Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 21, 2014  
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38  

December 21st After 11am Mass  
Dedication of the Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe  

Christmas Carols begin 30 minutes before Each Mass  

The Nativity of the Lord, 4pm  
Wednesday, December 24, 2014  

The Nativity of the Lord, 9pm  
Wednesday, December 24, 2014  

The Nativity of the Lord  
Thursday, December 25, 2014  
Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
**Sts Peter and Paul**

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway - Palmyra, VA 22963

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* Celebrated at St. Joseph's/Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel
Today our parish unveils the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is a report reflecting on the story of Our Lady written by Don Antonio Valeriano, a Native American author of the sixteenth century.

“At daybreak one Saturday morning in 1531, on the very first days of the month of December, an Indian named Juan Diego was going from the village where he lived to Tlatelolco in order to take part in divine worship and listen to God’s commandments. When he came near the hill called Tepeyac, dawn had already come, and Juan Diego heard someone calling him from the very top of the hill: “Juanito, Juan Dieguito.”

He went up the hill and caught sight of a lady of unearthly grandeur whose clothing was as radiant as the sun. She said to him in words both gentle and courteous: “Juanito, the humblest of my children, know and understand that I am the ever virgin Mary, Mother of the true God through whom all things live. It is my ardent desire that a church be erected here so that in it I can show and bestow my love, compassion, help, and protection to all who inhabit this land and to those others who love me, that they might call upon and confide in me. Go to the Bishop of Mexico to make known to him what I greatly desire. Go and put all your efforts into this.”

When Juan Diego arrived in the presence of the Bishop, Fray Juan de Zumarraga, a Franciscan, the latter did not seem to believe Juan Diego and answered: “Come another time, and I will listen at leisure.”

Juan Diego returned to the hilltop where the Heavenly Lady was waiting, and he said to her: “My Lady, my maiden, I presented your message to the Bishop, but it seemed that he did not think it was the truth. For this reason I beg you to entrust your message to someone more illustrious who might convey it in order that they may believe it, for I am only an insignificant man.”

She answered him: “Humblest of my sons, I ask that tomorrow you again go to see the Bishop and tell him that I, the ever virgin holy Mary, Mother of God, am the one who personally sent you.”

But on the following day, Sunday, the Bishop again did not believe Juan Diego and told him that some sign was necessary so that he could believe that it was the Heavenly Lady herself who sent him. And then he dismissed Juan Diego.

On Monday Juan Diego did not return. His uncle, Juan Bernardino, became very ill, and at night asked Juan to go to Tlatelolco at daybreak to call a priest to hear his confession.

Juan Diego set out on Tuesday, but he went around the hill and passed on the other side, toward the east, so as to arrive quickly in Mexico City and to avoid being detained by the Heavenly Lady. But she came out to meet him on that side of the hill and said to him: “Listen and understand, my humblest son. There is nothing to frighten and distress you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and let nothing upset you. Is it not I, your Mother, who is here? Are you not under my protection? Are you not, fortunately, in my care? (Do not let your uncle’s illness distress you. It is certain that he has already been cured.) Go up to the hilltop, my son, where you will find flowers of various kinds. Cut them, and bring them into my presence.”

When Juan Diego reached the peak, he was astonished that so many Castilian roses had burst forth at a time when the frost was severe. He carried the roses in the folds of his tilma (mantle) to the Heavenly Lady. She said to him: “My son, this is the proof and the sign which you will bring to the Bishop so that he will see my will in it. You are my ambassador, very worthy of trust.”

Juan Diego set out on his way, now content and sure of succeeding. On arriving in the Bishop’s presence, he told him: “My lord, I did what you asked. The Heavenly Lady complied with your request and fulfilled it. She sent me to the hilltop to cut some Castilian roses and told me to bring them to you in person. And this I am doing, so that you can see in them the sign you seek in order to carry out her will. Here they are; receive them.”

He immediately opened up his white mantle, and as all the different Castilian roses scattered to the ground, there was drawn on the cloak and suddenly appeared the precious image of the ever virgin Mary, Mother of God, in the same manner as it is today and is kept in her shrine of Tepeyac.

