



Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Catholic students in grades 8-12 are invited to participate in the 2025-26 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The contest is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and locally by Roanoke Council 562.

The theme of this year's contest is:

“Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?”

Essays must be 500-750 words and must be the student's original work. They must be typed (MSWord with spell-check is recommended). There are no font style or margin requirements, but a font of 12 is recommended. Use the fillable entry forms which can be downloaded from the KofC website (go to KofC.org and search for Form 4208). Student names should appear **only** on the entry forms; parental consent is also required on the entry forms. Print the completed entry form in color and staple to the essay.

Entries must be received by November 26, 2025 (Wednesday before Thanksgiving).

Cash prizes (\$50) will be awarded to the local winners in each of the grade levels. Local Winners will advance to the state level; state winners are advanced to the Supreme (international) level.

The Season of Annunciation

The Maronite Church at this time of year celebrates the Season of Annunciation.

There are six seasons in the Maronite Liturgical calendar: Annunciation, Epiphany, Lent, Resurrection, Pentecost and Holy Cross.

The Maronite Church follows a different Liturgical calendar than the Latin Church. “Advent” in the Maronite Church is called “Season of Annunciation”.

The Season of Annunciation and Birth of Our Lord (which in Syriac is called Souborey or “happy announcements”), consists of two parts. It begins with six Sundays in which the liturgies repeat the theme that the Lord is coming in joy to reconcile humankind. They are:

Announcement to Zachariah
Announcement to Mary
Visit to Elizabeth
Birth of John the Baptizer
Revelation to Joseph
Genealogy Sunday

Each of these Sundays consecutively announces and prepares for the Birth of Jesus, the Savoir. From the Announcement of Zachariah to Genealogy Sunday news of the Lord's incarnation is given to various individuals who had been awaiting the Messiah's coming. The final announcement is made by the “Watchers in Glory” to all of creation of the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord: “Glory to God on high and peace and good hope to all people. Today the church rejoices as she hears the announcement of the birth of the Anointed One. Today the creator returns to make the land a palace and of the seas a kingdom. How happy is this day forever.”

**ST. ELIAS MARONITE
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November 16, 2025**



ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

Liturgy Schedule

Emails: Fr@steliashurch.org
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Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:30 am
Weekdays: 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Friday following the 9:00 am
Liturgy until 5:00 pm

Mystery of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:00 PM to
3:40 PM and Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM
or by appointment

LITURGY INTENTIONS

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 15 & 16, 2025

Saturday: 5:00 PM: Michael Fleming, special intention (Aileen Fleming)

Sunday: 10:30 AM: Aileen Fleming, special intention (Aileen Fleming)

Monday, Nov 17: 9 AM-

Tuesday, Nov 18: 9 AM-

Wednesday, Nov 19: 9 AM-

Thursday, Nov 20: 9 AM- Shirlee Schiavoni, healing & successful surgery
(Charlene Kalinoski)

Friday, Nov 21: 9 AM-

Offertory – November 9, 2025 - \$2,196.00

Second Collection: this weekend, 11/15 & 11/16 for
The needy

ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION November

The bread, wine & candles are being offered in memory of
the deceased members of St. Elias Church & Hanna Moses
by Joe Moses and Mandy Tolano

Daily Scripture Readings

Week of November 16, 2025

Monday: Rom 4:1-12 : John 8:31-37

Tuesday: Rom 2:1-8 : John 8:38-40

Wednesday: Rom 2:9-16 : John 8:41-45

Thursday: Rom 2:17-29 : John 8:46-50

Friday: Rom 3:1-12 : John 8:51-55

Saturday: Rom 3:21-31 : John 8:56-59

Sunday: Gal 3:15-22 : Luke 1:26-38

SAVE THE DATES



We warmly invite all children in our parish to take part in the Christmas play set for December 14. If you're interested, please write your child's name on the sheet in the foyer and come to the rehearsals on November 23rd in the hall during class hours from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. There will be another practice on December 7th at the same time. Additionally, after Mass on that day, we will enjoy lunch and decorate the hall.

ADORATION



There will be **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, November 28th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Adoration will resume on Friday, December 5th.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory Envelopes for 2026 are available in the vestibule area for those who have used them in past years. **Please note that your envelope numbers may not be the same.** If you would like a box, please let Deebie know. Please use your envelopes throughout the year as they facilitate the accounting for your year-end tax letter. *May our Lord reward you for your generosity*

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS



Keep Christ in Christmas cards from the Knights of Columbus are in the vestibule of the church. They are \$15.00 a box. If you write a check, please make **payable to Knights of Columbus #562.** Please give the money/checks to Fr. George or the office.

Also there are free bookmarks with a prayer that would make a good stocking stuffer for Christmas. There are "The Hopeful Mysteries of the Rosary" Pamphlets to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, designed by Roman Catholic Bishop, William Wack, of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee (Florida). The intent of the Hopeful Mysteries is to enrich the four other sets of Rosary Mysteries by inviting the faithful to reflect on key moments of salvation history, from Creation to the Immaculate Conception. For more information, visit www.HopefulMysteries.com