

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Michael, Richard, Tina, Lisa, Charles, Dottie, Bette, Howard, Dorothy, Barbara, Christine, Mike, Jay, Dick, Karla, Charles, Susan, Claudine, Barbara S., Lisa B.

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Christine, Joe, Joey, Dorian, Beth, Jared, Julie, Julius, Yeeleng, Jennie, Kemper

Requiescat in Pace ... Martha Sim, Bobbie Wallace, and all those killed in acts of terror and war around the world.

Those serving in Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria and all others at risk: Christopher Corlett, Blair Sokol, Zach Heinrich and for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war and their caregivers.

Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation, or studying, including Lit and Mary Carol Tazewell, Andrew Boyd and Audra Kreger, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, Evan and Kim Cannell, Karen and Eric Coulson.

Those in assisted living: Jorge, Joan, Clare, Tom, Fr. Jack, Rose, Kathleen, Audrey, Jim, Dabney, Dorothy, Margaret, Lew, Vi, Muriel, Mary, Alice, Neal, Betty

Those travelling: Karla Merritt

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: San Marcos, Alexandria; St. James', Mt. Vernon; St. Paul's, Hanover

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain - (Spain) and **The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano**

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Kemp Williams and Brad Bergman, usher coordinators, and the volunteers who serve as ushers.

Those with birthdays this week:

4 Kevin Plunkett, Taylor Whitworth
8 Valerie Eudy

Contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or submit them on the website at:

<https://www.gracealex.org/worship/personal-worship/>. Requests will be removed after 4 weeks unless renewed.

Today

Greenery on the Altar

The greenery on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Betty Mills in celebration of Julie Mills Cizek's 17th Birthday on Friday, November 30.

Adult Forum: Art for Advent I: Expecting the Messiah

Our own Anne Boris will present a two-part series on Art for Advent. Anne's presentations are always creative and informative. Come start Advent with a wonderful Forum series! At today's session, we explore the ways Christian artists have portrayed the Christmas story as the fulfillment of prophecy.

Inquirers' Class: The Church Year - Sacred Time (Library)

Join Father Malm as we discuss the Church Year.

Confessions in Advent

During this season of preparation and reflection it is our practice at Grace Church to offer times for individual confession with a priest. Father Malm will be available in the Church at the altar rail on

Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. before the daily Eucharist. You may also call and make an appointment. A guide, "How to Make Your Confession," is available in the track rack in the Narthex and on the credenza in the Commons.

Angel Tree

There will be a lighted Christmas tree located outside the elevator on the 2nd floor this coming Sunday. On it will be tags that request gifts for needy children and their families. Two of the families were identified by Alexandria's Department of Community and Human Services and an additional eight by the La Gracia congregation. The requests are for clothing and toys for the children and gift cards for the families. Please choose a tag or tags and sign the donor list. Bring the wrapped presents (with receipts for the clothing) to a designated box located outside the church office on Sundays or inside the office during the week. The tags must be attached to the presents. All gifts need to be at the church on or before December 16.

Photo Sale

All those photos you've admired over the year are for sale after all services today and next Sunday. Some pre-sorting has occurred. There may be an envelope with your name on it! Proceeds go into the parish general fund.

Youth Night

The Youth Christmas party is TONIGHT at Hard Times in Springfield. All youth are invited to attend. Cost of the evening is \$10 and drop off and pick up are at Hard Times. Carpooling is encouraged!

Stuff the Suitcase for the Tanzania Mission

Thanks to everyone who donated the "stuff the suitcase" to take to Tanzania. It was a great success! We received 3 oxygen monitors, 6 blood pressure machines, 4 stethoscopes, a dozen thermometers, and a few flash drives. There will be another "stuff the suitcase" starting in January. This time it will be computers. Please take a moment to inventory all the old lap tops you or family or friends may have. As long as they work, they will be a treasure for Tanzania. They are used for the St. Augustine Primary School computer lab and for the hospital.

Grace Christmas Ornaments

We still have a limited number of Grace 2018 Christmas Ornaments — 5" x 5" double sided card stock with Grace photos on both sides, with a ribbon for hanging. Cost is \$3 each. To order an ornament or make a donation for the Advent cards and care packages contact Nancy Robinson at Nancy.robinson@gracealex.org. Thank you!

