



Dear Friends,

As we enter the final days of the liturgical year and as we await the "new year" ushered in by the season of Advent, the Church presents for our reflection the reality of the Lord's Second Coming or His return in glory at the end of time. We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"Since the Ascension, God's plan has entered into its fulfillment. We are already at the 'last hour'. 'Already the final age of the world is with us, and the renewal of the world is irrevocably under way; it is even now anticipated in a certain real way, for the Church on earth is endowed already with a sanctity that is real but imperfect.'"

"Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the 'mystery of iniquity' in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. The supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh."

"The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final Passover, when she will follow her Lord in his Death and Resurrection. The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the Church through a progressive ascendancy, but only by God's victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause his Bride to come down from heaven. God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the Last Judgment after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world."

Brothers and sisters, we know neither the day nor the hour of Christ's return. We need not worry about such things. We must however be prepared for it by living mindfully each moment we have with confidence and with purpose. For even now "in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. For, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already now on earth a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ. In expectation of that day, the believer's body and soul already participate in the dignity of belonging to Christ. This dignity entails the demand that he should treat with respect his own body, but also the body of every other person, especially the suffering."

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This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. In his encyclical "Quas Primas" establishing this feast, Pope Pius wrote: "The rebellion of individuals and states against the authority of Christ has produced deplorable results... the seeds of discord sown far and wide; those bitter enmities and rivalries between nations, which still hinder much the cause of peace; that insatiable greed which is so often hidden under the pretense of public spirit and patriotism, and gives rise to many private quarrels; a blind and immoderate selfishness, making men seek nothing but their own comfort and advantage, and measure everything by these; no peace in the home, because men have forgotten or neglect their duty; the unity and stability of family undermined; society, in a word, shaken to its foundations and on the way to ruin. We firmly hope, however, that the feast of the Kingship of Christ may hasten the return of society to our loving Savior." Let us continue to pray so.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Father Whitestone". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rev. David A. Whitestone, Pastor

*O Come Divine Messiah:
Historical Reflections on Advent*

*Reflections on the history of the Season of Advent
by Father Ramon Baez*

*Monday evenings
November 26 & December 3 at 7:30 pm,
in the Guadalupe Room, Parish Hall.*

Questions?

*Contact Carolyn Smith
at carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com
or 703-273-7277.*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



—Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially: Jay Bistay, husband of Ann Bistay.; Elean Ibarra, father of Jose Ibarra.

—We ask you to remember those in need of our daily prayers.



Welcome Home

Are you or someone you know questioning or struggling to accept some aspect of Church teachings, feeling unable to participate in the

Church, or that the Catholic faith is irrelevant? *Welcome Home* is an opportunity for Catholics to find answers & support in a respectful, welcoming setting. The group will meet twice a month on Sunday evenings. Each session will include a brief talk, small group discussions, and opportunities for private individual meetings. We are all on a journey to our true home, and we need each other. Please come, and invite any Catholic who is questioning or away from the Church to find the answers for which they are looking. **Meetings will be held** December 2 & 16. The meetings will start at 7pm in the St. John Room, Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Deacon Dave Maurer or Carolyn Smith at [703-273-5369](tel:703-273-5369).



We are forming a group of handbell players to play for Christmas Midnight Mass. Rehearsals begin immediately. If you can read music and are interested in joining us, please contact Lorraine Neill lneill@stleofairfax.com or 703-273-4682.

Did you know that now you can give to St. Leo the Great Catholic Church using your iPhone? *Faith Direct* has introduced their new iPhone app. Existing *Faith Direct* users can now manage every aspect of their account right from their iPhone or iPad. This new addition to eGiving at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church is another great reason to use *Faith Direct* for your gifts of treasure.

To learn more about the *Faith Direct* iPhone App, scan this QR Code with your iPhone or iPad and download the app today!



Don't have a *Faith Direct* account? Enroll online by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, **VA132**, or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office to get started!



