

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

NSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Bringing Christ to People and People to Christ Since 1909

FOURTH SUNDAY

OF *Advent*

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



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www.diocesealex.org

www.vatican.va

www.masstimes.org

www.usccb.org

www.catholic.com

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Tues-Thurs 5:00 pm - 5:20 pm

And by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

By Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Request at least 1 month in advance

Sacrament of Matrimony

At least 6 months in advance

Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

Dec. 19	4 p.m.	E. Min.: Altar Servers:	Lector: Madeline Meziere	Jan. 2	4 p.m.	E. Min.: Altar Servers:	Lector: Justin sines	
Dec. 20	11 a.m.	E. Min.: Susan Hilton Altar Servers:	Lector: Harold Bayonne	Jan. 3	11 a.m.	E. Min.: Susan Hilton Altar Servers:	Lector: Elizabeth Prejean	
	5 p.m.	E. Min.: Cheryl Stoker Altar Servers:	Lector: Tabitha Coleman		5 p.m.	E. Min.: Cheryl Stoker	Lector: Tabitha Coleman	
Christmas Vigil	Dec. 24	4 p.m.	E. Min.:	Lector: In Need	Jan. 9	4 p.m.	E. Min.: Altar Servers:	Lector: Wendy Llorens
Christmas Night Mass	Dec. 24	8 p.m.	E. Min.:	Lector: Harold Bayonne	Jan. 10	11 a.m.	E. Min.: Kathy Friday Altar Servers:	Lector: Harold Bayonne
Christmas Day Mass	Dec. 25	9 a.m.	E. Min.:	Lector: Harold Bayonne		5 p.m.	E. Min.: Cheryl Stoker Altar Servers:	Lector: Karen Apponey
Dec. 26	4 p.m.	E. Min.: Altar Servers:	Lector: Terrie Poehl	Jan. 16	4 p.m.	E. Min.: Altar Servers:	Lector: Madeline Meziere	
Dec. 27	11 a.m.	E. Min.: Kathy Friday Altar Servers: Raylan LaCaze	Lector: Susie Winston	Jan. 17	11 a.m.	E. Min.: Mike Friday Altar Servers:	Lector: Susie Winston	
	5 p.m.	E. Min.: Cheryl Stoker	Lector: Karen Apponey		5 p.m.	E. Min.: Cheryl Stoker Altar Servers:	Lector: Tabitha Coleman	

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people.
(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalms — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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†MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

12-19 Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Don Tobin
12-20 Sunday	11:00 a.m.	†Wayne Hodge
12-20 Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Our Parish Family
12-21 Monday	NO MASS	
12-22 Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Intention of Shirley Mac Lauren
12-23 Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Intention of S.W. Nelken
12-24 Christmas Eve Vigil	4:00 p.m.	†Tina Tobin Smith
12-24 Christmas Night Mass	8:00 p.m.	Our Parish Family
12-25 Christmas Day Mass	9:00 a.m.	Deceased family members of Shirley MacLauren
12-26 Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mr. & Mrs. Clarence LaCaze
12-27 Sunday	11:00 a.m.	†Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Harper
12-27 Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Our Parish Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

Electronic Giving

If you'd like to donate with a bank draft or credit card, please go to our website at www.nscatholic.org and click on GIVE.

Have you remembered Holy Cross Campus Ministry in your will?

Altar Society

Charismatic Prayer Group	Joan Gahagan
High School Confirmation	
Children's Catechism	Janice Ebert
RCIA	Mark Adkins
Maintenance & Grounds	John Denny
Adoration Chapel	Kathy Friday

Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Are you looking for a deeper conversion, a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and a growth in holiness? Would you like to know more about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how you can better serve the Lord and His people? **Meetings are canceled until further notice.**

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible study that meets on Wednesday's from 2 - 4 is **cancelled until further notice**

Safe Environment

The Protecting Our Children—Understanding, Reporting and Preventing Child Abuse flyer, which includes *Resources and Contact Numbers* is available for those who wish to take one.

Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors and the diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct for Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Ministers, Administrators, Staff, and Volunteers can be accessed under the *Documents and Links* in the Safe Environment section of the diocese website: www.diocesealex.org and a hard copy may be requested of the Safe Environment Office.

VIRTUS™ Protecting God's Children

Every adult who works/volunteers with children/youth in the Diocese of Alexandria's churches/schools must attend the VIRTUS™ *Protecting God's Children* sexual abuse awareness training. "Ongoing-training" will be part of the training component. A background check must be conducted and, the results received before an adult may volunteer/work with children/youth.

VIRTUS RE-CERTIFICATION CHANGE. Those who are active Virtus users now have a video recertification module to complete through your on-line account. This is in addition to the monthly Virtus bulletins that must be read each month. For more information contact Pam Delrie at pdelrie@diocesealex.org or 318-445-6424, ext. 213

Upcoming Virtus Sessions

- Dec. 15, 6pm, Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (hall), Natchitoches
- Jan. 12, 6 pm, St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria

Please pre-register. Go to www.virtus.org and, click on First-Time Registrant and complete all requested information.

A face mask MUST be worn during entire session; one (1) person per table (spouses may sit together) A maximum of ONLY 15 adults allowed. The session lasts 2 1/2 - 3 hrs. Minors are not allowed because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

Pray Before You Speak

Have you ever been told to "think before you speak"? Nathan seems to have spoken too soon when he told David to do whatever he wanted about building a house for the LORD. But later that night the God gave him a message for David: the LORD did not need anyone to build him a house; God would make David's house (in the sense of family or descendants) last forever. That can be a lesson to us. Instead of just thinking before we speak, it could be a good idea to pray before we speak.

How many times have we said something in anger (or selfishness, fear, any strong feeling) that we wished we could take back? If we just think before we speak, we might just rationalize what we wanted to say in the first place. But if you take a little more time to bring our feelings to God, ask for guidance and listen for what God would have us say, things might turn out a lot better. We pray before meals; why not pray before going to work? We can pray before making decisions about our family, getting engaged, taking a new job, buying a new house/car/HD-TV, etc. When a friend or relative needs someone to talk to, we can pray that we listen well and say what God wants our friend to hear. If we have enough faith to let God guide our lives, let's take the time in prayer to listen for that guidance.

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Hail,
full of grace!
The Lord is
with you.



Feast of Faith Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too. not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

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Words from Our Adoration Chapel • Just One Hour Can Change Our World

The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth.

—St. Teresa of Calcutta

Neighborly Prayer (Please review this list. If there any names that need to be removed, please call or email the office.)

Carrie Aaron, Mark Adkins, Judy Armstrong, Beth Atkins, Theresa Bayonne, Buster Beaudion, Darlene Bell, Mike Bell, Brian K. Benefield, Sr., Carol Bennett, Lisa Boydston, Mar Lou Brasher, Betty Sue Brewton, Delbert Broadway, Emma Jean Bynog, Dwayne Carter, Jesse Chambers, Jenny Choate, Jonah Crotchet, Darlene Cloud, Donnie Cockrell, Eloise "Mickie" Colquitt, Christopher Conant, Dale Cooper, Davina Cotton, Ronald Corkin, Aziza Coutee, Darren Coutee, Josephine Coutee, Raamses Coutee, Linda Crooks, Ted Cross, Stoney Crow, Herbert Dalme, Mary Darby, Susan Dowden Davis, Francis Deloney, Rosa Del Toro, Lillian DeJean, Sean DeSpain, Beverly Dodd, Stephen Edwards, Talia Epidendio, Beau Louis Fair, Jessica Fontenot, Linda Frey, Ashley Friday, Mike Friday, Buddy Gahagan, Audrey Gallien, Jerry Lynn Garcia, Sr., Clarice Gamer, Jerry Garza, Andrew Gilbert, Sandra Giska, M. Jude Glass, Jerry Glover, Karen Glover, Amanda Gomez, Natassia Lynn Gomez, Jada Grace, Ruby Grayson, Mary Lynn, Alex Haddad, Steve Hamilton, Charles Hampton, Jr., Lacie Harper, Donald Harris, Dee Hawthorne, Kenneth Heard, Ralph Hernandez, Sonia Hester, Mike Hinds, Sam Holden, Emelle Howell, Butch Huckaby, Doris James, Laura Jardine, Mary Jardine, Nora Jardine, Larry Johnson, Darrella Jones, Emery Jones, Thelma Jordan, Alina Karpinski, Daunia Karpinski, Jerica Kelly, Paul Keyser, Paula Kimberly, Aubrey LaCaze, Ricky LaCaze, Bubba LaCour, Florence LaCour, Glenn LaCour, Herman LaCour, John LaCour, Nazy LaCour, Aaron Michael LeBlanc, Lauren Leone, Janice Licak, Thelma Little, Jean Llorence, Jacie Logan, Gwen Lynch, Shirley MacLauren, Bob McGill, Randy Mayeaux, Holly Maynard, Linda McCain, Lynn McCain, Dennis McClung, Brenda Melder, Ralph Mercado, Carolyn Merrell, Owen Monette, Wayne North, Gordon O'Con, Andrew Odum, Diane Osborne, Jessie Parker, Karen Pichon, Burt Poche, Hannah Possoit, Dale Presson, Archie Rachal, Jr., Crystal Rachal, Jimmy Rachal, Jr., Holly Rafidi, Eddie Richard, Greg Reed, Larry Rister, Dewey Roberts, Linda Roper, Brenda Rose, Carol Ann LaCaze Rose, Maria C. Ruiz, Harold Salard, T.M.S, Genevieve Santana, Debby Saville, Tony Schneider, Buzz Scott, Dot Scott, Jensen Sessums, Phillip Shilling, Mike Smith, Donald Smith, Made Smith, Timmy Smith, Vickie Spillman, Kay Sprung, Mark Sylvie, Jr., Elizabeth Trichel, Cleo Tyler, Gary Tyler, Mason Tyler, Paulette Tyler, Theresa Vallien, Jenelle Van Calsem, Glenda Sue Vanhook, Ronnie Vasocou, Billie Vercher, Cynthia White, Shirley White, Mandy Whitehead, Linda Wilkerson, Johnny Williams, Sammentha Williams Cordie Wilson, Rev. Willie Wilson, Rose Wilson, Melinda Zolzer.
May God grant healing and comfort to the sick and purification through those who suffer for the sake of the Kingdom! Amen.