Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“But pray my children. God will hear you in a little while. My son allows Himself to be moved with compassion.”

The message of our Blessed Mother to the children of Pontmain, France January 17, 1871

Parish Staff
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Parish Registration
We invite you to register and become part of our parish community. Forms are available at the parish office or on the table in the narthex.

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Daily Masses
Monday - Friday at 6:45 & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m.
First Friday: 7:30 p.m.
On Federal Holidays Mass is at 8:30 a.m. only.

Sacrament of Penance
Confessions are heard on Saturdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, during the Thursday evening Holy Hour, and by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Holy Hour
Thursday evening from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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## Masses of the Week

**Sunday, December 7th: Second Sunday of Advent**
- 7:30 a.m.  
  Theresa Zawalick by Larry Zawalick
- 9:00 a.m.  
  Margo Wieland by the Kelly Family
- 10:30 a.m.  
  Living & Deceased Parishioners
- 12:15 p.m.  
  Eldo Foss by John & Michele Donovan
- 5:00 p.m.  
  Mary Scully by the Billingsley Family

**Monday, December 8th: The Immaculate Conception**
- 6:45 a.m.  
  Anya Harmon by Pat Sabas
- 8:30 a.m.  
  Victorino Basco by the Orosa Family (Mass in Latin)
- 5:00 p.m.  
  Steve Clauson by Terry Short

**Tuesday, December 9th: St. Juan Diego**
- 6:45 a.m.  
  Lisa Kelly by the Our Lady of Hope Catholic School Staff
- 8:30 a.m.  
  Dorothy Rue by the Kelly Family

**Wednesday, December 10th**
- 6:45 a.m.  
  Therese O’Herron by the Our Lady of Hope Catholic School Staff
- 8:30 a.m.  
  Arthur Schierer by Ann Schierer

**Thursday, December 11th: Pope St. Damasus I**
- 6:45 a.m.  
  Michael Nadera by the Gallagher Family
- 8:30 a.m.  
  Virginia Byrnes by Kathy Byrnes

**Friday, December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- 6:45 a.m.  
  Nancy Burgess by the Ladies of Hope
- 8:30 a.m.  
  Debbie Silk by Our Lady of Hope Catholic School

**Saturday, December 13th: St. Lucy**
- 8:30 a.m.  
  Denise Cordary by Mom, Dad, & Megan
- 5:00 p.m.  
  Nina & Bill Emmons by the Skojec Family

**Sunday, December 14th: Gaudete Sunday**
- 7:30 a.m.  
  In Praise & Gratitude
- 9:00 a.m.  
  Joseph & Mary Ducette by the Skojec Family
- 10:30 a.m.  
  Living & Deceased Parishioners
- 12:15 p.m.  
  Susan Muth by Tom & Trish Daquano
- 5:00 p.m.  
  Maribeth Kuznia by Bethany Sargis

### Holiness Father’s Prayer Intentions for December

**Christmas, Hope for Humanity:** That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

**Parents:** That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

In accordance with the regulations of the Bishop of Arlington, couples must contact a priest and begin preparation at least six months prior to the wedding. Parish registration and active participation for a minimum of 3 months is required **before** preparation may begin. Living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to the future marriage. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the preparation time.

### PARISH GROUP COORDINATORS

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### What does it mean to be an active Catholic?

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have children baptized, or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are parishioners and active, practicing Catholics. **To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish for at least 3 months, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to a stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.** We encourage all parishioners to become active in one of the parish organizations. In a community as large as Our Lady of Hope, one means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish, or are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation, and you will not be noted as "inactive" on our parish roster.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parish Registration and the Baptism class are required. Baptisms are held every Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Baptistery. Please contact the parish secretary to register for the Baptism classes. Plan to attend the classes before the birth of the child.
Dear Parishioners,

Every year at this time, I find myself flooded with requests for donations—whether to charities I already support or other organizations. Being an accountant in my former life, I also know that this is time to think about annual income taxes and deductions.

Please consider your own parish. Our Parish mortgage is about $5.2 million. Each month, we always try to pay a little more than the minimum payment of $37,000. Since our mortgage interest rate will readjust this coming Fall, I would like to reduce the principal as much as possible. So our Christmas collection (and whatever extra donations we receive) will be dedicated for his purpose.

Therefore, please consider that extra sacrifice for your parish, the spiritual home you and your family enjoy.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Father William Saunders, Pastor

Knights of Columbus

Annual Toy Drive

The Knights of Columbus is having their annual Toy Drive thru December 14th. Toys must be unwrapped and may be dropped off in our bin in the Narthex. Please help us provide toys for children in need.

Holy Land Woodcarvers

After Masses this weekend, there will be a display of handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land in the parish hall. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings.

