

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, November 29**

Adam Katz (†), Thomas & Mary Ulam (†),  
 Pierre Richard (†), Robert Perez (†),  
 Florie Iodice (†),  
 (HC Masses) For the People, Robert Perez (†)

**Monday, November 30**

John Howard (†), Duane Homan (†)

**Tuesday, December 1**

Sr. Mary Clare (†), Robert Perez (†)

**Wednesday, December 2**

Barbara T. & Don L. Stevens, Jr. (†), Maryellen Rubel (†)

**Thursday, December 3**

Catherine Priore (†), Edward Cassilly (†)

**Friday, December 4**

Mary Cossman (†), John Calvert (†)

**Saturday, December 5**

Kathy Lehman (†), Mary Volkle (†)

**Sunday, December 6**

Mary Ellen Rubel (†), Mary Catherine Ulam (†),  
 Rosemarie O'Leary (†), Robert Perez (†),  
 Sarah Ecklund  
 (HC Masses) Robert Perez (†), For the People



**READINGS**

Sun: Jer 33:14-16.....1 Thes 3:12--4:2  
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
 Mon: Rom 10:9-18.....Mt 4:18-22  
 Tue: Is 11:1-10 .....Lk 10:21-24  
 Wed: Is 25:6-10a.....Mt 15:29-37  
 Thurs: Is 26:1-6 .....Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Fri: Is 29:17-24 .....Mt 9:27-31  
 Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26.....Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9.....Phil 1:4-6  
 Lk 3:1-6

**COLLECTIONS**

**October Electronic Giving**

Regular	\$13,017.00
Capital Campaign	\$63.00
Samaritan Fund	\$222.65
Religious Education	\$85.00
Catholic University	\$35.00
World Mission Sunday	\$336.00

To participate in electronic giving, please visit our website at [www.stmaryofsorrows.org](http://www.stmaryofsorrows.org) and click on Parish Giving.

**PARISH LIFE**

**Christmas Cards**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling boxed sets of Christmas Cards in Farrell Hall and Old St. Mary's Hall after all weekend Masses.

**Looking for the Perfect Christmas Tree?**



Then come to the Knights of Columbus' Christmas Tree Sale at the Historic Church and check out their fine selection of quality trees. Be sure to ask about their 9 - 10 foot Frazer Firs...they are tall and beautiful and you won't be disappointed! Remember, all proceeds go to charity.

**Widow to Widow**

Walking the Path of Widowhood will hold its next sessions on Thursday, **December 3**, at 4:30, and on Monday, **December 7**, at 5 pm, in the Apartment. We will continue our session on Handling one's grief during the Holidays. For more information, please contact Joyce Johnson at 703-455-7007.

**They Need Our Prayers and Material Help Desperately**



Our typhoon ravaged brothers and sisters in the Philippines are in dire need of aid to help rebuild their lives. 1.5 million people are struggling to

live in flooded suburbs or crowded shelters. Be a part of the answer to their plea of help! Attend a fundraising concert featuring musical savant Carlos Ibay at St. Mary's on Sunday, **December 27**, at 4 pm. 100% of tax deductible donations and ticket purchases will go towards aid in rebuilding lives of typhoon victims. Tickets are \$25.00. For tickets please call: Luisa Robinson, 703-323-5834, or Gigi Allas-Espiritu, 703-250-0520. Please make checks payable to St. Mary of Sorrows and write "Fil-Am Ministry" on the memo line.

**Holiday Express November Sale**

Thank you to all who donated goodies to the Sweet Shop and chili to the Cafe. A special thanks to all the shoppers who made this year's sale a great success. Raffle winners were: Madonna cross stitch, Carol Nibbelin, Nativity set, Cindy Sbrocco, flower arrangement, Kris Perri, mystery package, Dorothy Leonard. Advent candles and wreaths will be on sale in Farrell Hall before and after Masses this weekend. The proceeds from the sale will be announced and given to the church at a later date. Our Spring Sale will be the first weekend in May.