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The second collection next weekend, Dec. 1st—2nd, will be for the sisters and their work with the elderly poor. The Little Sisters conduct Saint Joseph's Home for the Aged in Richmond. For over 130 years, these Sisters have cared for the aged who have limited resources. In order to maintain their home, the Sisters go out daily to solicit gifts of money and food for their Residents. Any help you may be able to give them will be greatly appreciated.

Please be generous. There is no special envelope in your envelope packet for this collection.

Liturgy of the Word



Monday	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Saturday	Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

MASS INTENTIONS

November 26 through December 2

Mon.:	6:15	Jeff Baker
	9:00	Elinore Mundy
Tues.:	6:15	Harold Owens
	9:00	Col. Joseph E. LaPosa
Wed.:	6:15	Robert Gebhart
	9:00	Rafael Madan Diago
Thurs.:	6:15	Catherine Perez
	9:00	Edward H. Stolarun
Fri.:	6:15	Special Intention
	9:00	Shirley Wise
Sat.	9:00	Respect Life
	5:00	Margaret Ross
Sun.:	7:30	Douglas Watts Sturges
	9:00	John Hamilton Turner
	11:00	deceased of the parish
	1:00	Carlota Elisa Quintero
	5:00	For the Parish

In addition to the regular schedule of Masses, Mass has been offered for the following intentions: Jim Canter, Rev. Thomas Pollard, Arthur Domby, Cecilio Obejero, Roy Granados.



BAPTISM CLASS IS MANDATORY

at Saint Leo. The next class is Tuesday, December 11th at 7:30 pm in the St. Mark room. Please call the rectory office (703-273-5369) to register.

Low Gluten Hosts are available for those who need them. Please inform the sacristan before Mass begins.

The second collection next weekend benefits the Little Sisters of the Poor. Please be generous.



A VOCATION VIEW

"My kingdom is not from this world." Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista: 703-841-2514, or write him:

b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

Women's Vocation Retreat Discerning your vocation? Want to enter more deeply into the Year of Faith? Young women ages 17-30 are invited to a vocation retreat Saturday, December 1 to be held at Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School from 8am-3pm. The day's events include Mass, talks on vocational discernment and the Year of Faith, a question and answer panel with 4 communities of religious sisters and adoration time. Confessions also available. The cost is \$20. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to woodbridge@op-tn.org or call Sr. Christiana at 703-878-7823 to reserve your spot.

Saint Leo the Great Catholic School

invites interested parents to visit the school and learn what makes us a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



An Open House for Preschool and Kindergarten through Grade 8, for school year 2013-2014 will be held on Wednesday, December 19th from 10-11:30am in Parish Hall. Principal's welcome will begin at 10am followed by a tour of the school. Applications are available for pickup at the open house, and during the school day from 9am to 2pm, and on the school website: www.saintleothegreatschool.org Please RSVP to Mrs. Cynthia Washington, Assistant Principal and Director of Admissions at 703-273-1211, ext. 645 to reserve a place.

All completed applications, with copies of supporting documents, may be sent through the mail or hand-carried to the school between the hours of 9am and 2pm. Acceptance letters for the 2013-2014 school year will be mailed once completed applications are received. Financial Aid packets are also available upon request. In the event of inclement weather, please check the website, or call the school office, 703-273-1211 for information.

Applications available: www.saintleothegreatschool.org.

PLEASE NOTE: *Saint Leo parishioners receive preferential status in Pre-School through eighth grade applications. In-parish families must be registered.*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Faith & Food at P.J. Skidoos

Join your parish priests at P.J. Skidoos, 9908 Fairfax Boulevard Fairfax, on **December 10, at 7:00 pm**, for an evening of fellowship & lively discussion over dinner (appetizers on us!). Be sure to bring your friends! All ages are welcome! To suggest topics or submit questions you would like answered, please contact Carolyn: carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com or 703-273-7277.

Rite of Christian Initiation and Adult Confirmation

RCIA classes have begun. Now is the perfect time for you to prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to join the Catholic Church or to invite someone else to do so. If you are already Catholic but would like to catch up on sacraments you may have missed along the way, or, you would just like to learn more about your Catholic Faith, you are also welcome to join us. Classes are on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00pm in the Guadalupe Room.

