

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

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Monday - Friday

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.

(Except Sundays) 8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Devotions

Rosary

Daily before Mass at 8:05 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Daily after Mass

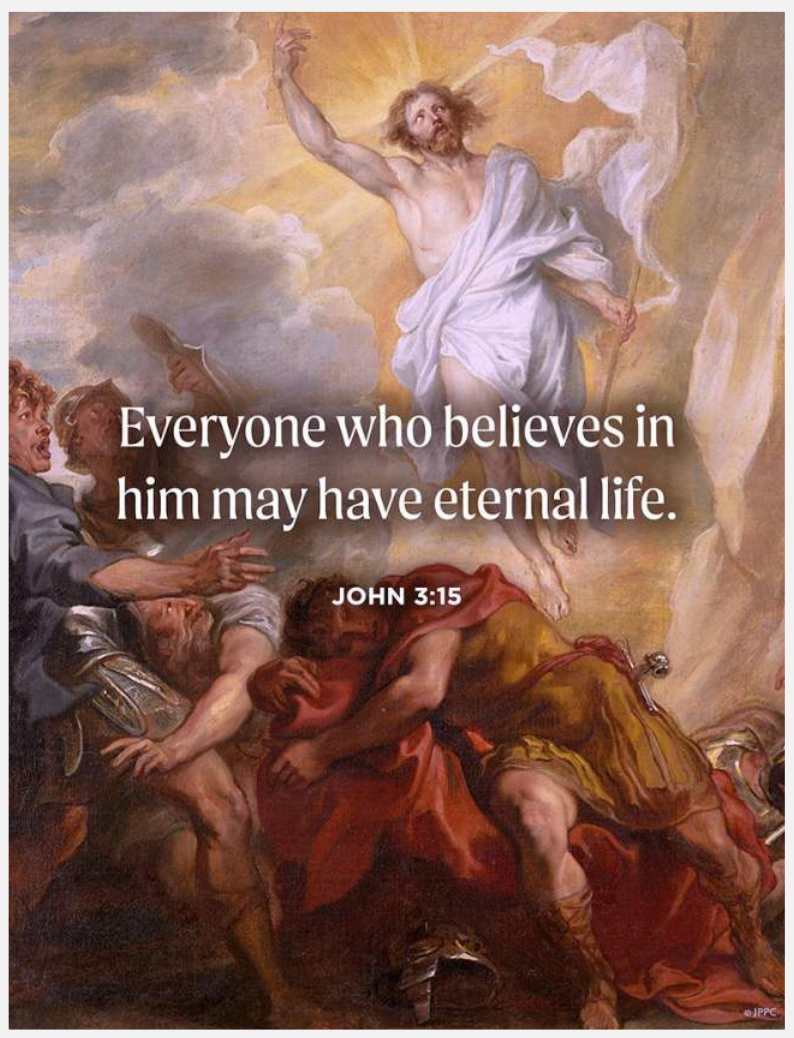
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Every Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every 1st Friday of the month from

3:00 to 7:00 p.m.



September 14, 2025 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Parish Membership

Our Parish Family invites all its members to participate fully in our spiritual & social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register with us. Please let us know if your address or email changes.

Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners

If you know of someone who is homebound, please notify our parish office so that they may receive pastoral and sacramental care of the church.

Email: office@ourladyofthevalleyluray.org

Send announcements by Monday noon to:

bulletin@ourladyofthevalleyluray.org

Visit our website at: ourladyofthevalleyluray.org



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: September 13 - Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. - Lennis Atkins

5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of the Valley Parishioners

Sunday: September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 a.m. - Thanksgiving to the Poor Souls +

11:15 a.m. - Robert Fisher +

Monday: September 15 - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 a.m. - Catherine Wilowatyj & Sophie

Tuesday: September 16 - Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. - Catherine Wilowatyj & Sophie

Wednesday: September 17 - Wednesday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Catherine Wilowatyj

Thursday: September 18 - Thursday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Eleanor Fisher +

Friday: September 19 - Friday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Linda Falcone +

Saturday: September 20 - Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. - Mary E. Vaccarino

5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of the Valley Parishioners

Sunday: September 21 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. - Ethan Williams; and Ethan Marshall

11:15 a.m. - Deacon Rafael Goldsmith



Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

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Helping Our Parish Grow

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of September 7

Offertory Collections: \$3,347.00

Poor Box: \$89.00

Candles: \$28.00

Mass Intentions: \$20.00

Building Fund: \$111.00

Utilities / Maintenance: \$40.00

Catholic University: \$433.74



Second Collection - Today

Religious Education

Mass Intentions

Please know that having the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass said for a special intention or in loving memory of a departed relative or friend brings many graces. The standard donation is \$10.00. Mass cards are available at the parish office, the sacristy, and on annex side table.



The second week of each month (**Sept. 13-14**) OLV collects packaged, canned goods, and nonperishables for the needy of our community. Please leave your food only donations in the church vestibule.

The collection for August was 418 pounds of food. Jan. 2025 to date: 3,650 pounds. Since January 2016: 22,935 pounds.

*Thank you for participating in this
very worthy cause*

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Prayer of the Faithful

That we may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share all of our gifts.

Diocesan Week of Service: Love in Action – Service in Community

The Diocese of Arlington invites you to take part in a powerful witness of our faith from November 9 -16 for the first Diocesan Week of Service, a time dedicated to putting Love in Action through Service in Community.

Rooted in the Gospel and inspired by the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, our parishes and ministries are joining together to bring Christ to our neighbors by serving individuals and families who are most in need—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. From feeding the hungry and visiting the sick, to comforting the sorrowful and praying for the living and the dead, this week calls each of us to live our faith in concrete and compassionate ways. Let's serve with purpose, pray with hope, and grow together in the love of God. NOTE: OLV will be having several different Community Service projects in which you can participate. More details coming soon.

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Married in 2000 or 1975?

All golden and silver jubilarians are welcome!
Contact your parish office today to register!

Sunday October 19, 2025

Cathedral of St. Thomas More | 2:30 pm
3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington | Principal Celebrant and Homilist

The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703.841.2550 | familylife@arlingtondiocese.org | @arlingtonfamily

Stewardship Reflection

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven.

These four points are known as the “kerygma” – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?



Retreat for Person's Facing Serious Illness

Seeking Rest and Renewal? Amid illness and uncertainty, God's love remains a source of comfort and strength. You and your caregiver are warmly invited to a peaceful weekend retreat for person's facing serious illness. This retreat is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, spiritual guidance, and gentle care. Diocesan priests, medical professionals, and volunteers will accompany you with compassion and support. Come find spiritual healing, hope, and rest in God's loving presence.

For questions or to register, email retreat@ccda.net, and a nurse will contact you within a few days. For information, please call (703) 841-3830.



Please call the parish office 540-743-4919, if you would like to remove or add a loved one's name to our bulletin prayer list.

Our Lady of the Valley Covenant

We, the parish family of Our Lady Of The Valley, do hereby covenant ourselves to God by working to proclaim His word, build His community, celebrate His liturgy and serve His people. We affirm this covenant to You, Father, in unity with the Holy Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Please call the parish office at least a month prior to the date you desire to have your baby baptized.

Weddings

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish office at least six months before the wedding date. All engaged couples must take the Marriage Preparation Course.

Parish Council & Finance Committee

These committees meet quarterly. If you have positive recommendations or feedback, please contact the parish office.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Paul V. Heller Council 8393 business meeting is on the 1st Monday and their social meeting is on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Ladies Council

Ladies Council holds it's regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 10:00 A.M. in the meeting room.

Youth Group

OLV Youth Group meets in the church from 6 - 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month for prayer, dinner, social time, and discussion of topics central to our faith.

Women's Scripture Study Group

OLV Women's Group meets every Saturday from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. for prayer, learning and mutual encouragement.



Ezekiel Arias, David Atkins, Kathleen Calen, Thyra Calen, Julian Campbell, Tyler & Danae Campbell, Frank Caruso, Gary Clarkson, Danny Collins, Gregory Counts, Thomas Craze, Marc Cyphert, Michael Cyphert, Teresa Dean, Ed Dwyer, Beverly Dwyer, Bill & Clare Evon, Tony Fox, Marsha Fratkin, Rachel Golden, Barbara Gray, Ruth Green, Barbara Hiler, Savannah Knave, Tom Long, Jenny Cano-Lopez, Kay Lucas, Mary Keyser, Robert Montemayor, Bob Moulden, Cathy Panzica, Sandy Parker, Anthony Rivera, James Rostetter, Dino Sfreddo, Sandra & Wayne Showalter, Debbie Snellings, Amber Starke, Meghan Sterett, Lillian Taylor, Robert Taylor, Charles Wood, Laken Vaughn, Maria Vaughn, Oanh Vaughn



Brian Abrams, Vera Allen, Maureen Barrett, Richard Benner, Thomas Blanche, David Bobzien, James Bradecamp, Sharon Brunck, Joseph Bugica, Dcn. Richard Burrell, Norman Burzynski, Edward Cain, Victor Calen, Joseph Campbell, Sharon Campbell, Betsy Clark, Luzmilla Clark, Farley Clinton, Sandy Collins, James Collins, Sandy Counts, Pat Covington, Louis Cumberland, Michael Czinkota, Waid H. Dean, Hajna deKun, Theresa Dispenzirie, Maria Erazo, Robert Fisher, Eleanor Fisher, Ed Frohlich, Mark Frohlich, Stephen Frohlich, Robert Goff, Harold Granberg, Steve Gray, John Greer, Frances Hannah, Ann Helms, Roy Hiler, Yvette Hyde, Delores Johnson, Robert Keane, Irene Keller, Fritz Kestermann, David Lightowler, Mary Jane Lloyd, Rex R. Lloyd, Alice Lundblad, David Lundblad, John Maitland, Ruth Martin, Jose Molina, Leona Miller, Michael Myer, Chris Nestor, Ruby Norton, Barbara Claire O'Neill, Matthew Parowski, Joseph Pechie, Shirley Reese, Hans D. Reusch, Dan Schneible, Audrey Sedwick, Edward Showalter Sr., Paul Showalter, Burrous Snellings, Sr., Ron Sommers, Betty Starke, Chester Taylor, Thomas VanDerveer, Helen VanDerveer, Leon Vaughn, Ritchie Vaughn, Rosita Vega, Evelyn Vlkojan, John Vlkojan, Mary Ann Waybright, Charlotte West, Ray West, Philip Wirdzek Jr., Jan Zwanzinger