The whole city was stirred and came to see and admire her venerable image and to offer prayers to her; and following the command which the same Heavenly Lady gave to Juan Bernardino when she restored him to health, they called her by the name that she herself had used: “the ever virgin holy Mary of Guadalupe.”
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Patroness of the America's and the Pro-Life Movement
Dedication and Blessing of the Memorial to the Unborn
Sunday, December 21, 2014 Noon
donated by Rich and Carol Scampoli
Son of the Most High

Luke 1:26-38

Mary said “yes” when Gabriel announced she had been chosen to be the mother of the Savior, even though she had no real idea of what lay ahead. She was willing to accept God’s plan for her life.

We think of the coming of Jesus as the greatest and most joyful event of history, but in this week’s Gospel, we are told that Mary was “greatly troubled” when she saw the angel. Despite her misgivings, however, Mary accepted her destiny, saying, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

When we hear God’s call in our lives, we may feel a bit uneasy or unprepared. Mary’s story reminds us that when we say our “yes” to God’s plan, we too will be given the strength and the courage to follow through. In these final days before Christmas, let us renew our commitment to accepting God’s plan for our lives.

Let us remember Saint Paul’s admonition, “in all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thes 5:18), and rest in the words of the angel Gabriel, “nothing will be impossible for God.”

POINTS TO PONDER

- Is there something in my life I am resisting? How can Mary’s example help me become more accepting of God’s plan?

- What can I do this last week of Advent to prepare myself for the mystery of Christmas?

- What habits or attitudes have I developed this Advent that I would like to take with me for the rest of the year?

“The liturgy of Advent ... helps us to understand the fullness of the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, we must understand that our whole life should be an ‘advent,’ in vigilant expectation of the Christ’s final coming.”

— Pope Saint John Paul II
FAMILY FOCUS

Christmas Tree

Decorating the Christmas tree used to be a Christmas Eve activity. While that isn’t always practical, putting up a tree can still be a major celebration. As you bring out the ornaments, tell the stories behind some of the family favorites. Let each member of the family choose a favorite and hang it in a special place. When the tree is completely decorated, bless it with holy water and give thanks for family and friends, and especially for the great gift of Jesus.

SIGNs
OF THE SEASON

The Angel Gabriel

The word “angel” means “messenger.” Angels figure prominently in the Christmas story, but only one of them is named: Gabriel. In fact, Gabriel, whose name means “God is my strength,” is one of only three angels named in the Bible (Michael and Raphael are the other two). Gabriel is present in both the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament, he appears to the prophet Daniel, and in the New Testament he appears both to the Blessed Virgin and to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist.

Catechism CONNECTION

“But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons” (Gal 4:4-5). This is “the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mk 1:1); God has visited his people. He has fulfilled the promise he made to Abraham and his descendants. He acted far beyond all expectation — he has sent his own “beloved Son” (Mk 1:1; cf. Lk 1:55,68).”
— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 422

SAINT PETER CANISIUS

Advent is an ideal time of year to talk about the Faith and invite those who do not believe to consider the mystery of God-made-man in Jesus Christ. It is fitting that we celebrate the feast of Saint Peter Canisius this week, because he was a great evangelist. A Jesuit preacher during the time of the Protestant reformation, he became a major factor in the restoration of the Catholic Church in Germany. Like Pope Francis, he believed in treating those who disagree with the teaching of the Church with kindness and patience. His devotion to Mary was a hallmark of his ministry, and he is credited with adding the words “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners” to the Hail Mary. Saint Peter Canisius, pray for us!

ADVENT PRAYER

Come, O Lord!

“I delight to do your will, my God; your Law is in my inner being.” — Psalm 40:9

Mary, help us to accept God’s will for our lives, as you accepted the call to become the mother of the Savior. Bless us this holy season to live and love by following your son, Jesus.
If you wish to have a name added to the list, please notify the office (434) 589-5201

Michael Amato * Joyce Anderson * Connie & Jim Aspell * Nancy Avers * Fran Allan * Nicole Beesley
Jean Bockman * Robert Bossong * Anne Branigan * Pamela Bronson * Mae Carey * Bill Clapp * Nancy Connors
Lou Cooper * Nancy & Gene Crowley * Fr. Carl DeSousa * Marilyn Doane * Neil Doherty * Kevin Dolan * Ken Doll
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M= St Michael Room; R= St Raphael Room; C= Commons; G= Gabriel

TV MASS: NEW TIME ON WPXV CH. 49 AND WPXR CH. 38
Heart of the Nation's TV Mass for the homebound will move to 6:30 a.m. on WPXV (ION) channel 49 and WPXR channel 38 beginning on Sunday, January 4. When you or someone you love cannot get to church because of illness, unsafe driving conditions, or other struggles, the TV Mass offers spiritual comfort and inspiration. For cable/satellite channels, check your TV listings for WPXV and WPXR (ION). Video of the TV Mass is also available online at www.HeartoftheNation.org

Sanctuary Candle Memorial
December
Donor: Geri Carey
Memorial: Marylou Potenza

Bread and Wine Memorial
December
Donor: Bill & Veronica Lyttle
Memorial: The Deceased Members

New to Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
Did you join our parish sometime in 2014?

