

January 30, 2022



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OUR VISION

To expand and strengthen
the Christian Community in
which the Gospel of Jesus
Christ is demonstrated and
fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our patron
saints and missionaries, we
commit ourselves to a
pilgrimage of faith through
Evangelization, Sanctification
and Social Service ministries.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

Weekdays

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

Thursdays 5pm: St. Joseph's

Holy Days

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

Confession

Saturday 4pm: SPP

Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's
(or by appointment)

Hospital Visits:

Call Parish Office

Or Rectory: 434.589.5200

Homebound: Call Parish

Office to schedule

Communion



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in
your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed
at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also
asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

GLP

Evangelize

Sanctify

Serve

WELCOME



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Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

Bulletin & Announcements Deadline

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11
or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Observances for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Monday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Tuesday:
Wednesday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
Thursday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Friday:
Saturday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

FEBRUARY 2022

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor
Elaine Hutton

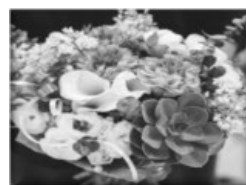
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Bill Hutton



ALTAR FLOWERS

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SANCTUARY CANDLE

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Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.



ENCOUNTER



Meet our Pastor:
Rev. David Ssentamu

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

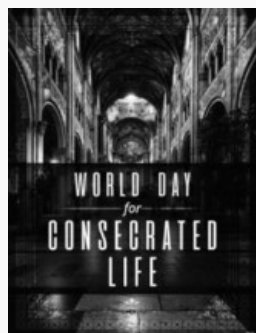
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**"Before you were born, I
consecrated you." Do you
think that you may be
called by the Lord to serve
Him as a priest?**

Call
Father Brian Capuano
at
804-359-5661

Or write

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



POPE FRANCIS – EUCHARIST IS BREAD OF SINNERS, NOT REWARD FOR SAINTS

"The church of the perfect and pure is a room where there isn't a place for anyone; the church with open doors that celebrates around Christ is, on the other hand, a large hall where everyone — the righteous and sinners — can enter," the pope said in his homily during Mass on June 6, 2021.

"All of us journey through life with a jar in our hands" as "each one of us is thirsty for love, joy, a successful life in a more humane world," he said, adding that only God can satisfy that real thirst for something more — that hope in an eternal life that sustains people in life.

It is not enough for the church to be a small group "of the usual people who gather to celebrate the Eucharist. We have to go into the city, encounter people, learn to recognize and reawaken the thirst for God and yearning for the Gospel," he said. It will be that renewed thirst that brings people to the altar to encounter God in the Eucharist, he added.

"God makes himself small like a piece of bread," so humble, hidden and sometimes invisible, that it is necessary that one's heart be large, open, and vigilant to recognize, welcome and adore him, the pope said.

"Instead, if our heart is less like a large room and more like storage closet where we regretfully keep old things, like an attic where we have long stored away our enthusiasm and dreams, like a cramped and dark room where we live alone, with ourselves, our problems and bitterness," he said, "then it will be impossible to recognize this silent and humble presence of God."

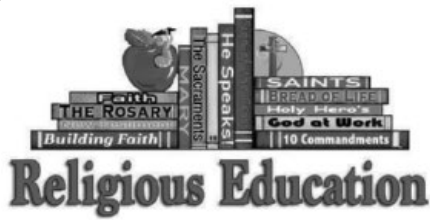
The church also must be a large, welcoming space, "not a small exclusive club, but a community with its arms wide open, welcoming to everyone," and willing to lead to Christ the wounded, the wayward and those who have done wrong, he said. "To celebrate and live the Eucharist," he said, "we, too, are called to live this love, because you cannot break Sunday's bread if your heart is closed to others, you cannot eat this bread if you do not give the bread to the hungry, you cannot share this bread if you do not share the sufferings of those in need."

Jesus reacts to the evil of Judas' betrayal with a greater good, responding to Judas' "no" with the "yes" of mercy, he said. "He does not punish the sinner, but rather gives his life for him, he pays for him."

"When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows we are sinners; he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours," the pope said. "He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, but the bread of sinners. This is why he exhorts us: 'Do not be afraid! Take and eat.'"

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PARISH YOUTH



For the safety of our children, if you are not attending Mass, you may pick up your child in the Commons in the front of the church before Mass.

We are in need of teachers and substitutes to help in classrooms.

"We must not separate our life from the Eucharist. The moment we do so, something shatters."

St Teresa of Calcutta

"The Eucharist is a fire which inflames us."

St John Damascene



Youth Group

SAVE THE DATE: The next Youth Group event is

GAME NIGHT on Feb. 16th at 6:30p

We are in need of volunteers to help make Youth Group successful. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talent to help the kids grow in their faith.

CONTACT: john.verga@saintspeterpaul.org

SHARING THE GOSPEL

If Jesus lived next door to you, you might not believe in him. People who lived in his hometown did not believe that Jesus could heal. Everyone said, "He's just a carpenter's son, he cannot heal." Jesus got tired of hearing those words. He left his hometown to go where people believed in him. Believe in Jesus, and he will be with you even when you are sick. If you believe, Jesus will help you.

PRAYER

Lord, I believe. Please heal me and my family.



Join Scouting!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):

Chuck Palmer

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com

(571)212-4445

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 6, 2022

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	1/29	5pm	Jeff Henrietta	D	Blue Ridge Cursillo
Sunday	1/30	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	1/30	11am	Barbara Totaro	D	Bob & Angela Maher
Wednesday	2/2	9am	Andrew Marchese	D	Charlie & Betty Mauer
Thursday	2/3	9am	Catherine (Kittie) Kudlick	D	Sid & Connie D'Amico
Thursday	2/3	5pm*	No Mass		
Friday	2/4	9am	Charlie Peberdy	D	Ellen Noland
Saturday	2/5	5pm	Robert Nieves	D	Bob & Muriel Toepfert
Sunday	2/6	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	2/6	11am	Jeff Henrietta	D	Joan Merk

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country, particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, Katie Marron, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Luke Marron, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, Christopher McCarthy, Amanda Illig, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



February



Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your

Marriage Anniversary in

February

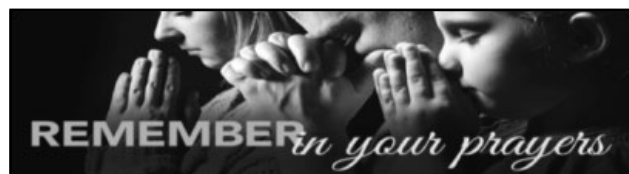
and would like to be part of the

Marriage Blessing at Masses on

March 5th & 6th

please contact the office by

Friday, February 25th.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Melissa Bowling, Doug Caron, the Compton family, Jean Dalsky, Emily Desgrosiellier, Bill Ellis, Ann Gasparro, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Tom Harrison, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson,, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Judi Kuhlow, Jackie Kraemer, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Bill Lyttle, Patti Markle, Tom Miglas, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Jeanine Polansky, Peggy Powell, Donald Raab, Joel Rivera, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Emiko Yamada Stoppe, Bob Toepfert, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters and Ellen Stoppe Wenger.

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** for homebound or hospital visits.

JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR

Contact Sid D'Amico - Music Director - 434.996.4325



EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count Sat. - 67 Sun. - 145	Weekends of Jan 16 & 23
First Offering	\$ 4,146
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,878
Total	\$ 7,024
January MTD Debt Reduction \$ 5,053	

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

**Our Next DEBT REDUCTION Collection:
FEBRUARY 5TH & 6TH**

*Thank you and God bless you for your
continued support.*



Even as the pandemic continues to bring uncertainty, the new year is filled with hope and promise - we always seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community.

To continue to make a difference in 2022, Sts. Peter and Paul is reaching out to our parishioners.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis has called the Universal Church to a Synod that is focused on prayer, listening, and walking together as a Church. This started in October and will last through 2023 ending with the World Synod of Bishops in the Vatican. The Holy Father calls for a Synodal Church through Communion, Participation, and Mission. The Church has launched into the Synod on Synodality.

In October, Bishop Knestout introduced the Synod to all the people in our Diocese. He explained: "Synod is a Greek word that literally means 'on the same path', so the Holy Father asked the whole Church to 'journey together' on the same path in communion with one another.

Have you heard these words and want to know more? We are looking for your thoughts and prayers as we answer the call to Synodality together as a parish family. We are interested in your thoughts so please follow the link and read all about it and jot down your questions.

Please visit the website richmonddiocese.org journey together for information on this important mission that the Holy Father has put before us. We also have an email address that you can use to send us your thoughts, comments or question which is: synod@saintspeterpaul.org.

Please join us for our Synod for Synodality Conversations. Our first meeting is January 25th from 0930 to 1100 and again in the evening from 1900 to 2030. We will have another meeting on January 29th from 0930 to 1100. All meetings will be in the Parish Hall.

Please go to this link so that you can print and/or read through the Diocese's Synod Participants Guide.
<https://richmonddiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Synod-Participant-Guide.pdf>

Thank you and Happy New Year to you all.

Carol Powers and Frank Pilk

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rejoice! Bible Study

Catholic Letters of James, Peter, John & Jude

Mondays @ 1:00 pm
in St. Elizabeth

Contact: June Wimer
(434-589-2863)



RCIA provides instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholics who are interested in becoming full members of the Catholic Church.

If you, a spouse or a friend is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, direct your inquiries to the office at 434-589-5201.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	29-Jan	Synod Meeting	9:30a	E
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass - 4th Sunday in OT	5:00p	Church
Sun	30-Jan	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass - 4th Sunday in OT	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		RCIA	9:30a	Lounge
		CCD	9:45a	Hall/Church
		Mass - 4th Sunday in OT	11:00a	Church/FB
Mon	31-Jan	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
		K of C Officers	7:00p	F
Tues	1-Feb	Parish Council	7:00p	E
Wed	2-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
Thurs	3-Feb	Mass with Blessing of Throats	9:00a	Church
		K of C Roundtable/Ladies Auxiliary	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	4-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	5-Feb	Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass - 4th Sunday in OT	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	5:00p	C
Sun	6-Feb	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass - 5th Sunday in OT	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		RCIA	9:30a	Lounge
		CCD	9:45a	Hall/Church
		Mass - 5th Sunday in OT	11:00a	Church/FB
		Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	C
Room Ledger: F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr) E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr) FB - Facebook			R - St. Raphael (Church) M - St. Michael (Church) C - Commons (Church)	



**The Knights of Columbus
will hold its annual Lenten
Fish Fries beginning on
March 4, 2022. If you'd like
to help, please contact
Doug Mullinex at
dmullinex@gmail.com or
434-981-6950**



**Next Weekend
Be There.**



◇ **Now that severe weather is here, you can tune in to NBC29, CBS19 or our Facebook page to get up-to-date information about closings or delays?**



**SIGN UP
TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH
JESUS
in the Adoration Chapel
M - Th, 6am - 8pm**

Contact June:
Phone: 434-589-2863
Email: wimer2001@yahoo.com

**GENERATE DONATIONS
ALL YEAR WHILE SHOPPING THROUGH AMAZON**

Whenever you shop deals at
smile.amazon.com, Amazon will
donate a portion of its proceeds to
Sts. Peter and Paul Church.



Here's how: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1570812>

**FIRST EVER MEMORY ALBUM
OF STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH**

Many exciting things are happening as we prepare for our 40th Anniversary, and there is so much history to honor!

In continued preparation for our 2026 Celebration, we invite you to share your special thoughts and memories about Sts. Peter & Paul Church. What is your first recollection? When did you arrive? Who was our Pastor at that time? What significant experiences here hold a special place in your heart?

Our goal is to create an archive of your presence in our parish family for today and for future generations. If you have something to share with us, please contact Eileen or Tim Monahan at emttouch@gmail.com.

Thank you for your participation in this fun, memorable journey!



Love is patient, love is kind. Increase your love for one another on the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on

**February 7-28, 2022 in Chantilly, VA
or March 25 - 27 in Warrenton, VA**

Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at:

<https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>

Do you have room in your heart, space in your home, and a desire to make a difference in the life of a young person in your community? HopeTree Family Services is in search of people like you to welcome a young person into your home through foster care. Foster care is a temporary arrangement during a time that a child or teen cannot live with his or her birth family. HopeTree provides foster parents with the training, support, and resources they need in order to care for the young people placed in their homes. If you want to learn more about this opportunity, please RSVP for ONE of HopeTree's **Online Information Sessions:**

February 10th, 6:30pm-7:30pm

February 17th, 12:00pm-1:00pm

February 24th, 6:30pm-7:30pm



For more information or to RSVP contact Abigail Lee at
AbigailS@HopeTreeFS.org
or visit our website
www.HopeTreeFosterCare.org



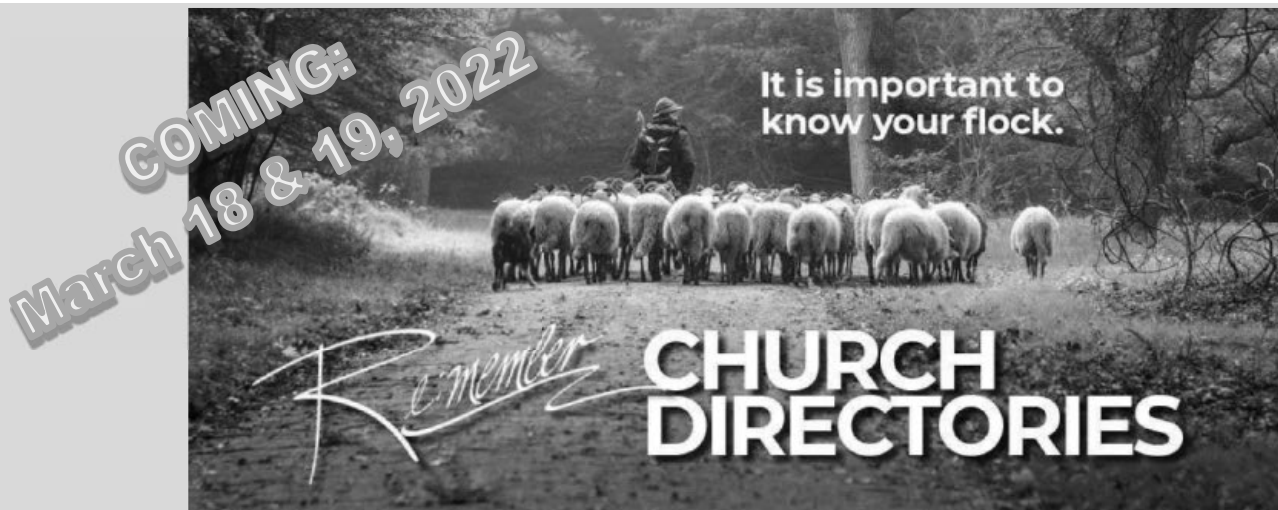
SOME FORETHOUGHT & CONSIDERATION, PLEASE!

Do you share space with people who habitually:

- ◇ Leave lights on in an empty room?
- ◇ Leave outside doors open for cold/hot air to escape?
- ◇ Adjust thermostats when they enter a room but not when they leave?

All of the above wreak havoc on cost containment. We kindly ask that, when leaving Church, you please take one extra second to ensure **lights are out** and the **Church** and/or **Hall door is securely shut** behind you.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to curb unnecessary expenses or loss, which come from your valuable contributions.



A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now out-dated and it is time for a new one. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken at one of the sign-up locations at the church on one of the sign-up weekends (TBD), OR YOU CAN SIGN-UP ON OUR CHURCH'S WEBSITE, or you can click on the Facebook link or use the address below. Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. So please, sign-up today!

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typId=63981&step=2>

PHOTO DATES: March 18 & 19, 2022

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

“Love is patient, love is kind ...” As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire. But despite the fact that you’ve probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn’t just for newlyweds. It wasn’t written for married folks. It’s for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It’s for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I’m forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn’t there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it’s never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that’s an opportunity to “strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.”

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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Danielle Murphy, 703.969.2123

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Prophets possess an intimate knowledge of God and act on their experience of God. Prophetic messages usually challenge the status quo and draw us up and out of ourselves, focusing us on the bigger picture.

We often think of ourselves and our own needs first. When we listen to someone speak, we judge the merit of the message by its degree of usefulness. If the message or vision contains no personal benefit or profit but a call to stretch and grow, we can become indignant.

Prophets are usually the ones whose message challenges us and calls us to see things differently and love more perfectly and deeply. God is love. When listening to St. Paul speak about love we witness the unfolding of this type of unconditional, self-sacrificial, other centered perfect God. It is an invitation to life, freedom and happiness that can be offered to us only by God. Jesus, who is God and Love incarnate, calls us to this richer expression of love. Are we ready to listen and be challenged and stretched?

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St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

February Weddings Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your
Marriage Anniversary in **February**
and would like to be part of the
Marriage Blessing at Mass on
March 6th, please contact the office by
Friday, February 25th.





St. Katharine Drexel

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bradford Barrows * Maria Correa *
 Nona Dooley * Alice Galvez-Sobral *
 Mauricio Granados * India Martin *
 Bill Miller * Pat Morse * Angelica Motta *
 Odila Motta * Oscar Motta *
 Thelma Motta * Denise Pillar *
 Bill Servais * Jordan Watkins *
 Diane Wolfe *

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CCD

CCD classes meet each Sunday after Mass.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Hall. For more info, please contact Celeste Shapiola.

cshapiola@yahoo.com
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**NO Masses on
 Thursdays at St. Joseph
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If you have pictures or ministry information to add to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at:
kenneymg@gmail.com

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

In his call to be a prophet, the Lord informs Jeremiah of both the human resistance and the divine providence that lies ahead for him. When have you felt God's presence in the midst of turmoil in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul eloquently defines the spiritual virtue of "love" for the Christians in Corinth. How well do you live by the standards of love as defined by Paul?

Gospel:

The people of Nazareth were "filled with fury" at Jesus' words to them. How do you imagine Jesus reacted to being rejected by those in his hometown of Nazareth?

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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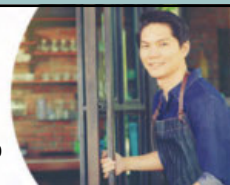
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