Birthright of Loudoun County

Birthright is in need of new or gently used maternity clothes, all sizes, and boy’s winter clothing 9-18 months. Please contact Marsha Slick at 703-433-0034 or chsms2@live.com or call the Birthright office at 703-777-7272.

Day of Recollection for Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for men on December 20th and a day retreat for women on December 21st. Both run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are open to those 17 years and older. Please register by December 12th. Contact vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8th we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered at 6:45 and 8:30 a.m. and 5 and 7:30 p.m. Please make the extra sacrifice to attend Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother, full of grace and conceived without original sin, who gave her life to be the Mother of our Savior.

Gift Shop News

The 2014 Ornament has arrived! The shop is well stocked for Advent. We have Advent Calendars, candles, and wreaths, as well as some lovely Advent meditation books. You might even find that perfect Christmas gift! Come by and get the 2014 House Ornament for $20!

Movie Night! – Mary, of Nazareth

On Wednesday, December 10th, join your fellow parishioners for a free showing of the movie, Mary, of Nazareth at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will have refreshments and a raffle for a chance to win one of ten DVDs of the movie for your home.
Giving via Faith Direct
In this Advent Season, a time of both joyful anticipation and penitential preparation, we should consider how we are prioritizing our time and treasure. Now is a great time to consider enrolling in the Faith Direct eGiving program. It will not only save you and our parish staff time during these busy months, but will help you ensure your support of our parish is there even when you can’t be. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: VA79, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available from the parish office.

The Institute of Catholic Culture
~ PRESENTS ~
IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME
Discovering God’s Plan for the Incarnation
Dr. Timothy O’Donnell, S.T.D., KGCHS
Sunday, December 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Hope Church Hall
FREE ADMISSION!
NO RESERVATION REQUIRED!
For more information, please visit
www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org
or call (540) 635 – 7155

Live Nativity at Paul VI
Paul VI Catholic High School invites you to our Live Nativity Sunday, December 7th from 4-5:30 p.m. The miracle of the Christmas Story comes alive and you see and hear the story of Christ’s birth. Families are invited to sing treasured carols with us and feel the magic and love of the season in a very powerful way. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the cafeteria. Dress as a visitor to Bethlehem, shepherd, or angel.

Please Pray For…
The list of the sick and homebound of our parish can be found on our website, www.ourladyofhope.net. Please call the parish office to have a name added or removed.

Solidarity with the Persecuted Christians in Iraq
These shirts (featuring the ‘nun’-symbolizing Nazarene or a follower of Jesus) are now available in the Parish Gift Shop. Your $20 donation will benefit the Chaldean Church in Iraq. Let us stand united with our suffering brethren and also raise awareness here in our community.

Simbang Gabi
Everyone is invited to the Simbang Gabi, a Pilipino traditional Mass on December 19th at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope. This is not only celebrated in the Philippines but also among the Pilipino “diaspora” all over the world. The main Celebrant is our Pastor, Reverend William Saunders. A reception will follow in the parish hall. For more information please call Cholina Donovan at 703-727-2845 or Judy Trozado at 703-314-4735.

Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School
Registration is now open for spring theology courses at the Christendom Graduate School. Earn your MA in theology or take a course for personal enrichment! Courses at our convenient Alexandria campus include Gospel of Mark, Church History II, Virtues, Catechetical Tradition, Christology, Philosophical Errors, New Testament, Moral Theology, and Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin. We have several online courses including a real-time, inter-active online course on the Pauline Epistles & Acts of the Apostles taught by Dr. Sebastian Carnazzo. The semester runs from January 12th until May 2nd, and there is a special discounted rate for catechists, seniors, and religious who wish to audit courses. For more information, please visit www.christendom.edu/grad, or call 703-658-4304, or email us at NDGS@Christendom.edu.
## This Week at a Glance

**Sunday, December 7th:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 8:30 am Holy Land Woodcarvers – Parish Hall
- 8:30 am Ladies of Hope Donut Sunday – Parish Hall
- Noon RE Class – St. Thomas More Room
- Noon RE Class – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room
- 2:00 pm CYO Basketball - Gym
- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room
- 6:15 pm Jr. High Youth Group – Gym
- 7:00 pm Institute of Catholic Culture – Parish Hall

**Monday, December 8th:** Immaculate Conception
- 6:45/8:30 am & 5:00/7:30 pm Holy Mass
- 3:45 pm American Heritage Girls – Parish Hall & Meeting Rooms
- 5:00 pm CYO Basketball - Gym
- 7:30 pm Young Adults – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room

**Tuesday, December 9th:**
- 6:45/8:30 am Holy Mass
- 3:00 pm Children’s Choir – St. Thomas More Room
- 3:15 pm Junior Legion of Mary – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room
- 4:15/6:00 pm RE Classes – School Classrooms
- 5:00 pm CYO Basketball – Gym
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus – St. Thomas More Room & Parish Hall
- 7:30 pm High School Youth Ministry – Gym