We are delighted to have you join our parish family and we hope that you are finding love, hospitality and a sense of community here.

Please stop by our Hospitality table after Mass to pick up a Welcome Packet and our gift of welcome for you.
OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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Second Collection this Week: Capital Campaign
Second Collection this Christmas: Catholic Charities
Second Collection next weekend: No Collection

Building Our Future United In Christ
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Campaign Donors 325

Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Throughout the Diocese, the second collection during Christmas Masses will benefit the compassionate work of Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC). Please contribute generously so that CCC can continue their life-changing work here in central and southwestern Virginia.

To learn more, visit www.cccofva.org
If you have any questions, please contact Dave Eggleston (804) 545-6954 or Dave.Eggleston@cccofva.org

Legion of Mary
Christmas Message

The Legion of Mary wishes all parishioners, visitors and their families a blessed Advent and Christmas season and a grace-filled New Year. We pray that this will be a time of joy and spiritual renewal so that we can all go into the new year with a renewed desire to share our Faith, Hope and Charity with those around us.

We hope, everyone can join us for the unveiling of the statue of
Our Lady of Guadalupe Sunday, December 21st following the 11AM Mass.

Thank you!

There were many bright smiles when they saw your beautiful gifts being delivered.

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your Marriage Anniversary in December and would like to be part of the Marriage Blessing Mass Saturday, January 3rd Please notify the office before Wednesday, December 22nd
Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign
For the first time this year, Charlottesville Catholic School is participating in the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign for all state employees. 100% of your gift comes to Charlottesville Catholic School when you designate us on your pledge:

CVC Charity #07826
Thank you for including us in your year-end charitable giving. For questions, please contact Patty Gazewood with Charlottesville Catholic School at (434) 964-0400

Employment Opportunities
Charlottesville Catholic School is seeking qualified candidates for two positions:
- Part Time Spanish Teacher for grades K-8
- Full Time School Nurse
Candidates should have some experience and enjoy working with elementary and middle school children.

To apply for employment at Charlottesville Catholic School, please download an application from the Diocese of Richmond at:

http://www2.richmond-diocese.org/human/apply.htm

Submit the application with:
- Your resume
- Three letters of reference
- A letter of interest

by mail:
Charlottesville Catholic School
1205 Pen Park Road
Charlottesville, VA 22901

by fax: (434) 964-1373
by email to Mr. Mike Riley
m.riley@cvillecatholic.org

Teaching Candidates positions must possess or be eligible for Virginia State Certification.

For more information about the positions or the school, please visit our website at:

www.cvillecatholic.org

The faculty & staff at Charlottesville Catholic School wish you and your family many blessings in the New Year!

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Sts Peter and Paul Parish has reserved bus transportation for the 2015 "March for Life"

Please sign up now on the sheet in the Commons.

The bus will

- Depart Sts Peter and Paul at 8am
- Return at approx 7 to 8pm
- Mass will be at 7am with a light breakfast to follow!

Please bring lunch, snacks, and water for the day

"Dress Warmly"

Cost is $10 dollars for adult no charge for students

Please Come and Join us in this Respect Life Event!!!!

For more information or to sign up
Contact John Condon: (434) 409-1246

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Attention all Cursillistas!

Valley Cursillo will be hosting its 2nd Annual Day of Reflection
“One Body in Christ”
Saturday, January 31, 2015
9:30 – 3:30pm
the Church of the Incarnation Parish Hall
Charlottesville
All Cursillistas are welcome.

The day will include prayer, great talks, potluck lunch of soup/chili and salad, and most importantly, fellowship.

If you have not been able to participate in Cursillo activities for a while or are new to the area, this is the perfect opportunity to reconnect and perhaps meet others who may be looking for a new 4th day reunion group.

