

April 28, 2024

CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**ST. VERONICA**



*To know, to love, and to serve God.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**MASS SCHEDULE (English)\***

**Saturday Vigil:** 5pm  
**Sunday:** 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am & 5pm  
**Monday - Friday:** 8:30am & 12:15pm  
**Wednesday & First Friday:** 7:30pm  
**Saturday:** 8:30am

**MASS SCHEDULE (Vietnamese—Our Lady of La Vang Mission)**

**Saturday Vigil:** 7pm  
**Sunday:** 2pm & 7pm  
**Friday:** 7pm (in modular unit)

**HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE\***

**Wednesday:** 7pm (includes Exposition, Holy Rosary & Mass)

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE\***

**Monday & Friday:** 11:30am –Noon  
**Wednesday:** 6:30pm- 7:30pm  
**Saturday:** 9am– 10am; 3:30pm– 4:30pm  
**First Friday:** After 8:30am Mass & 6:30pm

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION\***

**Monday –Saturday:** 1pm –8:15am

**ADORATION HOTLINE: 703-773-2033**

\*Consult parish website for changes.



"I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vine grower.  
He takes away every branch  
in me that does not bear fruit,  
and every one that does he prunes  
so that it bears more fruit.  
Jn 15:1-2

**Pastor** Rev. Father Dennis W. Kleinmann  
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St. Veronica  
Catholic Church



\*Need to update your contact information?  
Email or call the parish office.

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go to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)  
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Make a one time  
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Mail or drop off a **CHECK** to the Parish  
Office. Please indicate if the funds go to a specific  
event, ministry or fundraiser.

## Sacraments



**Marriage:** Congratulations on your engagement. Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date. It is best for us to hear from you as soon as you become engaged to set up your initial appointment.



**Baptisms:** We welcome your new child. Generally, baptisms take place at 12:15 pm the first and third Sunday of each month, with some flexibility based on circumstances. Baptism preparation instruction is required for first-time parents or parents who have not previously attended a class. Please call the parish office to begin the process of scheduling the baptism.



**Holy Communion & Anointing of the Sick:** God bless you. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick at Fair Oaks Hospital, Sunrise Assisted Living at Fair Oaks, Dulles Health & Rehabilitation Center, Harmony at Chantilly, Arbor Terrace Fairfax in Chantilly, or at home, please call the parish office to arrange a visit.



**Initiation of Adults & Children:** The RCIA process leads adults into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office or email [RCIA@stveronica.net](mailto:RCIA@stveronica.net) for details. For children, email our Religious Education coordinator, [re@stveronica.net](mailto:re@stveronica.net).

## New to St. Veronica? Welcome!

Please complete a registration form and return it to the parish office. Forms are available in the vestibules and in the office, or scan the QR code to visit our website.



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# From the Pastor

FROM GREEN TO GOLD — April 28, 2024

As we continue through this Easter season on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate in a glorious way the Lord's resurrection from the dead. As we all know, by His suffering and death on the cross and His rising from the dead, He has redeemed us. We are saved from sin and eternal death. He provides us unbelievable graces which strengthen us and help us to resist sin, avoid temptations, grow in holiness, and prepare for heaven someday. What a gift! We obviously need to now cooperate with those graces. As our Gospel today tells us, we must remain connected to the vine. That vine is Jesus Christ Himself. As we heard last week, He is truly our Good Shepherd. He cares for us, He loves us, He wants nothing but good things for us, ultimately eternal life with Him in the glory of heaven. He does warn us, even demands of us, that we "pick up our crosses." In other words, although He is with us and provides for us, we need to be willing to suffer in this world, again preparing for that next world. It is a bit like physical exercise. If we are to build muscle and manage our weight, there will be some pain. So too with the spiritual life. But as we deal with all of this, He is there with His grace. That then is why we need to remain "connected" to that source of grace. Jesus is the vine, the "true vine," as again He says. Cut off from that vine, that source of grace, we "whither."

Being cut off from the vine means the struggles and challenges of life, that we all encounter, will be much more difficult and perhaps unbearable. This refers to an illness, a financial setback, a family issue, and all the problems of the world. Sadly, there are many such problems. Consider what is currently happening on college campus across the nation, but especially in New York, particularly at Columbia University. For some it seems that to be Jewish is almost a crime. Their very safety is threatened. Thankfully, we are a nation where free speech is a God-given right. People no doubt can voice their concerns about what is happening in the Mideast. On October 7<sup>th</sup> of last year all kinds of atrocities were released on the Jews near the Gaza Strip. In response Israel attacked the Hamas in Gaza, causing serious disruptions to people's lives. The situation there is a mess, and we have a lot for which to pray. There is also Ukraine. That too is a very complicated issue, as the U.S. helps fund the war there, while doing little, it seems, to control our own borders. There are many political issues at work here. There are moral issues involved here as well and all of this affects us as we try to live lives centered on Christ, in a Christ-like way, so that someday we can get to heaven. Again, this is why we must pray. My last comment on this is that in some ways none of this should surprise us when we can't respect the dignity of an unborn baby. It all starts there. It is so frustrating when we hear of "women's health issues" or "reproductive rights." We do not have a right to kill a vulnerable, innocent unborn child. Additionally, killing that unborn baby is not a "health issue," it is destroying the health of that baby. Yet again, why we pray!

We are blessed, as I mentioned here last week, to have a parish that does pray. We pray for those babies, and their mothers and fathers and grandparents. We do pray for those suffering across our nation and the world. We do this at the multiple Masses offered at this parish each week. We do this during Adoration of Our Eucharistic Lord, available to us daily, except for the weekends. While we do have some hours that are only lightly covered, it continues to amaze me how often I go into church and see adorers praying before Our Lord exposed on the altar. Just last week one afternoon there were at least fifteen people there. That is tremendously inspiring. This too is such a gift, hopefully one we appreciate and cherish. Hopefully, it is one that inspires us to deepen our own love for God and encourages us to pray more, to grow further in holiness, so that we are prepared for heaven someday.

As I also mentioned here last week, on April 14<sup>th</sup> Bishop Burbidge was here to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> year as a parish. Two days later on April 16<sup>th</sup> Bishop Loverde was here to confirm our eighth graders. That was a busy week. Hosting two bishops in the same week, literally two days apart is a stressful task, to be honest with you. But it was a beautiful, faith-filled week. It was inspiring. It truly showed how precious our Catholic Faith is and what a treasure God has given us right here at St. Veronica's. All of this doesn't just happen. As I also mentioned, albeit briefly, here last week, I am grateful to all who made all this possible. That includes the teachers and catechists of our eighth graders, their parents, grandparents, and sponsors. It certainly involves the eighth graders themselves who in many ways are very inspiring. It also includes the administration of our parish school and our parish religious education office. That office has been primary directed over the past few years by Mrs. Andrea Shermer. Sadly, for us, she is stepping aside from that position. After time as an assistant in that office and then as Coordinator of Religious Education, she will be greatly missed. I want to thank her for her time with us. Historically, she and her family have been with us from the beginning twenty-five years ago. She will still be a parishioner and I am sure we will see her around, but I am very grateful for her many years of dedicated service to our young people's religious formation. In closing, I do also want to thank everyone who assisted with the anniversary Mass and Confirmation and the receptions that followed. Besides Mrs. Shermer, I also want to thank by name two other office staff members—Rebecca Byrne and Shannon Branly—who did much for all that happened that week. May God bless them, and us! Our bishop also thanks us, may God bless him too.

*In Christ, Fr. Kleinmann*

# From the Parish Office

## Mother's Day Novena

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> is Mother's day** and the first day of our Mother's Day Novena of Masses. **This weekend, novena cards will be available in the vestibules and in the parish office.**

Please place the envelope in the collection basket or bring to the parish office with the names of your loved ones written out. **The envelopes will be placed on the altar during this Novena.** Any donation included will be gratefully accepted.

## Altar Flowers Reservations Available

The 2024 calendar is open to take reservations for altar flowers. This is an opportunity to honor or remember a loved one, commemorate an occasion, or express a special prayer intention, while supporting our flower ministry throughout the liturgical year. Contact the parish office, or email [info@stveronica.net](mailto:info@stveronica.net), to request an altar flower reservation. The tax deductible donation amount is \$150.00. With permission, the weekly bulletin will recognize the donor and/or the intention, provided the reservation has been made by the Monday prior to that bulletin's cover date.

## Has Your Family Moved, Or Are You Planning to Move?

If there have been changes to your household, it is important that you let the parish office know so that your records may be updated. These changes may include address updates, children being added or adult children moving away; and marriages.

If you are new to the parish, welcome! Please complete a registration form so that we have your family in our records. Registration and participation is required if you wish to enroll your children for Religious Education program, or if you wish to become a Baptism or Confirmation sponsor.

Please help your parish office keep our information up to date by emailing us at [info@stveronica.net](mailto:info@stveronica.net).

## Divine Mercy Corner

My daughter, if I demand through you that people revere My mercy, you should be the first to distinguish yourself by this confidence in My mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first—by deed, the second—by word, the third—by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy. Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy, and I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted. By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (*Diary, 742*)

## BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

### PJI Law

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**703-865-6100 or [welcome@pjilaw.com](mailto:welcome@pjilaw.com)**

*Please see their ad in the back of this bulletin, and support all those who make this bulletin possible. We are grateful for their support of our parish.*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 27

8:30am Fr. Eric L. Shafer  
5pm Michele & Troy Gittings

### Sunday, April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Katie & Ryan Yursky  
9am The People of St. Veronica  
10:45am Darla Maricle+  
5pm Edgardo Carlos Quisumbing+

### Monday, April 29: St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30am Bethany Hair  
12:15pm Kim Livaudais

### Tuesday, April 30: St. Pius V, Pope

8:30am Robert Collins+  
12:15pm Peter Green +

### Wednesday, May 1: St. Joseph the Worker

8:30am Rebecca Covell  
12:15pm Dan Fearn+  
7:30pm Louisa Friday

### Thursday, May 2: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30am Jack Wheatley  
12:15pm John Tenaglia+

### Friday, May 3: St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

8:30am Martha Weaver +  
12:15pm John Tenaglia +  
7:30pm Connie Charles

### Saturday, May 4

8:30am Raymond & Helena Szulc ++  
5pm Doug & Carole Ritenour ++

### Sunday, May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Robert Collins+  
9am Carol Callahan+  
10:45am The People of St. Veronica  
5pm Thomas Myaili +

## Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend, (May 4 & 5) will go to support the monthly mortgage.

***Thank you in advance for your generosity!***

## Cornerstone

### Sunday Offertory

Weekend of 4/21/24	\$ 8,002.53
Faith Direct, 4 Weeks	\$ 14,651.41

### Monthly Mortgage

Weekend of 4/21/24	\$ 2,903.51
Faith Direct, 4 Weeks	\$ 4,958.36

### Special Collections

St. Mother Teresa/Poor Box, 4/21/24	\$ 144.62
Faith Direct, 4 Weeks	\$ 1,148.00

***Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.***

### As of 3/31/2024

Principal paid to date	\$ 6,251,336.56
Mortgage balance	\$ 2,163,263.41
Monthly payment	\$ 35,014.08

\*Contributions via Faith Direct are deposited in the parish bank account once a month. The total deposit designated for Sunday Offertory and Monthly Mortgage has been divided by the number of Sundays for that month and added to the weekly totals.

# From the Parish Office

## Never been Confirmed Growing Up?

Adult Catholics (at least 18 and having complete high school) who have never been confirmed may receive the **sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Burbidge on Pentecost, May 19, 2024.**

Two Sunday evening classes, April 28<sup>th</sup>, and May 5<sup>th</sup>, we will prepare candidates to receive the sacrament. Classes are held at St. Veronica Church.

Please call the parish office to register at 703-773-2000 or email [info@stveronica.net](mailto:info@stveronica.net).

## Employment Opportunities at St. Veronica School

St. Veronica School is seeking qualified and enthusiastic applicants to join its team!

**Open positions include: Elementary Teachers for 2024-2025 school year & Substitute Teachers.** Please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of references to Leah Lagdameo at [llagdameo@stveronicaschool.org](mailto:llagdameo@stveronicaschool.org).

## Broken Rosaries and Sacramentals?

Drop them off at the parish office. A team of skilled parishioners will lovingly restore and return them for pick-up. Or, you may donate them for repair and use by others.

## The Holy Father's April Prayer Intention

*For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.*

## Pray for a Priest Each Day

We continue our daily prayers for priests in the Arlington Diocese.

April 28	Reverend Paul Dudzinski
April 29	Reverend Michael Duesterhaus
April 30	CHC LCD Luke Dundon, USN
May 1	Reverend Christopher Dunn, OFM
May 2	Reverend Richard Dyer
May 3	Reverend Frederick Edlefsen
May 4	Reverend Ronald Escalante

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday, Apr. 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**Monday, Apr. 29**

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday, Apr. 30:**

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday, May 1**

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

**Thursday, May 2**

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

**First Friday, May 3**

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

**First Saturday, May 4**

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday, May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

# Week at a Glance (Apr. 28— May 4)

Sun. April 28	Mon. April 29	Tues. April 30	Wed. May 1	Thurs. May 2	Fri. May 3	Sat. May 4
7:30am Mass	8:30am Mass	8:30am Mass	8:30am Mass	8:30am Mass	8:30am Mass	7am That Man is You! (Parish Hall)
8:30am Doughnut Sunday hosted by the Rangers (Parish Hall)	11:30am Confessions (Church)	10am 50 & over Women's Bible Study (Acolyte Room)	12:15pm Mass	12:15pm Mass	9am Confession (Church)	8am Exposition, Rosary Meditation, & Benediction (Church)
9am Mass	12:15pm Mass	12:15pm Mass	6:30pm Confessions	7pm Choir (P203)	11:30am Confession (Church)	8:30am Mass
9am Choir (P203)	5:30pm Religious Education Class Session (All Classrooms)	7pm Legion of Mary (Acolyte Room)	7pm Holy Hour with Exposition, Rosary and Benediction	7pm Knights of Columbus (Parish Hall)	12:15pm Mass	9am Confessions (Church)
10:45am Mass	7pm Rangers (Parish Hall or Outside)		7:30pm Mass	7pm St. Mother Teresa Outreach Apostolate (P207)	6:30pm Confession (Church)	9am VBS Car wash
1:30pm Youth Apostolate-HS Sunday (Parish Hall)	7:30pm RCIA (P206)				7:30pm Mass	9am KOC (Parish Hall)
3:30pm Youth Apostolate (P203)						9:30am Altar Server Training (Church)
5pm Mass						9:45am Luminaries of Mary (Parish Hall)
						3:30pm Confessions (Church)
						5pm Vigil Mass
						7pm Families of JJM (JP2 Modular)

## Around the Parish

### Adoration News

Did you know:

\*Many adorers are committed to the same time each week

\*Lots of adorers substitute where their own schedule matches a need

\*Some pray when they need Him

**You can adore too! It's 24/7 easy to find out:**

\*go to [stveronica.net](http://stveronica.net) and tap on Adoration sign up (gold bar) **OR**

\*go to <https://stveronica.weadorehim.com/en/schedule> **OR**

\*Use this QR code —>



To learn more or ask questions, call Linda at 301-728-7855

### St. Veronica is in need of Ushers!

It is a great way to serve St. Veronica Church! You control your schedule, you can set your available Masses and weekends.

**For more information or to sign up as an usher, contact Dave Pacia, Head Usher at [davepacia@yahoo.com](mailto:davepacia@yahoo.com). Thank you!**

### St. Veronica Garden Project Needs Top Soil/Compost!

When you go to the garden center this spring, please consider picking up some extra bags of compost or top soil for the parish garden! Replenishing these items each spring is the biggest annual cost for the garden. Place your donated bags inside the garden fence which is behind the church near the parish office entrance.

