

November 30, 2025

CATHOLIC CHURCH
ST. VERONICA

To know, to love, and to serve God.

First Sunday of Advent

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

*Consult parish website for changes.



As it was in the days of Noah,
so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.
In those days before the flood, they were eating and
drinking, marrying and giving in marriage,
up to the day that Noah entered the ark.
They did not know until the flood
came and carried them all away.
So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. .
Matthew 24:37-39

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Sacraments



Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date. For more details, see the "Matrimony" section under "Liturgy & Sacraments" on the parish website.



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, Chantilly Heights Memory Care, or at home, please call the parish office to arrange a visit.



Initiation of Adults & Children: The OCIA process leads adults into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office or email OCIA@stveronica.net for details. For children, email our Director of Religious Education, re@stveronica.net.

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From the Pastor

FROM GREEN TO GOLD — November 30, 2025

Happy New Year! As I mentioned here last week when we celebrated the feast of Christ the King, that was the last Sunday of the past year. The Church does not follow the “regular” calendar, rather a new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, which is today. Advent does indeed open a new year, thus my greeting. We know Christmas Day is December 25th. To determine the beginning of a new liturgical year and the first Sunday of Advent, one needs to count four Sundays back from the 25th. Advent therefore is not necessarily four weeks long as many think. It is four Sundays and may be anywhere from three to four weeks. This year it is just over three and a half weeks long. The four Sundays represent the 4000 year-wait for the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. The Jews anticipated the arrival of the Messiah. As we know however, they are still waiting, for they in general do not believe Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. We as Christians obviously believe otherwise. Advent then is meant to be a time of preparation. It is also to be penitential, perhaps not as solemn as Lent, but the typical Advent color of violet is the sign of penitence. Sadly, Advent doesn’t always seem to be so sacrificial.

I have lamented in past years that the Advent season is often a rushed, hectic, secular-focused, party-driven time of the year. In some ways it appears to have lost almost a sense of increased prayer and self-denial. The season has instead become days of consumerism with the emphasis on shopping and celebrating. I don’t mean to be too critical. I am criticizing the loss of Advent being centered on making a prayerful, sacrificial preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Savior. The Son of God became incarnate, humbled Himself and took on human flesh, and was born into this world about 2000 years ago in a remote town, on a chilly winter night, where there was “no room for Him in the inn.” The first witnesses of his birth were lowly shepherds and yet this is the King of kings that we are talking about. It would seem that He deserved better, but a manger, a feeding trough, in a stable, maybe a cave, was a very fitting birthplace for this King. He is the King of the Universe, again as we celebrated last Sunday, but He chose to come into this world in utter simplicity and profound humility. His mother was a young, devout, modest Jewish teenager. His foster father was an ordinary, undistinguished carpenter. He, like his wife, was a faithful Jew. He never says a word in the Scriptures and seems to just fade away after the birth, flight to Egypt, and Jesus’ being lost in the Temple. We hear nothing of how he died, although we can presume it was a happy death, realizing that Jesus and Mary were almost assuredly at his side. Advent really should be a reasonably quiet time, following the example of St. Joseph, truly a time of prayer and of penance, as we get ready for the celebration of Jesus’ birth and that time when we will meet Him as our judge. We should do our best to celebrate this season properly. Some festivity is fine, for this is all about the King of kings. That festivity needs to be moderated with the prayerful, penitential nature of Advent. May our focus be true. May this Advent be twenty-six days of growth in holiness, as we deepen our love for our Lord, strive to be more charitable to those in need, and reflect on the hope, the joy, and the peace that are also a part of Advent. Going to confession, attending more Masses, spending additional time with Our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration all can help to make this season more spiritual, focusing us on its true nature, rather than the more secular understanding. Advent should be Advent; Christmas should be Christmas. Decorating the house, baking cookies, attending a party or two, listening to “seasonal” music will not destroy the true meaning of Advent, if we moderate those activities and seriously attempt to make this time year what it is meant to be liturgically. Doing all this is good for our souls. It can assist us on our path towards heaven. This all will help us prepare for the remembrance of the birth of Jesus and how this affects our salvation. Advent should not be a hectic burden, but rather a beautiful time of the year, and it will be that for us this year if we strive to make it that. I pray we all have a very blessed, holy, joy-filled Advent.

A few closing notes, first I have no football news. Because of Thanksgiving this column had to be written early, so the Packers had not yet played the Vikings in Minnesota. Additionally, as you read this Green Bay will have also made a visit to Detroit to play the Lions on Thanksgiving Day. No doubt, I hope these were two victories for my team. More importantly, I hope this Advent is a “victory” for each of us, an opportunity to become more holy. Please be aware, as is or has been listed in the bulletin, that there are some Advent things happening here at St. Veronica’s. This coming Saturday, December 6th, the actual feast day of St. Nicholas, the parish for the second year in a row will host a family movie night. Last year it was well attended and we hope it is again this year. It is a wonderful evening of faith, family, and fun. Then a week later, on Saturday, December 13th, the school PTO is hosting a St. Nick Night. They have done this for a few years. It is open to the whole parish and is another wonderful evening of faith, family, and fun. Please watch the bulletin for other additions, such as confessions the Monday and Tuesday before Christmas. *In Christ, Fr. Kleinmann*

From the Parish Office

Timing of End-of-Year Donations

Please note that any donations intended for tax year 2025 must be postmarked, in the Parish Office, or in the collection basket, no later than December 31, 2025. All donations postmarked, or received on, or after January 1, 2026 will be recorded for tax year 2026.