**Wednesday, December 10th:**
- 6:45/8:30 am Holy Mass
- 9:15 am Ladies of Hope “Endow” – Parish Hall & Meeting Rooms
- 3:00 pm Brownies – St. Thomas More Room
- 3:00 pm Girl Scouts – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room
- 4:15 pm RE Classes – School Classrooms
- 5:00 pm CYO Basketball – Gym
- 7:30 pm Movie – Parish Hall

**Thursday, December 11th:**
- 6:45/8:30 am Holy Mass
- 3:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind – St. Thomas More Room
- 5:00 pm CYO Basketball – Gym
- 7:30 pm Inquiry Class – St. Thomas More Room

**Friday, December 12th:**
- 6:45/8:30 am Holy Mass
- 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal - Church
- 5:00 pm CYO Basketball – Gym
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts – Parish Hall

**Saturday, December 13th:**
- 8:30 am Holy Mass
- 9:00 am CYO Basketball – Gym
- 12:30 pm Baptism – Baptistry
- 2:00 pm Wedding – Church
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus – Parish Hall

## Next Week at a Glance

**Sunday, December 14th:** Gaudete Sunday
- 9:00 am Boy Scouts – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room
- 2:00 pm CYO Basketball - Gym
- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor – Parish Hall

**Monday, December 15th:**
- 6:45/8:30 am Holy Mass
- 3:00 pm Children’s Choir – St. Thomas More Room
- 3:15 pm Junior Legion of Mary – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room
- 4:15/6:00 pm RE Classes – School Classrooms
- 5:00 pm CYO Basketball – Gym
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus – St. Thomas More Room & Parish Hall
- 7:30 pm High School Youth Ministry – Gym

**Wednesday, December 16th:**
- 6:45/8:30 am Holy Mass
- 3:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind – St. Thomas More Room
- 5:00 pm CYO Basketball – Gym
- 7:00 pm School Christmas Pageant - Church

**Thursday, December 17th:**
- 6:45/8:30 am Holy Mass
- 9:15 am Ladies of Hope “Endow” – Parish Hall & Meeting Rooms
- 4:15 pm RE Classes – School Classrooms
- 5:00 pm CYO Basketball – Gym
- 7:00 pm School Christmas Pageant - Church

**Friday, December 18th:**
- 6:45/8:30 am Holy Mass
- 3:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind – St. Thomas More Room
- 5:00 pm CYO Basketball – Gym
- 7:30 pm Inquiry Class – St. Thomas More Room

**Saturday, December 19th:**
- 6:45/8:30 am Holy Mass
- 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass – Church
- 8:00 pm Simbang Gabi Reception – Parish Hall

**Sunday, December 20th:**
- 8:30 am Holy Mass

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### Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington Christmas Collection is scheduled for December 14th. Funds support Catholic Charities programs, such as a soup kitchen/food pantry, hypothermia shelter, adoption and foster care, counseling, immigrant assistance, emergency assistance, services for the elderly, crisis pregnancy counseling, services for the disabled, parish social ministry, and prison ministry. For more information, please visit [http://www.ccda.net](http://www.ccda.net). Please see Bishop Loverde’s letter in this bulletin!
December 2014

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have long treasured this observation recorded in the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: “…that though he was rich, [Jesus Christ] became poor for your sakes, so that through his poverty, you might become rich” (cf. 2 Cor 8:9). As the feast of Christmas draws near, you and I are reminded of the poverty which Jesus embraced. Setting aside the heavenly glory of His divine nature, He assumed our humanity, being born in a cattle stable and allowing Himself to be wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. How helpless and poor He became! Our Savior bypassed all heavenly and earthly riches and embraced a life of true poverty.

Even more, the Lord Jesus identifies Himself with the poor and the needy (cf. Mt 25:31-46). So we actually encounter Jesus Christ in every person in need and, therefore, we truly can reach out to Him, unseen but present in them, through our generosity to our diocesan Catholic Charities, whose relentless efforts enables us to encounter Christ in the poor.

Pope Francis encourages us to pursue these encounters fearlessly. “Moved by his example, we want to enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually…which brings us joy and gives meaning to our lives,” (cf. Apostolic Exhortation: Joy of the Gospel, n. 269).

What a wonderful opportunity we have to draw near to the poor and touch the Person of Christ in them through the mission of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. It is vital for each of us to partner in this diocesan mission through the second collection for Catholic Charities on the weekend of December 13 and 14. I encourage you to reflect prayerfully on how your support will unite your heart to Christ’s in His identification with and love for the poor.

Our Holy Father tells us, “No single act of love for God will be lost, no generous effort is meaningless, no painful endurance is wasted.” Please join with me in making real and tangible the love of the Poor Christ with those most in need by generously and even sacrificially supporting Catholic Charities on December 13 and 14.

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington