

St. Joseph's Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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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

February 20, 2022

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

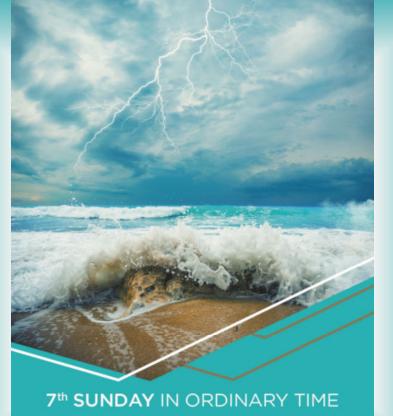
In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.

ST. JOSEPH'S

SHRINE OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL P.O. Box 808 28 Cameron Street Columbia, VA 23038 p: 434.842.3970



Serve



"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

pts from the Lectionary for Hass 62001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Sanctify

ELCOMF



ADMINISTRATION Pastoral Council Chair Doug Mullinex, 434-989-2667 Finance Council Chair Marlene Weaver, 434.589.2062 **Buildings and Grounds** Rich Scampoli, 434.326.2151 Cemetery Mandy Tolano, 540.595.7173 Parish Life Pat Amato, 434.589.7811 Justice & Peace Mitzi Crane, 434.589.2552 Respect Life David Cauffield, 814.525.0594 Prison Ministry Will Kulick, 540.308.5152 Good Shepherds Frank Feliciano, 434.242.0735 LITURGY & WORSHIP Director of Music Sid D'Amico, 434.996.4325 Ushers Eddie Griffin, 434.996.6008 Lectors Cynthia Aycock, 434.996.6065 **Extraordinary Ministers** Veronica Lyttle, 434.589.4010 Altar Servers Deacon Bob, 434-589-0941 Sacristy Mary Ann Mason, 434.589.6141 Greeters Rose Meyer, 434.589.5018 **EVANGELIZATION & EDUCATION** CCD/Youth Group John Verga, 434.315.4496 RCIA Cynthia Aycock, 434.996.6065 **Bible Study** June Wimer, 434.589.2863 SUPPORTED GROUPS Cursillo Ellie Henrietta, 434.981.3448 Knights of Columbus

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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 February 20, 2022

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/ Sunday: 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38 Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50 Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12 Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16 Saturday: Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45

Observances for the Week of February 20, 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday: Presidents' Day; St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Monday: Church Tuesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle Wednesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Next Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 2022

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE Donor **Elaine Hutton**

Memorial

Bill Hutton

ALTAR FLOWERS Donor **Elaine Hutton**

Memorial **Bill Hutton**





Donor



SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

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Scott Harrison, 434.964.6853



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 13, 2022

"Love one another as I have loved you." Are you discerning a call to follow

the Lord?

Call the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661

Or write vocations@richmonddiocese.org





ENCOUNTER

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST – PART 3 THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Excerpt from the USCCB's document **The Mystery of the Eucharist**.

"Why is it so important that we understand the Eucharist as a sacrifice? It is because all that Jesus did for the salvation of humanity is made present in the celebration of the Eucharist, including his sacrificial death and resurrection. Christ's sacrifice of himself to the Father was efficacious and salvific because of the supreme love with which he shed his blood, the price of our salvation, and offered himself to the Father on our behalf. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 10) As a memorial the Eucharist is not another sacrifice, but the re-presentation of the sacrifice of Christ by which we are reconciled to the Father. It is the way by which we are drawn into Jesus' perfect offering of love, so that his sacrifice becomes the sacrifice of the Church. (Council of Trent, Session 22, *Doctrine on the Sacrifice of the Mass*, chapter 1).

The Eucharist is a sacrificial meal, "the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1382 Its fundamental pattern is found in the Jewish celebration of the Passover, which involves both a meal and a sacrifice. The Passover meal is celebrated in remembrance of the Exodus. This marked a people set apart and chosen by God as his special possession. At the Last Supper, Jesus reveals himself to be the Paschal Lamb ("Behold the Lamb of God") whose sacrifice brings liberation from slavery to sin and whose blood marks out a new people belonging to God. All the sacrifices in the Old Testament prefigure and find their fulfillment in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus.