REFLECTION

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

You can easily picture the scene. A parade down Main Street of “Any Town, USA” to honor the local Medal of Honor winner. There she sits, dressed in her military uniform, riding atop the back seat of a shiny convertible, festooned with red, white, and blue, smiling and waving to the crowds at the curbside. We could say that, for a time, she is being “exalted.”

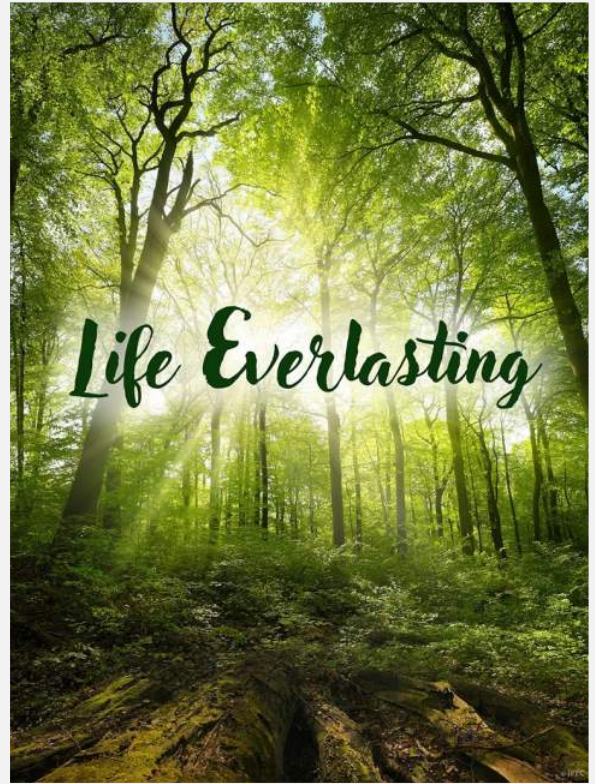
Today’s Feast gives us a spiritual time to honor the instrument of our salvation, the Holy Cross on which Our Savior died for our salvation. Such exaltation would have shocked our earlier sisters and brothers in the early Church. It took a few centuries before they would ever think of the Cross as deserving of praise, much less in a place of honor in a church. They knew it only as the instrument of cruel Roman punishment for criminals.

Just for the sake of understanding, consider if Christ came to earth in modern times and was executed in the electric chair. It would take a lot of convincing to get us to decorate our churches with replicas of that chair. Or sewn on to priestly vestments!

Over time, the Church began to see that the once awful item was really the greatest sign of God’s love. An instrument of His decision to save us from eternal damnation. After all, our human ancestors, Adam and Eve, had chosen through weakness to sin the Paradise Garden away and hear the clang of shutting gates behind them as they left. When the onlookers at Calvary heard the bang of hammers on nails thrust through the divine Hands and Feet, they had no idea that this was necessary to save them and all of us. With time and prayer, they would learn what we know now.

Today is a good day to ask you: do you have a crucifix on display in your home? Does it hang on the first floor, where visitors can see it? In other words, do you personally “exalt” the cross as the truest sign of love ever given?

You see, this is one easy way to evangelize, that is, spread the gospel in the world. It takes very little effort. We must be more adept at making clear to the apathetic world we live in that faith in Christ and thanks to His inestimable love is the main reason we have for living, for getting up from sleep each new morning with a trustful outlook. In other words, we need to remember what Steven Covey, the gifted motivational speaker once said, namely that “the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.” That way, we can one day join the parade in the new Paradise, with no fear that the parade will pass us by.



Happy 70th Birthday, Pope Leo XIV, and God grant you many more!

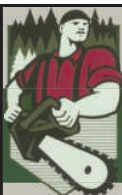
**Welcome
to Our Church!**



..... ROMANS 12:10
Be devoted to one another
in love. Honor one
another above
yourselves.

Then shall two be in the field; the
one shall be taken, and the other left.

..... MATTHEW 24:40



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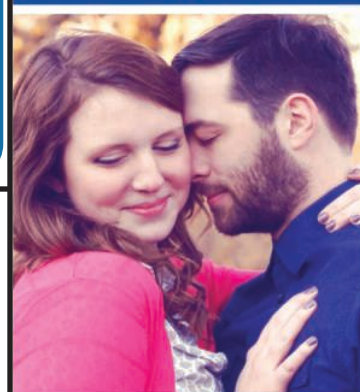
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