For additional information regarding any of the above events, please contact Carolyn Smith: carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com or 703-273-5369.

Young Adult Ski Retreat 2013 Join Young Adults from around the diocese for a weekend of skiing & winter fun at Seven Springs Resort in Pennsylvania, February 8-10! We'll spend the weekend skiing/snowboarding and/or other winter activities. There will be opportunities for Morning Prayer, Night Prayer, Mass, Adoration & Confession! Join us and bring a friend! Registration forms & \$100 (non-refundable) deposit are due by Wednesday, Dec. 5. Form available online: <https://sites.google.com/site/stmarkya/home/ski-retreat>. Final payment due January 4. Packages \$180-\$280 (incl. lodging, bus transportation, lift ticket, rentals & 1 meal). Please see registration form for details or go to Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/488675094498991/>. Email: YASkiTrip@gmail.com or call Jenni Wilson or Angie Pometto: 703-938-5656. Event sponsored by St. Mark & FIAT Young Adult Groups.

Movie about the Life of St. Augustine showing in Fairfax!

On November 27th at 7:15 pm at the Cinema Arts Theater there will be a one-time showing of the movie "Restless Heart." The movie is based on the true story of St. Augustine of Hippo, Catholic theologian and Doctor of the Church. Proceeds will benefit the Franciscan University Missions. The theater is located at 9650 Main Street in Fairfax. Tickets are \$12 and seating is extremely limited, so call as soon as possible. To purchase tickets, or for more information, contact Sandra Solares at 703-346-0409. For more information about the movie, go to www.restlessheartfilm.com.

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Religious Education News

12/3 [CCD](#) afternoon Confessions for grades 3-6 & evening Confessions for grades 3-5;

Religious Education Office: 703-273-4868

Advent Wreaths & Candles and Christmas Wreaths for Sale! Support AWC Crisis Pregnancy Center and decorate your home at the same time! Mixed Wreath with Acorns (\$25), Noble Fir Wreath (\$20), Advent/Christmas Wreath with Berries & Acorns (\$10), Mixed Bunch of Greens (\$5), Candle Holder Ring (\$10) and 4-pk of Advent Candles (\$5). **Sun., Dec. 2**, after the 7:30am, 9:00am, & 11:00am Masses. Unsold items will be sold at the Knights of Columbus Christmas tree trailer.

Paul VI Catholic High School LIVE NATIVITY Sunday, Dec. 9, 6:30—8:00pm (10675 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax) Join us for the Christmas Story - see and hear the story of Christ's birth. Bring your family and take part in the census; enter the town of Bethlehem and be there for the Angels chorus. There may not be room at the Inn but the storytellers are sure to warm you in the night's chill. We encourage you to dress as a visitor to Bethlehem, as a Shepherd, or Angel. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the cafeteria. Please join us and be a part of this magical evening. Contact us with questions: campusministry@paulvi.net



Christmas Wafers, a centuries' old Eastern European Christmas Eve tradition, are available for a \$3 donation per package (includes 3 white and 1 pink) Wafers available now through Christmas at the Rectory office and at the Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Trailer 3:30-9 Monday-Friday, 9-9 Saturday, and 9-6 Sunday. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent DePaul. Info: 703-352-2324.



Father Diamond Council Events & Calendar

**Meetings – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
7:00 PM Providence Hall**

11/25 Christmas Tree Sales Begin 9 AM to 6 PM
11/26-30 Tree Sales 3:30 to 9 PM
11/27 Council Meeting 8 PM, Rosary 7:30 PM
Meal 7 PM **NEW TIMES**
12/1 Christmas Creche Lighting after 5 PM Mass
12/1 Spaghetti Dinner in Providence Hall 6 PM

Giant, Shoppers Food Warehouse & Safeway Gift Cards for sale at Providence Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM or call Larry Novak: 703-978-6137

Join the Knights of Columbus. Call Pat McGuire 703-218-2986



Join us for **High School Youth Night** tonight! Join us as we prepare for this upcoming season of Advent! 6-8pm in the school gym. Come immediately following the 5:00pm Mass for food, fun, faith and prizes. Open to 9th - 12th grade high school students.

