

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." - Mark 1:3

IS 40:1-5, 9-11 2 PT 3:8-14 MK 1:1-8

Please Include in Your Prayers

If you have any sick among you for whom you would like us to pray, please contact the Parish Office to request their name to be put on the prayer list. The list will be updated monthly. This week we remember the following:

Kathy Smith, Tom Reynolds, Romy Inserto,
Andres Sabio Jr., Stephen Pohl,
Augusto Vega, Rev. Msgr. Thomas L
Phillips, Jane DiPaula, Mary Lou
Young, Iluminada Ilaw, Kristie Massey,
Mary Kidwell, Honesto Ocampo,
Yvonne Santos, James Cordova, Patrick Gruno,
Lloyd Butler, Sister Joan Bunty, Dolores
Mitchel, Bob Moscati, and all other members of
our parish who are sick or shut-ins.

If someone is sick at home and unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Eucharist, please contact Sr. Sonia at the parish office. If you or a family member is hospitalized, please remember that you must give the hospital explicit permission to inform the parish of your hospitalization. Federal privacy laws prevent hospitals from giving visiting clergy access to patient information without the patient's permission.



Please Remember
Our Deceased Family & Friends

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings for the Week

Mon	12/11	ls 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tues	12/12	Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18-19; Lk 1:39-47 Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wed	12/13	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30 Lucy, virgin, martyr
Thurs	12/14	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13; Mt 11:11-15 John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the church
Fri	12/15	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sat	12/16	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

This Week's Mass Intentions

9AM Dec 11 Communion Service

9AM Dec 12 Mary C. White

9AM Dec 13 Diane Melinda

9AM Dec 14 Robert Fabian Breen 9AM Dec 15 Regina Ann Walther

4PM Dec 16 Philip & Elizabeth Guarisco

8AM Dec 17 Ronnie Jovellanos

10:30 Dec 17 Glory Yenleu Ndong (Birthday)

12:30 Dec 17 People of St. Gabriel

All Souls Candles

Please pick up your deceased loved one's candles for All Souls after the Masses this weekend.

LITURGY

Many thanks to all those who serve at the Altar of the Lord at our Weekend Liturgies.

Assignments for next week – December 16th and 17th

4PM		8:00AM	10:30AM
EMHC	Reardon, J	Howard, C	Trey, J
EMHC	Guarisco, M	Howard, W	Shonaiya, C
EMHC	Botta, M	Randel, E	Adedoyin, T
EMHC			Kelly, M
EMHC			Pulvirenti, L
EMHC			Fedner, C
Lector	DeBels, B	Welsh, K	Demeo, D
Lector	Sto. Domingo, M	Duru, B	Proby, D
Greeter	Sto. Domingo, L	Randel, S	Confirmant
Greeter		Smithwick, A	Confirmant
Altar Ser Quedit, Justin		Ndula, Sarah	Kimbi, Blessing
Altar Ser Quedit, Jaylen		Ndula, Gordon	Ndassi, Anna
Usher	Duerbeck, Jack	Johnson, Marisa	Adeuyan, A
Usher	Harten, J	Johnson, Mia	Dailey, D
Usher	Patalics, Tibor	Raymond, Ray	Hill, B
Usher		Reese, Will	Jasmin, Arthur
Usher	Thomas, Lloyd	Turner, Bruce	Jasmin, C
Usher			Kpuyuf, G
Usher			McNair, Garfield
Usher			Shonaiya, Babs
Usher			Tchomnou, R
Usher			Wharton, Ricardo

This Week at St. Gabriel

December

Monday 11,

6:00 pm Procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. 8:00 pm Homage to OLG: Dancers, music. 10:00 pm Mass followed by Social in C.C.

Tuesday 12,

7:00 pm Liturgy Committee, Parish House.

Wednesday 13,

7:00 pm Living Word, English Prayer Group, Annex Chapel.

Thursday 14,

7:00 pm RCIA, Parish House.

Sundays

Christian Formation

9:00 am First Comm. 2yr Spanish9:00 am Confirmation 1&2 yr.9:15 am First Comm. 2 yr. English10:30 am First Comm. 1 yr. Spanish

Scripture Reflection

Today's readings urge us to prepare for and be open to God's presence in our lives. We have been taught that this presence is ongoing, yet it doesn't always seem so.

We need to work to overcome fear and doubt, especially in challenging times, but the task need not be a frantic effort.