The parish office will be closed December 24-26, 2025 and January 1, 2026.

Thank you so much for your generosity to St. Veronica' Church

St. Thomas More Guild Event

Celebrate Advent with the St. Thomas More Guild! Please join us on December 11, 2025 at St. Thomas a Becket Parish. Vespers and adoration will begin at 6:30pm in the Church, with a talk and reception to follow in the parish hall at 7pm. The keynote speaker will be Michael Kelly, Ph.D., a Professor in the Department of History at Christendom College, who will present on "St. Thomas More: Tudor Wisdom in a Modern Era." All are welcome; kindly RSVP to guild@tmglaw.org.

Help Us Spread Some Advent Warmth!

Our Advent Family movie night is coming up on Saturday, December 6, featuring the Star, an animated retelling of the first Christmas.

We're providing hot chocolate and popcorn for all who attend, and we'd love your help!

Please consider donating hot chocolate mix, marshmallows, snacks, or a monetary contribution to help cover costs.



Donations may be dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you for helping make this a cozy, joy-filled evening for our parish families!

March for Life 2026— "Life is a Gift"

We invite you to be swept up into this movement of joy and celebration! Join us on **Friday, January 23, 2026**, as we travel to Washington, D.C., to march together—joyfully declaring to the nation that Life is a Gift!

Our parish is organizing a bus trip to the March for Life and we are currently raising funds to help cover the cost of the bus, which will be about \$1,700.

Any donation—large or small—will be a tremendous help in making this trip possible for our parish.



Sign-ups for the bus will be available soon, so stay tuned for more information.

Together, let us stand for life and share the joy that every human life is a precious gift from God!

Second Collection on Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend, December 6 & 7 will go to support our monthly mortgage.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 29:

8:30am Lauren, Ian, & Bennett Snyder
5pm Carol Jane Hmirak+

Sunday, November 30: First Sunday of Advent

7:30am Kyle Pauley+
9am Deanna Gerhardt
10:45am People of St. Veronica
5pm James Livesay, Jr. +

Monday, December 1:

8:30am Maria Paranjothi+
12:15pm Christian Paulsen+

Tuesday, December 2:

8:30am Anita C. Gusto+
12:15pm Kaitlan Victoria Bean

Wednesday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30am Lina D'Silva+
12:15pm Helena & Raymond Szulc++
7:30pm Carol Jane Hmirak+

Thursday, December 4: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30am Karen King
12:15pm Curt Forsythe+

Friday, December 5:

8:30am James F. Korin+
12:15pm Frank & Barbara Seng
7:30pm Aurora Hagan+

Saturday, December 6: St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:30am Joyanna Moy+
5pm Diane Mitra+

Sunday, December 7: Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am Joe & Mary Jane Leonard+
9am People of St. Veronica
10:45am Celsa Zabarain+
5pm Elijah Jacob Heitmann+

Fraud/Scam Alert

Regrettably, thieves prey on the charitable. Be alert to fraudulent emails purporting to be from Monsignor Kleinmann or a staff member, or pretending to involve St. Veronica.

Please note: Our priests and staff will communicate with you using only official means, such as @stveronica.net, and never through generic "gmail" or other such accounts (check the "From" line). Also, they will never ask you make purchases by email or text, or open/download a financial document.

Please call the parish office if you have any question about the authenticity of a communication.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, Dec. 8

On December 8th, we celebrate the patronal feast day of the United States, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Monday, December 8 at 6:30am, 8:30am (with school), 12:15pm, and 7:30pm. There will be no confessions on December 8.

Cornerstone

**Figures were not available
at the time of the
bulletin publisher's deadline.**

From the Parish Office

Weekly Readings

Sunday, November 30:

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday, December 1:

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2:

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, November 3:

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 4:

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 5:

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Who Is Saint Nicholas?

Saint Nicholas was the bishop of Myra in Turkey in the 4th century. He was a martyr and must have been a loving man—which is why we still know his name and why he is always remembered at Christmastime. Many stories about his life were told and retold, how he was so kind and generous to the poor, to children and to those unjustly imprisoned. The legends tell us that he gave anonymously, did not seek praise, but wanted good things to be done and the hearts of children to be delighted. While Nicholas remains a very popular saint in eastern Europe, particularly in Russia, he became known in a different way further West, in places such as Holland—as “Sinterklaas,” the secret bringer of gifts to children on the eve of his feast day, **December 6th**. It is easy to see how the Sinterklaas of Amsterdam became the Santa Claus of New Amsterdam, now New York.

Many thanks in advance for your support! Donations are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours or brought to the Faith Formation Table in the Parish Hall on Sunday Mornings between 8:30am and 12:30pm.