Middle School Students: Join us for Edge nights! Friday, Nov. 30th our topic is: **Jesus Christ is coming to Town: The Incarnation.** We meet Fridays, 7-9pm in the Guadalupe Rm. Open to grades 6-8. An evening of games, fun, & faith!

To register for high school youth group/RCIT please visit our website at www.stleoyouth.com.

Are you an adult who has a desire to do relational ministry with Middle or High School age youth? We're looking for YOU! We need adult volunteers who are willing to help with our Youth Nights this school year. Contact Erik or Melissa for more information, at stleoyouth@gmail.com

Our next **Girls CLC meeting is Monday, Oct. 15.** Each week we break open the Gospel, enjoy cupcakes, & have AWESOME conversations as we grow deeper in our faith. Come check it out! 7:30-9pm, Youth Room. All Confirmed High School Girls are Invited!

Our next **Boy's CLC meeting is this Wednesday Nov. 28.** Join us for a night of fun and growing deeper in your faith. 7:30-9:00pm. All Confirmed High School Boys are Invited!

There will be a **Workcamp Interest meeting Dec.16th at 3:30 pm in the youth room** (parish hall). Come and learn more about this week of service. For teens 9th-12th grade.

This year, we will compete in the **Diocesan One Act Play Competition March 2nd! It's a Bird! It's a Plane! IT'S CHICKENMAN!** Are you an actor? Interested in costumes? Stage Management? This is for you! This year, we will compete in the Diocesan One Act Play Competition March 2nd, 2013. Auditions for this hilarious, fast paced 3 actor play will be Sunday, Dec. 2, 2:30-4:30pm. Email Melissa for info!

High Schoolers: Mark Your Calendar for February 8-10 2013. We will be going on the Mount 2000 Spring Retreat! An awesome way to dive deeper into your faith, and grow closer to our Lord. Details to come!

Want to stay updated on youth events? Visit our website for the full calendar & registration forms. <http://www.stleoyouth.com>



St. Leo Moms' Group Join us for faith-filled fellowship every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursday of the month in the Guadalupe Room at 10am. Mothers of any age children, and children of all ages are welcome! Contact Michele Healy: healym08@gmail.com or Lisa Harsh: Lisa10404@aol.com.

Nov 29 NO Meeting

Pregnant? Need Help? **Gabriel Project** is a Pro-Life movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy or expectant mothers simply in need of support. St. Leo is an active participant in this ministry with volunteer "Angels" willing & able to help. Please contact stleogabrielproject@gmail.com or Karen Tejada at 703-498-9245 for volunteer information about Gabriel Project. For help call 1-866-444-3553.



Christmas Trees The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Trees in front of Saint Leo School weekdays: 3:30-9pm; Saturdays: 9am-9pm; and Sundays 9 am- 6 pm. Sales start Sunday Nov. 25 & continue through noon Saturday December 22. There will be Fraser Firs and Scotch Pines. Proceeds from the sales support the Knights of Columbus' charitable activities.

Horarios e Información

Santas Misas:

Español: domingos a la 1:00 pm
Inglés: sábados—5 pm (Vigilia),
domingos—7:30, 9, 11:00, 5pm

Confesiones en español: Todos los viernes a las 7pm
Todos los sábados de 3:30 a 5:00pm. Los domingos desde las 12:00pm a 12:50pm.

Bautizos: Preparación- llamar a Carlos Cea: 703-836-2139 ó Padre Ramon: 703-273-5369.

RCIA Para Adultos: domingos 10:30 am—12pm Salon Juan al lado de la iglesia. Para información, llamar al Diacono Jose Lopez 703-222-7704

Matrimonio: Todo Católico que desee contraer matrimonio debe contactar la parroquia por lo menos seis meses antes del evento. Para mayor información comunicarse con el Padre Ramon al 703-273-5369.