**Interested in helping with the garden?? Please email Kerry at [tj7690@aol.com](mailto:tj7690@aol.com).**



**HS Sunday 5/5** - All high school Students are invited to our HS Sunday youth ministry meeting this coming **Sunday, May 5, from 1:30pm**

**to 3:30pm** meeting at the Catacombs.

HS Sunday is a weekly high school youth ministry where young people will have the opportunity play games, receive engaging catechesis, & share in fellowship.

### Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended the Capodanno Guild presentation & with special gratitude: Grace, Thomas, Andrea & John, John & Celeste, your kindness and hard work are very much appreciated.

—The Martha and Mary Apostolate

### Vacation Bible School—Save the Dates

St. Veronica will host a summer Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**Monday, July 22 to Friday, July 26 from 9am to 12pm in the parish hall.**

All children currently enrolled (2023-2024 school year) in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are welcome. More details regarding registration and cost to come.

# CAR WASH!

Donations support

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

**MAY 4, 2024 | 9AM - 12PM**

**ST. VERONICA CHURCH**

**(SOUTH VESTIBULE/PARISH OFFICE SIDE)**

**Need service hours or just want to help out at the car wash?**

**Contact Shannon Branly ([sbranly@stveronica.net](mailto:sbranly@stveronica.net))**



## Around the Diocese

### There is Still Time to Donate to the BLA

Thank you to those who have pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA).

A letter has been mailed to families who have not yet pledged. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people across our diocese. You may go online to make a donation at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla) or scan the QR code :



**SCAN ME**

### Men's Evening of Reflection Series

Looking to grow in your relationship with Christ?

This series provides Catholic formation with spiritual talks, reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Mass and opportunities for confession are also offered.

**Wednesday, May 15 and June 19, 7:00pm – 9:00 pm**

**Where: Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Drive, Sterling**

For more information or to register contact [RCMENSSECTIONVA@gmail.com](mailto:RCMENSSECTIONVA@gmail.com)

# Pro Life News



## Join Us to Pray and Be a Witness for Life in Falls Church on Saturday Mornings

**When:** Every Saturday from 6:30 - 8 am, rain or shine and whether or not the facility is open.

**Where:** 900 S. Washington St., Falls Church, VA, in front of the FCHC abortion facility, Lee Highway

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Photos above are from early Morning Prayer on April 13, 2024 – We were blessed to have four Priests praying with us that day!



**St. Veronica's Garden for Life Baby Bottle Fundraiser to Support Pregnancy Help Centers** May (11-24); **Baby Bottle banks** will be distributed on **Mother's Day Weekend** and collected on **May 18/19**; **Early Bird Distribution is on Pancake Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, in the Parish Hall. Join the Pro-Life Apostolate and the Knights in raising funds to support: [Divine Mercy Care](#), [Hope in Northern VA](#) in Falls Church, and Catholic Charities [Mother of Mercy Free Clinic](#) in Manassas. See



the Flyer on the Bulletin Boards for more information. Thank you for helping mothers choose life for their unborn babies!

## Diocese: Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Healing and Conversion in Families

**When:** Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Holy Hour is 7:30 – 8:30 pm; **Where:** St Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax. Father David Dufresne will lead us in prayer. Join in-person or via livestream to pray for conversion and healing in families, especially those affected by abortion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. Livestream at: [arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion](http://arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion)

## Diocese: After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer and Healing for Women who have Experienced Abortion

**When:** Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 beginning at 9 am; **Where:** These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the *Entering Canaan* model (Two separate retreats in one location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. *For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at: (703) 841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org). Take the first step!*

**St. Veronica's Celebrate Life Summer Picnic** on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 3 pm in the Parish Hall and Courtyard – to thank you for all that you do to support a Culture of Life. Please plan to join us for the Pro-Life Apostolate and Knights of Columbus co-sponsored third annual **Celebrate Life Summer Picnic**. There will be a Flocknote sign-up coming soon.



## Diocese: Nationwide Invitation to Prayer for the End of Abortion and Protection of Women and Pre-Born Children (Beginning March 25 through June 2024); USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities – Please pray this prayer daily!

*Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life - especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.*

Source: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/public-messages/2024/nationwide-invitation-to-prayer-for-the-end-of-abortion-and-protection-of-women-and-pre-born-children/>

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