Pledging

Many thanks to more than 145 parishioners and families who have made financial pledges for 2019. We need everyone's commitment. Our hope is to receive over 220 pledges. If you have not yet pledged, please turn in your card or contact the parish office. You can also pledge online at:

<https://www.gracealex.org/stewardship/give-your-treasure/make-a-pledge/>

Holiday Babysitting

Two dates (not including today) remain for holiday babysitting! In addition to the 9th, we encourage all of our parents to sign up for the 16th and have a full day of kid free activity. Our youth will see that the children get to pageant rehearsal at 2:30 pm and our Godly Play students arrive at their 4:00 rehearsal time. Be sure to contact Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org or sign up through the Sign Up Genius available through the Wednesday RoundUp. Remember that we need to have a minimum 10 kids registered or the date will be canceled.

Dates/Times/Payment

December 2 - 12:30-3:30; pay with one or two \$35--or more--bottles of wine!

December 9 - 12:30-3:30; pay with gift card(s) to restaurants--like local Del Ray, Arlington, DC and Alexandria favorites--or retailer of your choice (some suggestions: Amazon, Apple, theater like AMC, Starbucks, Barnes and Noble) \$25 increments.

December 16 - 12:30-3:30. Those in the pageant will be taken to rehearsal! Others to be picked up by 3:30. Pay with one or two \$35--or more--bottles of wine!

This Week December 2-8

Monthly Requiem

On Tuesday, December 4, we will celebrate the monthly requiem for December at the 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist. Any names to be remembered may be called in to the office before noon.

Next Week (December 9-15)

St. Nicholas' Visits

In honor of his feast day on the 6th and to help us in our Advent preparations, St. Nicholas will visit the choral services and La Gracia on Sunday, December 9.

Adult Forum: Art for Advent II: Expecting the Light of the World

Come explore examples of Christian art from continents other than Europe.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Advent Lessons and Carols will be sung by the Boys and Girls Choir and the Adult Choir on December 9 at 5:00 p.m. Music by Elgar, Stopford, Manz, Ord, Wood, and Palestrina. Festive hymns for the season will also be sung. The service concludes with Holy Communion Rite I.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Pageant

Preparations have begun for the annual Christmas Pageant on December 16 at 5 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help with costuming or to provide snacks prior to the pageant, please contact Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

Cookies!

Following the pageant, we will meet in Merrow Hall Auditorium for pizza and cookies. Please bring a tray of your favorite Christmas cookie to share. If you are not able to come to the pageant, but are willing to bring cookies, you may leave your tray (labeled with your name on the tray) in the kitchen during any of the coffee hours.

From the Food Ministries

Second Alert for Brown Bag Lunches

Our last obligation for the Brown Bag lunch program in 2018 is December 10-14, a busy time for all. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the Outreach bulletin board or e-mail linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org if you are able to serve one day or if you are willing to make 10 or 20 sandwiches. Instructions are on the same bulletin board if you've never done it before.

Got Rice? Got Masa? We Don't!

The Capital Area Food Bank is OUT of RICE and MASA HARINA (Corn Flour), essential items in our bags of food for clients. One lb. bags of White Rice and Masa Harina or Corn Meal will be especially appreciated at this time. Other Popular Bonus Shelf Items: Canned Fruit, Vegetables (all varieties incl. beans and refried beans), Meat (Ham, Corned Beef, etc.), Tuna or Salmon; Tortillas, Dried Beans, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Salsa, Mac & Cheese, Soup, Jam or Jelly. Cleaning Supplies & Toiletries are always appreciated.

Don't Have Time to Shop? Financial support is always appreciated and we'll do the shopping for you! Just note FOOD PANTRY on your check memo line. Thank You!

Calendar for December 2- 8

Sunday	The First Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	La Gracia (Auditorium)
9:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
10:15 a.m.	Adult Forum (St. John)
	Inquirers' Class (Library)
11:15 a.m.	Holy Baptism and Choral Eucharist
12:30 p.m.	J2A Babysitting (Auditorium)
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m.	COHI (St. Mark)
Monday	
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
Tuesday	Requiem
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (St. Mark)
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
4:30 p.m.	Advanced Choristers
5:30 p.m.	Beginner Choristers
5:45 p.m.	Confession
6:30 p.m.	Requiem Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee (Library)
Wednesday	Clement of Alexandria, 210
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m.	Choristers
7:00 p.m.	Trust Board Meeting (Library)
7:00 p.m.	AA (St. Luke)
7:30 p.m.	Bible Study Group (1823 Café)
8:00 p.m.	AA/Alanon (Auditorium and St. Luke)
Thursday	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, 342
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Friday	
9:00 a.m.	GES Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry (until 7:30)
8:30 p.m.	AA (St. Mark)
Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild
11:00 a.m.	Lessons and Carols Rehearsal