

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
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Dear Catholic Community:

I really like St. Paul's words this evening in the Second Reading: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." So, does that describe your life? I'd say that many of us have a challenge rejoicing ALWAYS. Life gets us down and then, when it does, we may NOT do the very thing we NEED to do, and that is PRAY. To me the most important words are: IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. St. Paul encourages us to be people of gratitude who are not affected by the difficulties in our lives to the point that we become discouraged or downcast. He challenges us to always find a reason to be grateful. ATTITUDE is such a powerful thing in our lives. It affects everything. During this Season of Advent, I ask you to EXAMINE YOUR ATTITUDE. Perhaps this Advent can be the opportunity for an ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT. Alexander Pope once said that "Jesus being present in thousands of managers throughout the world, is not as important as Jesus truly being present in each of our hearts and lives." May this season of EXPECTATION AND WAITING be an opportunity to welcome the Lord into our lives with renewed faith. REJOICE ALWAYS!

Blessings,
Fr. Fred

Upcoming Events

14 December Pastoral Council Meeting

18 December 1100 Daily Mass
1130 Advent Concert featuring Glendon Frank, Organist
1200 Lunch
1225 Devotion

21 December Children's Christmas Pageant during 0900 Mass; reception afterwards in Fellowship Hall

"My soul rejoices in my God." ~ Isaiah 61:10b

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:

Deployed: FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Carol Yannarella, USAF; CPT Mike Mobbs, USA; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps

Deceased: Ivan Pierce Jr. (father of Ivan Pierce), George Fries, Joseph E. Nestro, Louise Pratt, Charles Daknis (brother of Bill Daknis)

Healing: Buddy Craven, Sue Higgins, Bob Daknis, Jimmy Daknis, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Jim Campbell, Betsy Hendrix, Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, Bonnie Benne, Richard Wicks, Margaret Asten

A huge THANK YOU to all of you who helped with the 11 December Penance Service. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord." Are we taking time to put the way of the Lord in our marriage? The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are **20-22 Feb 2015** in Herndon or **17-19 Apr 2015** in Fredericksburg.

For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or [703-378-4150](tel:703-378-4150).

Offering for 6-7 December

1700 Vigil Mass:	\$1,604.00
0900 Sunday Mass:	\$4,129.00
Total:	\$5,733.00

ATTENDANCE: 390

Please make checks payable to "CTOF"

Parish Contact Information

Pastor: Fr. Fred Wendel 703-696-5688 or alfred.w.wendel2.mil@mail.mil

Mass: 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F. All at Memorial Chapel.

Reconciliation: 11:30-11:45AM Tuesday-Friday in Room 112 of Memorial Chapel.

Emergency Contact: Marshall Desk SGT 703-696-3525

Catholic Coordinator: Pam Ortiz pamortiz85@gmail.com

Parish Registration: See usher for form.

Advance E-bulletin: Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday

Sacraments and sponsor letters: Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.

