

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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We wish to thank all the catechists, parents and students for such a wonderful start to the year. We pray that we all will remain healthy and happy. We appreciate the extra effort of the volunteers who are helping guide the traffic during pick-up. Please remember to keep us informed about any absences. Keeping on top of the homework is critical. Bringing food items for the pantry is a Corporal Work of Mercy and is appreciated. Lastly, a reminder the drop off this year is by automobile only.



Catechesis on the Human Person and Gender Ideology

The Bishop recently released guidance on teachings surrounding gender ideology as well as the policy for schools and ministries on the topic. The link to the guidance document on catechesis is: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/public-messages/2021/a-catechesis-on-the-human-person-and-gender-ideology/>



Reflection of the Month: Fear of the Lord

In the Book of Psalms it is written: "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Another way of looking at this is through the lens of piety. Piety is reverence that can apply to our parents and country having given us birth and nourishment. Piety is also a Spirit-taught reverence for God the Father. This reverence inclines the Christian to offer easily and joyfully the worship and obedience due the Father. The one ordered rightly toward God and piety, then orients himself to lesser authorities and all others in relation to God and so attains the meekness spoken of by Christ in the beatitudes. Teaching our children to revere God will allow them to rightly order their lives and the things in the world around them. For adults it also places those things that tend to drive us towards tribalism, such as politics and liturgical preferences, in their proper perspective.

Continuing Religious Education for Parents

St. William of York would like to support parents as primary educators of their children in the faith. We invite you to continue your formation through online classes now available to you for FREE! Learn the faith, and how to share it with your children at your own pace through the Catholic Education Center. To begin, go to: <https://classroom.catholiceducationcenter.com> for free immediate access us the enrollment key: Arlington.



Saint of the Month: St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Born in Antioch about 347; died in exile in Comana (Turkey) on 14 September 407. After some years as a hermit, he was a priest at Antioch, where his brilliant preaching and catechesis earned him the sobriquet "Chrysostom" (golden-mouthed). Appointed patriarch of Constantinople in 397. His reforms, preaching, and ascetic life led to opposition from court and clergy and eventual banishment. Noted for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of his witness, and his effective preaching of the Scriptures.