If you plan to attend, you must RSVP by Tuesday, January 27th to:
valleycursillo@valleycursillo.com

“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? Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:
20-22 Feb 2015 in Herndon
17-19 Apr 2015 in Fredericksburg

For more information or to apply, visit our website:
www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org
or contact us:
applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org
(757) 483-3209

SEARCH FOR THE LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE

This is the fifth consecutive year for the highly-acclaimed project recognizing couples for their long marriages. Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, couples are selected from nominations submitted. In addition to the longest married couple in the entire United States, recognition will also be given to a couple from each state who has achieved that distinction. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation.

Send in your nomination:
Name of the couple
Their wedding date
Their current address

Individual nominating the couple please include your phone or e-mail address

Send to:
E-mail: wwmelmc2015@gmail.com
Mail:
Dick & Diane Baumbach
8924 Puerto Del Río Drive Suite 402
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920
Phone: (321) 613-5180

Nominations must be received by January 10, 2015
You are Cordially Invited to our
Church Christmas Decorating Party
Sunday, December 21st ~12 Noon - 1:30pm

Volunteers Needed

And Join Us for
Hot Cocoa and Cookies

As we prepare for
Christmas Day
**Saved By the Book Bible Study**  
**Mondays @ 7pm St Raphael Room**  
**Winter / Spring Series Resumes Monday January 5th, 2015**

**Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze**

“Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze” is the Diocese of Richmond’s five-year pastoral plan for evangelization, anchored in Jesus’ joyful message. A main part of the 5 year plan is supported by listening to scripture. The Plan captures the Joy of the Gospel re-imagined in two movements: the internal conversion of individuals and parishes and the external proclamation of this Good News to the world.

Time and time again in the Scriptures we see that the best evangelizers, the best witnesses, the best storytellers about Jesus are those who had a personal, transformative encounter with Him. A personal encounter with Jesus changes everything and compels a person to accept the invitation to “come and see!” The Saved by the Book Bible is study is part of the Plan within the parish to help you have your own personal encounter with Jesus and know Him better.

**Contact Information:** William Buono, 434.984.5630; wgbuono@embarqmail.com and Celeste Shapiola, 434-975-1869; cshapiola@yahoo.com

**Additional Studies**

**The Infancy Narratives of Jesus** - focuses on the opening chapters of Matthew and Luke, the only gospels which describe the wondrous events surrounding the birth of the Messiah. This study also explores the many significant connections these two gospels make between the Old Testament and the birth of the Savior.

**Wisdom** - focuses on the proclamation of the immortality of the souls of the righteous and its insights into God’s gift of wisdom to the human race. Those who seek wisdom find God strong influence on it.

**James, Peter, and Jude: The Catholic Letters starts January 5th**

This study covers four New Testament letters traditionally known as the Catholic Letters because each is written to strengthen Christian communities scattered across a wide region of the Roman Empire rather than a specific Christian community. Participants will discover that they contain profound differences as well as intriguing similarities. James is a work of wisdom literature, expounding on the themes of faith and good works, true wisdom, and the need for the rich to care for the poor. First Peter resembles a sermon on baptism. It is filled with moral exhortations about living out one’s baptismal promises in a properly upright, faith-filled manner, especially in the face of suffering and persecution. Second Peter contains strong warnings and exhortations to avoid false teachings to maintain proper ethical conduct while awaiting the second coming of Jesus Christ. It shares much of its content with Jude, because of which, Jude is studied in conjunction with Second Peter.
The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.™

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Blood Drive
Tuesday, January 6th
12:00pm – 5:00pm
On the Bloodmobile
(4309 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy.)

Remember to drink plenty of water, eat a good meal, and bring a photo ID.

American Red Cross
1-800-RED CROSS | redcrossblood.org
John Blackburn * Rosemarie Campbell * Jean Couture * Alma Davis * Christine Fusaro
Angelica Galvez-Sobral * Rodolfo Galvez-Sobral * Mike Genovese * Mauricio Granados
Benita Grooms * Peggy Herman * Leonard Joseph Mark * William Monola * Bruce Neumann
Howell L. B. Newton * Alice Noel * Angela Novosel * Richard Sharff * Lauren Taddei * Julie Waitz
Kathleen Miller Warn * Kathie Williamson
Our Lady of Guadalupe

God of power and mercy,
you blessed the Americas at Tepeyac
with the presence of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe.
May her prayers help all men and women
to accept each other as brothers and sisters.
Through your justice present in our hearts,
may your peace reign in the world.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Statue Dedication after 11am Mass
Sunday, December 21