These readings carry warnings and longings, but the operative words are comfort, tenderness and hope. We wait and prepare because of the promise.

Super Raffle Winners

From December 3rd to December 9th

\$25 Daily Winners:

William Howard, Michelle Murray, Eric Reitz, E. Constantino, Collen McKay, Terry Eyet, Sharon Randel.

Parish Social

Thank you to our **Eucharistic Ministers** for hosting our Fellowship Social after the Masses this weekend.

Next week our Fellowship Social will be hosted by our **Hispanic Community.**

Mass Attendance

December 2nd and 3rd

Saturday	4:00 PM	113
Sunday	8:00 AM	116
Sunday	10:30A.M	304

TOTAL: 533

GENEROSITY REPORT

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

The way we use our time, talent and treasure for God, enables us to always put God first in our lives... Deuteronomy 14:23 "Give God what is right, not what is left."

December 2nd and 3rd

Mass	Envel.	Loose	Total
4:00 pm	\$1,586	\$196	\$1,782
8:00 am	\$900	\$1,133	\$2,033
10:30 am	\$672	\$795	\$1,407

Income \$ 5,222.00 Expense \$ 2,445.00 Net **\$ 2,777.00**

Notes from Social Action

Food Pantry

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to 35 families living here in the Woodlawn/Windsor Mill areas. The result, however, is that the shelves in the pantry look like "Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard."



Christmas will be here in just four short weeks and we will once again provide food to our neighbors. I am asking you, once again, to show your generosity and help us restock the shelves.

We are in need of all types of non-perishable food items, paper goods and cleaning products, pet foods, and personal hygiene products. At this time, the items most critically needed are: canned meats and fish, canned fruit, canned pasta, canned soup, pasta sauce, dry beans and rice, peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix & syrup, hot & cold cereal, sugar, flour, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice.

If everyone could bring just one item every time he or she came to church, the food pantry would always remain fully stocked. Additionally, please help your children select a food item that they can bring to the basket on the altar during the Offertory to share with our hungry neighbors. Thank you!

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

December 11
Starting with a procession at 6 pm, leaving from Oak View Apartment on Lord Baltimore Drive to the Chruch

Homage to OLG 8:00 pm:
Dances & Music.
Mass at 10:00 pm
Mañanitas (Mariachis):
11:30 pm followed by a
Social in the Community
Center.





HELP NEEDED

To decorate for Christmas, please join us on Saturday December 23rd at 9:00 am. Help us make our church look beautiful for the Nativity of the Lord.

Call the church office at:
410-944-2106 or just show up.

It's that time again!! St. Gabriel's 2017 "JESSE TREE" Advent Project

begins the weekend of November 25th/26th and ends on *Sunday, December 17th!!*

→ We are again sponsoring 4 organizations

Project PLASE ~~~~ The Children's Home St. Vincent de Paul Head Start Program (Arlington Site)

→ The Pregnancy Center West in Catonsville

It's easy to get involved and help make the holidays a little brighter for our brothers and sisters in the Baltimore metro area.

- → As you leave Church, stop by the "Jesse Tree" and pick up a tag or two.
- → Buy some or all of the items listed on the tag.
- → Wrap the gift and <u>attach the same tac</u> to the gift (these tags are color coded to identify the different groups so that we can distribute the gifts properly). Using the <u>SAME TAG</u> ensures that the gifts get to the correct individual.

<u>Note:</u> Items purchased for the Pregnancy Center and the Children's Home should <u>not</u> be wrapped.

→ Return the gift(s) to the "Jesse Tree" on or before Sunday December 17th at 12 Noon. This date is only one week before Christmas. There is no wiggle room. If you cannot return the gift on time, please do not take a tag!

We are continuing our <u>SHOPPING SERVICE</u> this year for those who want to participate but don't have the time to shop. Social Action Committee members will be happy to do it for you. Call Don Monahan at 410-245-6881 or contact him via e-mail at <u>dbm21569@verizon.net</u> by <u>December 8th</u> for details.







CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS Mass Schedule

December 24th:

Sunday Masses at regular schedule: Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:30 pm Spanish

<u>Christmas</u>

Christmas Eve (December 24th): 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm with Christmas Carols.

Christmas Day (December 25th): 10:30 am English and 12:30 pm Spanish



December 31st:

Sunday Masses at regular schedule: Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8:00 am,10:30 am and 12:30 pm Spanish

New Years

January $1^{\rm st}$:
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God: $10{:}30$ am English & $12{:}30$ pm Spanish