Grupo de Jóvenes: domingos 2:30—5pm—
Información: Guadalupe Barrera 703- 655-2729.

Catequesis Para Niños y Jóvenes: domingos 11—12:30. Llamar a Lee Cena: 703-273-4868.

Catequesis para Niños especiales ó sordos:
domingos 11:00am—12:30pm
Información - Lee Cena: 703-273-4868.

Sacramentos para Estudiantes de Secundaria:
llamar a la Oficina de Jovenes al teléfono 703-591-6089, ó email a youth@stleos.com.

Legion de Maria: lunes 7:30—9 pm ó domingo 11 am—12:30 pm. Llamar a Padre Ramon: 703-273-5369.

Información general: llamar a Diacono Jose Lopez 703-222-7704



"Mi reino no es de este mundo". ¿Eres llamado a proclamar el Reino glorioso de Cristo Rey como sacerdote, diácono o religioso/a? Llama al Padre Brian Bashista al (703) 841-2514, o escríbele a: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org

La fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Guadalupe y las Mañanitas: Todos están invitados a la misa en honor a Nuestra Madre el 15 de diciembre, 2012 a las 12 pm en la iglesia de San Leo Magno. Después de la misa, celebraremos con comida, musica, y baile en el gimnasio de la escuela. Además, todos estan invitados a las 4:45 am el 12 de diciembre para celebrar nuestra costumbre de las mañanitas en la iglesia, y después tendremos un refrigerio en el Salon de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Para más información, llame al 703-273-5369.

Cambio de charla de bautismos para el mes de diciembre: La clase de preparación para bautismos de niños ha sido cambiada desde el 15 al 22 de diciembre, 2012. La razón es porque la Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe sera el 15 de diciembre a las 12 pm en la iglesia. La clase regresara a su horario normal del tercer sábado del mes en enero 2013, o sea el 19 de enero.

Clases de Catequesis para Adultos: ¿Has recibido todos tus sacramentos? Si te falta el Sacramento de Comunión o Confirmación, y eres un adulto mas de 17 años, tienes que inscribirte en el curso de catequesis para adultos (RICA). EL curso te enseña todo lo que necesitas para que seas una persona preparada en la fe. El curso comienza el 16 de septiembre 2012 en el Salon de San Juan a las 10 am y continua casi todos los domingos hasta la cuaresma del proximo año. Para inscribirte, habra una mesa en la entrada de la iglesia todos los domingos hasta el 9 de septiembre. Si necesitas mas información, favor de llamar al Diacono Jose Lopez o al Padre Baez al 703-273-5369.

¿Deseas conocer tu fe? El ultimo domingo de cada mes estudiamos un aspecto de catequesis de la iglesia. Estamos estudiando algunos documentos de Segundo Consejo Vaticano. Según el Santo Padre Papa Benedicto XVI, debemos de estudiar los documentos para prepararnos para el quincuagésimo aniversario (50 años) del Consejo Vaticano. La próxima charla será el 25 de noviembre después de la misa de la 1:00 pm en el Salón de Nuestra Sra de la Guadalupe. Para información llame al Padre Baez o al Diacono Jose Lopez al 703-273-5369.

Grupo Divina Misericordia y Compasión ¿Conoce a alguien que se encuentre solo y enfermo? ¿Sabe de alguien que necesite de la palabra de Dios y de la compañía de miembros de su iglesia? Un grupo de personas de nuestra parroquia visita a los miembros de la comunidad que se encuentran enfermos en los hospitales ó en sus casas. Se brinda oraciones y compañía a todas aquellas personas delicadas de salud. Tambien un ministro le puede traer comunión ó puede pedir que un sacerdote le visite para recibir los sacramentos. Por favor llamen a Gilma Orozco al 571-238-6634.

Grupo de Oración Sábados 6-8:30pm, Salon de Nuestra Sra de La Guadalupe. Información: Jose Ferrufino: 703-250-1343.