The saving work of Jesus Christ, which has brought to fulfillment what was announced in figure in the Passover, is now re-presented in the celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist "makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1330) As Pope St. John Paul II taught: "The Church constantly draws her life from [this] redeeming sacrifice; she approaches it not only through faith-filled remembrance, but also through a real contact, since this sacrifice is made present ever anew, sacramentally perpetuated, in every community which offers it at the hands of the consecrated minister." (Pope John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, no. 12)

Finally, this great sacrament is also a participation in the worship offered in heaven, in and through Christ, by the angels and saints. Pope Benedict XVI explained that every eucharistic celebration sacramentally accomplishes the eschatological gathering of the People of God. For us, the eucharistic banquet is a real foretaste of the final banquet foretold by the prophets (cf. Is 25:6-9) and described in the New Testament as "the marriage-feast of the Lamb" (Rev 19:7-9), to be celebrated in the joy of the communion of saints. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 31)"

"Lord of the Eucharist, pray for us."

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Blessed Paul V

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.



Stay tuned for the next upcoming event & please plan to join us!

We are also 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



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

'Do not think that Jesus Christ is forgetful of you, since he has left you, as the greatest memorial and pledge of his love, himself in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar."

St. Alphonsus Liguori

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

St. Padre Pio

SHARE THE GOSPEL

Today you receive a big box of toys in the mail. A note says, "You can keep these or give them to the needy. Love, God. There is a baseball, basketball, computer game, dollhouse, kite, skateboard and a yoyo. You hear Jesus say, "If you give to others, you will be given the same amount in return." So you decide to keep four and give three away. God is happy.

PRAYER

Lord, help me share the toys in my life with my family and friends.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 19-27, 2022

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For Status Req		Requested By	
Saturday	2/19	5pm	Dominick Capuano D Mitchell & Nicki Zink		Mitchell & Nicki Zink	
Sunday	2/20	9am*	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	2/20	11am	Joe Schaefer	D	Royal & Janis Duffy	
Wednesday	2/23	9am	James O'Mahoney	D	Gerry & Irene Burke	
Thursday	2/24	9am	Robert Colleluori	D	Maureen & Harry Bell	
Thursday	2/24	5pm*				
Friday	2/25	9am	Tom Heffley	D	Bob & Cathy Heffley	
Saturday	2/26	5pm	Jean Pilk	D	Anthony & Pat Amato	
Sunday	2/27	9am*	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	2/27	11am	Joe Arleth	Arleth D Carol Fernandes		

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.



If you are celebrating your marriage anniversary in February and wish to be included in the marriage blessing at Mass, please contact the office by Friday, February 25th.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Melissa Bowling, Doug Caron, Sharon Cassidy, the Compton family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, 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, Tom Kinter, Judi Kuhlow, Jackie Kraemer, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Bill Lyttle, Patti Markle, Tom Miglas, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon, Rose Patterson, Jeanine Polansky, Donald Raab, Joel Rivera, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Emiko Yamada Stoppe, Anna Sturhann, Bob Toepfert, Claire van Nierop, Mary Vitales, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters and Ellen Stoppe Wenger.

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



EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count Sat 94 Sun 101	Feb 12/13	
First Offering	\$3,996	
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$1,911	
Total	\$5,907	
February MTD Debt Re	duction \$ 5,583	

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

March 5th & 6th

Thank you and God bless you for your

continued support.

FAITH DIRECT*

This is a time of year when many of us focus on getting organized and "decluttering" our surroundings. Why not streamline your offertory and simplify your support for Saints Peter & Paul Church and the ministries that mean so much to you? Now is a great time

to stop using checks and envelopes, by switching to eGiving - you can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help give our parish a steady, consistent offertory that strengthens the programs, services, and ministries we lead for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249, or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Director for the Office of Christian Formation.