**Parish Directory**

If you have not picked up your directory and you had your picture taken, then please do so. If you would like a directory and did not have your picture taken, they are available to St. Mary's parishioners for \$10 per directory and are for individual use only. Our parishioners' information may not be used for solicitation.

### St. Mary's Is a Tithing Parish

"...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Thanks to your donations to Sunday and holy day collections our parish is able to provide \$550 to the DeLaSalle School. These funds directly support the Extended Day Program which provides students an alternative to unstructured and/or unsupervised after-school activities.

## LITURGY & MUSIC



### Intentions of Pope Benedict XVI

Let us unite our prayers with those of the whole church by praying for the Holy Father's intentions for December.

- General: That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms.
- Mission: That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every man and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Saviour of the world.

### Please Pray For The Sick

Caroline Smith, Madeline George Badovinac, Chester Schuler, Joan Hickey, Mary Seigenfuse, Kristina Anderson, Lilly Morris, Alex Green, Mark Wise, Joanne Benner, Christopher Benner, Pat Mizer, John Maskeny, Mason Shaffer, Martin Hauck, Carole Hauck, Helene Puerling, Mary Basile, and Austin Ruby. Names will be kept on the list for a month. Please call then and advise if you need an extended time.



### Baptisms

We joyfully welcome into the Church  
Kellian John Tonnou Anato.

### First Sunday in Advent

Remember Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for our Lord. It's a wonderful idea to go to confession during this penitential season to clean our souls, just like we prepare for our Christmas company by cleaning our homes. Go early to avoid the long lines. Do it the easy way by taking advantage of our Penance Service on **December 14** at 7:30 pm. We will have approximately 12 priests hearing confessions.

### Noon Mass With the Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick

Do you know of someone that is ill or will perhaps be having surgery soon? Please let them know about this special Mass. Give them or yourself the opportunity to experience the healing effects of this powerful sacrament. Join us in the Worship Center on **December 2** at Noon with Fr. Barkett as the main celebrant.

### First Friday and First Saturday

**December 4 and 5** are First Friday and First Saturday. We have Adoration Friday all day and night till Saturday 9:15 am Mass. First Saturday Devotions will follow Saturday morning Mass.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe



## Queen of the Americas

*Mass*

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

*7 pm*

*St. Mary of Sorrows Worship Center*

Sponsored by

Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ

Bi-Lingual Mass will be celebrated by

Fr. David Garcia,

Fr. James Barkett,

& Fr. Cyprien Ephrem Houndje

Music for Mass and Reception by Mariachi Los Amigos

A reception in Farrell Hall will follow.

Please bring a dish to share.

There will be a drawing for a framed print  
of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Taize Holy Hour**

Take a rest from your holiday preparations and join us in the Worship Center on **December 4** at 7:30 pm for Adoration by candlelight and soothing music. After a hectic workweek, it's the perfect way to unwind and let the Lord calm your soul. Confession is also available, so you can avoid the long confession lines toward the end of Advent.

**Christmas Eve Mass Ticket Distribution**

Tickets for the 5 pm and 7 pm Christmas Eve Masses will be distributed to registered parishioners on a first come, first served basis, in Farrell Hall, Thursday evening, **December 10**. Tickets will be distributed starting at 6 pm. Please note that there will not be a 9 pm Christmas Eve Mass this year. No tickets are required for Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Masses.

**Praise and Worship**

Come to join the Youth Group, Logs of Fire and Father Stefan to honor our Lord with praise, worship and adoration before our Lord on **December 16** in the Worship Center at 7:30 pm. Father Stefan will be giving a talk on "radical faith." Come and be changed.

**Save the Date!**

The Annual St. Mary's Children's Choir Christmas Pageant will be on **December 18** at 7:30 pm in the Worship Center.

**YOUTH MINISTRY****High School Youth**

Email: [briank@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:briank@stmaryofsorrows.org)  
703-978-4141, x11

Check out our new website: [www.smosyouth.org](http://www.smosyouth.org)

**This Sunday November 29: Mass and Bowling**

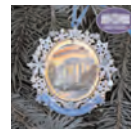
Join us for Mass at 5pm, followed by a trip to Bowl America in Burke. The cost will be \$12 per person (bring food or money for food as well). Email Brian to reserve your spot. Brian has already guaranteed his victory over everyone else at the bowling alley.

**Boys' and Girls' CLC**

Come join the faith sharing groups that really get in-depth with the faith.  
Boys: Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 pm in Room 8  
Girls: Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 pm in the Apartment.

**St. Mary's Gift Card Program**

Gift Cards for: Giant, Safeway, Starbucks, iTunes, and more! This fundraiser is a great chance to support Youth Ministry at St. Mary's just by shopping at the retailers you already shop at! You just buy the gift cards from us on sale at the front desk Monday through Friday. Checks should be made payable to "St. Mary's" with "Scripp" in the memo line.

**White House Ornaments****And Entertainment Books**

These are available for sale at all weekend Masses and are also available during the week at the reception window or the Youth Ministry Office. Cash and checks accepted. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary of Sorrows with "ornaments" or "entertainment books" in the memo line. All proceeds from these sales support our youth in the Youth Ministry program, particularly our summer trips.

**Junior High Youth**

Email: [jhyouth@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:jhyouth@stmaryofsorrows.org)

**Bowling - November 30<sup>th</sup>**

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to meet at the Bowl America at 5615 Guinea Rd. at 6:30 to play a round or two of bowling. Please bring money for shoes and one or two games. We will finish up at 8 pm.

**Junior High Hang Out December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to come hang out at St. Mary's after school until 5 pm. Come ready to play video games, floor pong, cards, ultimate Frisbee or just to hang out. All are welcome.

**FAMILY LIFE****Sharing Hope**

Sharing Hope, a support group for men and women going through separation and divorce, will meet this Friday, **December 4**, at Old St. Mary's Hall. The topic will be "Personal Goals." Newcomers are warmly welcomed and there is no fee. For further information, directions or encouragement, please call Barbara at 703-425-5467 or Maureen, (work) 703-610-5805.

**PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY****Samaritan Fund**

This week your donations helped a couple to make a security deposit to obtain an apartment. After losing their jobs and undergoing foreclosure, with assistance from our Samaritan Fund, they are able to make a fresh start. Please continue to place your extra coins and bills in the Samaritan fund collection box or baskets, or give a check to the parish receptionist.

**Christmas Outreach**

Now is the time for you and your family to join fellow parishioners in bringing God's love to those who otherwise might have no one to remember them this year. There are still many children and adults to be 'adopted' for Christmas gifts, so please visit the sign-up tables after Masses during this weekend. We also need many volunteers to help with the gift collections. If you can help before and after any of the Masses at the Worship Center on **December 5, 6, 12 or 13**, please call Chris Mikrut, 703-239-9347, or Carol Mayfield, 703-978-4141, x19. Thank you!

**Collecting Winter Hats, Gloves, Scarves**

Our homeless neighbors in Fairfax County have a great need for protection from the cold weather when they are outdoors. You can help by taking inventory of your family's closets. If you have any gently used hats, gloves, mittens and scarves that you can donate, please place them in the marked box in Farrell Hall. Please call Pat White, 703-273-8438, if you have questions about this collection.

**Winter Coat Collection Reminder**

Just a reminder: as you are taking inventory of your closets, please remember that we will be conducting our annual coat and jacket collection on **January 9-10**. All items that you bring on that weekend will be distributed to needy children and adults in our community.

