. Boxes will be placed at the doors of the church to collect items through December 17. Shelters have expressed a need for thermal undergarments in sizes L to 2XL. If you choose to wrap the gift, please label for gender and size. PLEASE NO USED CLOTHING. For more information, call Susan Jackson at 703-533-3482, Marian Starr at 703-237-0285 or Caroline Sparks at 703-237-2074 or email maparker4@verizon.net.

Homeless Shelters in Need of Personal Care Items — THROUGH DECEMBER 15

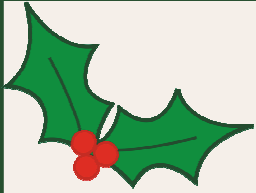
Area homeless shelters need personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, soap bars, and bath gel. Both travel and family sizes are welcome. Boxes will be provided in the back of church to collect these items

Adopt-a-Family Program— THROUGH DECEMBER 17

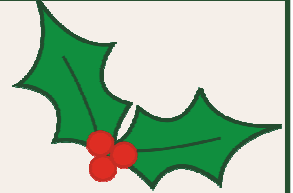
Parishioners can provide much needed holiday cheer by sponsoring a specified family and ensuring they have gifts and a holiday meal for Christmas. Many of these families were previously homeless and need to conserve their income for rent, food and other necessities. Please help us provide gifts and clothing for children, and something for parents. You may do this as a family, or ask neighbors or friends to join you. (We can match you with other giving families). If you or a parish group would like to participate, please call Mary Ann Parker at 703-241-9128 or 202-434-2116.

Christmas Collection for Ongoing Social Outreach Activities

You can make donations via Faith Direct by designating a monthly or one-time contribution; make out a check to St. James Church designated for Social Outreach programs, or place money in the Poor Box at the church entrance on the weekends. This money will be used to purchase groceries for the monthly Food Distribution and fund the Christmas party for families participating in the Food Distribution.



Scouts BSA Troop 681
Annual Christmas Tree Sale



Please support BSA Troop 681 by purchasing a Christmas Tree from their annual Christmas Tree Sale—a real St. James tradition. This year's sale will start on Saturday, November 30 and will continue through Saturday, December 21.

Sale Hours

Wednesdays: 6:00pm—8:00pm

Thursdays and Fridays: 6:00pm—9:00pm

Saturdays and Sundays: 9:00am—9:00pm

The sale is located in the Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C)
Please Make All Checks Payable to "BSA Troop 681"

Fraser Fir 4;5" (Orange)	\$45.00
Fraser Fir 5;6' (Red)	\$70.00
Fraser Fir 6;7' (Blue)	\$85.00
Fraser Fir 7;8' (Yellow)	\$100.00
Fraser Fir 8;9' (White)	\$150.00
Noble 20-inch Wreath	\$25.00
Balsam 24-inch Wreath	\$20.00



Around Our Diocese

St. Lucy Food Project- Manassas Warehouse Seeks Volunteers

Feeding the hungry and nourishing soul! St. Lucy Food Project is in need of Volunteer Food Wranglers. A food wrangler will unpack food from bags, check dates, sort food into categories, pack boxes with no more than 40 pounds of food, label, date and seal boxes up for delivery. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9:30am to 3:30pm. There are some Saturday and Sunday opportunities available. If interested please contact the Volunteer Coordinator: Elizabeth Gibbons at 703-479-2975 ext. 100 or e-mail to Elizabeth.gibbons@ccda.net

Please Consider Adding “Searching for More” to Your Podcast List

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Courage

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Mass for the 25th Anniversary of Tepeyac OB/GYN—December 14

Why not start Saturday, December 14, 2019, off a little differently? Please join us as Bishop Michael F. Burbidge offers a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 25th Anniversary of Tepeyac OB/GYN. The Mass is at 8:30am, at St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. A reception will follow and all are welcome. Please join us as we celebrate 25 years of this pro-life obstetrics and gynecology medical practice! To learn more about Tepeyac OB/GYN, visit: <http://j.mp/2pXN1Wu>

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December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

The Future of the Very Young

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This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 8—Ninth and Final Night of the Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am—12:30pm	Pancake Breakfast with Santa	School Cafeteria—Door 17
8:30am—12:30pm	Santa's Secret Workshop	Heller Hall—Door 13
9:00am—9:00pm	Boy Scouts Annual Christmas Tree Sale	Teacher's Parking Lot (Lot C)
10:15am—11:15am	Baptism Class	Knecht Conference Room—Door 17
11:30am—2:00pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
1:00pm—2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School—Door 16
1:30pm—3:30pm	Bible Study	School Library—Door 17
4:30pm—6:00pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue
5:00pm	Novena for the Immaculate Conception	Church

Monday, December 9—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00pm—9:00pm	Hogar ESL Classes	School—Door 16
7:30pm—8:30pm	Mass for the Immaculate Conception	Church

Tuesday, December 10

4:45pm;7:00pm	PREP	School—Door 16
7:00pm—8:15pm	High School Prep	School Library—Door 17
7:30pm—9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm—9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, December 11

9:00am—11:00am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
9:00am—11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Meeting Room—Doors 8 & 9
6:00pm—8:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C)
7:00pm—9:00pm	Hogar ESL Classes	School—Door 16
7:30pm—8:30pm	PTO Meeting	School Library—Door 17
7:30pm—9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, December 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:30am—11:30am	Bible Study (Co-Ed)	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
6:00pm—9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C)
7:00pm—9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Library—Door 17
7:30pm—8:30pm	Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Church
7:30pm—9:00pm	St. James Pro-Life Group	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
8:30pm—10:00pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration	Heller Hall—Door 13

Friday, December 13

11:15am—11:45am	Confessions	Church
6:00pm—9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C)
6:30pm—8:00pm	Food Distribution Christmas Party	Heller Hall—Door 13

Saturday, December 14

9:00am—9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C)
12:30pm—3:30pm	Hispanic Baptism Seminar	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
3:30pm—4:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:30pm	Confessions	Church

*Please note that this year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Sunday, December 8, the Second Sunday of Advent. As such, the Feast Day is transferred to Monday, December 9 and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. St. James will offer a Mass at 7:30pm on December 9, to celebrate the Feast Day.

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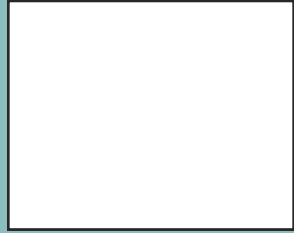
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