Our current requests are:

- small bottles of water
- individually wrapped snacks (no nuts please)
- individually wrapped candy (no nuts please)
- individual pudding cups
- Rice crispy treats
- Granola bars (no nuts please)
- Napkins

Can't Stop by During the Work Week? No Problem!

Faith Formation has special office hours on most Sunday mornings from 8:30am –12:30pm. Stop by and visit us at our table in the Parish Hall before or after Mass. We look forward to hearing from you!

Pray for a Priest Each Day

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

November 30	Reverend David Meng
December 1	Reverend Charles Merkle III
December 2	Reverend Francis Mfesao, CICM
December 3	Reverend Richard Miserendino
December 4	Reverend Daniel Mode
December 5	Reverend Alvaro Montero, dcjm
December 6	Reverend Mark Moretti

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

For prevention of suicide—Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Formation Office

Week at a Glance (November 30 — December 6)

Sun. November 30	Mon. December 1	Tues. December 2	Wed. December 3	Thurs. December 4	Fri. December 5	Sat. December 6
7:30am Mass 8:30am Doughnut Sunday hosted by the PTO (Parish Hall) 9am Mass 9am Choir (P203) 10:45am Mass 5pm Mass	8:30am Mass 11:30am Confessions 12:15pm Mass 5:30pm Religious Education Classes (All Classrooms, Church) 7pm Rangers (Parish hall or Outside) 7pm Encourage Month Meeting (Acolyte Room) 7:15pm OCIA (P206)	8:30am Mass 10am Women's 50+ Bible Study (Acolyte Room) 12:15pm Mass 6pm Separated and Divorced Ministry (P201) 7pm Legion of Mary (Acolyte Room)	8:30am Mass 12:15pm Mass 6:30pm Confessions 7pm Holy Hour & Rosary 7:30pm Mass 8:30pm Young Adult Apostolate (Parish Hall)	8:30am Mass 12:15pm Mass 7pm Knights of Columbus (Parish Hall) 7pm St. Mother Teresa Outreach Apostolate Meeting (P207) 7pm Choir (P203) 8:30am Mass	8:30am Mass 9am Confessions 11:30am Confessions 12:15pm Mass 6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Mass	8am Exposition and Rosary Meditation 8:30am Mass 9am Knights of Columbus (Parish hall) 9am Confessions 9:45am Luminaries of Mary (Parish Hall) 12pm KOC Wreath Sale (Parish Side Hallway) 12:30 pm Fairfax Comitium (Parish Hall) 3:30pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass 6:15pm Advent Family Movie Night (Parish Hall)

Around the Parish & Diocese



Christmas Wreaths & Cards

Purchase live wreaths and Christmas cards
to help celebrate the birth of Christ
and support Life!

The St. Veronica Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards after Sunday morning masses beginning Sunday, November 2nd, 2025, through Sunday, December 7th, 2025. Prices range from \$18.00 to \$22.50 per box.

We will be selling undecorated wreaths (first come, first served) on Saturday, December 6th, 2025, in the hallway by the parish hall 1:00PM – 4:00PM.

Sizes, prices, and quantities available:

16" - \$20 (20 available)
24" - \$30 (40 available)
28" - \$38 (3 available)
36" - \$45 (1 available)

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When: Every Saturday from 6:30 - 8 am, rain/snow or shine and whether or not the facility is open. It usually opens early on Saturdays. Rosary begins 6:45 am in front with priests from St. James. Young adults meet on the side to pray and offer help. **Where:** 900 S. Washington St., Falls Church, in the front and on the side of FCHC abortion facility.

Spring Pro-Life Quilt-Top in a Day Workshop

"Please join us for our next semi-annual quilt top in a day workshop on February 28, 2026 in the parish hall from 9am-4pm. We will be doing the log cabin quilt pattern. All details will be ready by the end of 2025. Please email bmtpell@gmail.com for interest or questions."

A Woman's Choice Pregnancy Center: Job Opening

A Woman's Choice pregnancy resource centers offer assistance to women in crisis pregnancies. We are looking for a compassionate and friendly person to join our team at the Herndon office. Listen to the Holy Spirit, help others & change lives! Please call us at 571-599-2002 for more information, or email us at awcHerndon@gmail.com

Family-Friendly Adoration Hour

All are invited to join the St Veronica School PTO in our weekly family-friendly adoration hour every Thursday from 2-3PM in the church. We'll pray the rosary and divine mercy chaplet, sing, and if God wills it, some quiet adoration as we pray for our school community. All ages are welcome for any amount of time that works for you. Please contact Cindy Helffrich (clhelffrich@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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Together, we are building something beautiful for God.

December 2, 2025

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**GIVING
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St. Nick Night



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St. Veronica Catholic Church Advent Family Movie Night



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Join us for a cozy Advent Family Movie Night featuring the animated hit *The Star* — a heartwarming film about faith, friendship, and the animals who followed the brightest star in history.

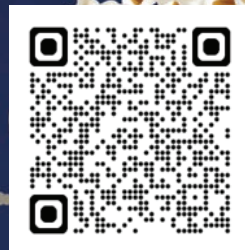
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