**Please Help With The Current Needs Of Our Bhutanese Refugee Family!**

Our refugee family is learning all about the American home and life in the USA and they have made tremendous progress in acclimating to our culture in the short time they have been here. Donations of warm clothing are still needed in small sizes; sizes are posted on the parish website at stmaryofsorrows.org. Financial contributions to help with rent and utilities are also requested as well as gift cards for personal clothing items including shoes/boots. Please make checks payable to St Mary's with "Family Assistance" in the memo line and give checks/gift cards to the parish receptionist. Thanks!!!

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough. Meister Johann Eckhart.

**HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE**

**St. Leo the Great Catholic School Open House**

Come see what makes us a National Blue Ribbon School! Wednesday, **December 16**, 10 - 11:30 am. For information or to RSVP, please call the school at 703-273-1211, x654.

**Combined Federal Campaign/United Way**

Let your workplace giving through the United Way or Combined Federal Campaign support the Paul Stefan Foundation, CFC #47774; the services of Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese of Arlington, CFC #24770 or United Way #8055; or the Dominican House of Studies CFC #48555 as your designated charity when you make your donations.

**O'Connell to Host Girls Soccer Tournament**

The 7th Annual Lady Knights Indoor Classic will be held on Saturday, **January 9, 2010**. All girls U-9 through High School teams are invited to participate. Registration closes **December 4**, and the fee is \$175. For more information and the tournament application, visit [www.leaguelineup.com/ladyknightsindoorclassic](http://www.leaguelineup.com/ladyknightsindoorclassic).

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Sun	29	Coffee & Doughnuts	8:00am	FH/OSMH
Mon	30	Historic Church Choir	7:30pm	HC
		Simbang Gabi Choir	7:30pm	WC
		Legion of Mary	8:15 pm	6L
Tues	01	Cursillo Prayer Group	9:45am	8L
		OLPH Rosary Makers	10:30am	6L
		Knights of Columbus	7:00pm	OSMH
		Landings	7:15pm	Apt.
		Bell Choir	7:30pm	MR
Wed	02	AA	10:00am	OSMH
		Mass & Anointing of the Sick	12:00pm	WC
		RCIA	7:30pm	UR
		Joyful Noise	7:30pm	MR
		Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30pm	WC
		Compassionate Friends	7:30pm	OSMH
Thu	03	Mother's Group	10:00am	OSMH
		Widow's Group	4:30pm	Apt.
		Children's Choir	5:00pm	MR
		Amigos en Cristo	7:00pm	8L
		Boy Scout Troop	7:30pm	OSMH
		Marian Singers	7:30pm	MR
		CLT Counseling	7:30pm	UR
Fri	04	Sharing Hope	7:30pm	OSMH
Sat	05	Spanish Class	9:00am	8L
		LSLC LaSalette	10:00am	UR
		AOH Christmas Party	6:00pm	OSMH
		Cursillo Ultreya	7:30pm	UR
		Foster Children's Gift Collection	4:00pm	FH(B)
Sun	06	Coffee & Doughnuts	8:00am	FH/OSMH
		Foster Children's Gift Collection	8:00am	FH(B)
		AOH	1:00pm	OSMH
		Girl Scout Planning	6:00pm	OSMH

**Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School**

The Christendom Graduate School is accepting registrations for the spring term, **January 18 – May 8**. Most courses are taught during weekday evenings at our convenient Alexandria campus on the grounds of Queen of Apostles Parish. We have low tuition, a friendly, welcoming community, and discounts for catechists and seniors. For information, visit [www.christendom.edu/grad](http://www.christendom.edu/grad) or call 703-658-4304.

**Tax Savings Through A Gift of Stock**

You may make a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or our diocese. In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation. For more information, please call 703-841-3896 or visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts\\_stock.php](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.php).

**Catholic Charities Ball 2010**

"All That Sparkles," Friday, **February 5, 2010**, at the Ritz Carlton, Tysons Corner. Black Tie. Consider enjoying the evening with your fellow parishioners by reserving a Parish Table. For information and donation opportunities please e-mail Barbara Caudle, [ccbball2010@yahoo.com](mailto:ccbball2010@yahoo.com) or call 703-937-3988.