The **Director**, **Office of Christian Formation**, supports the Bishop's primary responsibility for the total catechetical mission of the diocese. The ideal candidate will have a forward-thinking vision that has deep roots in the tradition of the faith and will be able to guide both the Diocesan office and parishes in the goal of forming Spirit-filled disciples, ready to engage in the evangelical mission of the Catholic Church. This is accomplished through the formation of leaders in the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Institute (LEMI) and in the formation and training of Catechetical Leaders. The Director also provides oversight for RCIA and Instruction for Sacraments and works closely with pastors and the Christian Formation Commission.

Qualifications: M.A. degree in religious education, theology, or related field. At least five years full time experience in parish religious education with Diocesan experience desired. Other qualifications include knowledge of all universal, national, and diocesan catechetical documents; Liturgical & Sacramental Rites, working knowledge of canon law; knowledge of contemporary adult learning theory and research in religious education; good interpersonal skills to form, direct, and facilitate a team; understanding of leadership development and training; public speaking and communication skills; workshop planning and implementation skills; and organization and time management skills. An active, practicing Catholic in good standing with an excellent understanding of Catholic Church teaching and Church structure is required.

This position is a full-time position with some evening and weekend work. Travel and overnight travel are required.

Interested candidates should please send a cover letter, resume, and completed <u>Diocesan Application</u> to Kelly Shumate, HR Coordinator, at <u>jobs@richmonddiocese.org</u>

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK - LPI

"Love your enemies and do good to them." We have such a hard time with this teaching! But it doesn't end there. Jesus continues with turning the other cheek when struck, giving to everyone who asks, doing to others as you would have them do to you, being merciful, stopping our judgment of others, forgiving, and giving. We are okay when God does these things but get a little anxious when we realize that God really wants us to do them too! Secular justice and Gospel justice are definitely not the same. We need to remember that we are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian is called to act like Christ even in those situations where a more assertive or defensive response may seem more justifiable. In order to live up to this call we have to leave our resentment and need for retaliation behind, lose our defensiveness and bring into our mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. We are not here to satisfy or promote our own well-being and agenda. We are here for God's. That's a hard nut to crack especially when it comes to loving and forgiving people who do hurtful and violent things.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rejoice!	Ш	Sat	19-Feb	Synodality Meeting	10:00a	E	
Bible Study				Confession	4:00p	Church	
				Vigil Mass - 7th Sunday in OT	5:00p	Church	
Catholic Letters		Sun	20-Feb	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's	
32 04 04 44 20 20 20 20				Mass - 7th Sunday in OT	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
of James, Peter,				RCIA	9:30a	Lounge	
John & Jude				CCD	9:45a	Hall/Church	
Mondays @ 1:00 pm				Children's Mass - 7th Sunday in OT	11:00a	Church/FB	
				Synodality Meeting	2:00p	E	
in St. Elizabeth		Mon	21-Feb	Office Closed for President's Day			
Contact: June Wimer		MON		Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E	
(434-589-2863)		4	23-Feb	Mass - Ash Wednesday	9:00a	Church	
R©IA		Wed		Troop 138	7:00p	F	
	ROOM SCHEDUL	Thurs	24-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church	
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HTE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS	SC			Cursillo	6:00p	123	
RCIA provides	Σ			Worship Committee	7:00p	122	
instruction to unbaptized and	Ō	Fri Sat	25-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church	
non-Catholics who	00			Adoration	9:30a	Church	
are interested in				Benediction	3:00p	Church	
becoming full			26-Feb	Confession	4:00p	Church	
members of the				Vigil Mass - 8th Sunday in OT	5:00p	Church	
Catholic Church.		Sun	27-Feb	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's	
If you, a spouse or				Mass - 8th Sunday in OT	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
a friend is				RCIA	9:30a	Lounge	
interested in learning more				CCD	9:45a	Hall/Church	
about the Catholic				Mass - 8th Sunday in OT	11:00a	Church/FB	
faith, direct your				F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)	R - St. Raphael (Church)		
inquiries to the		Room L	edger:	E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)	M - St. Michael (Church)		
office at			-	FB - Facebook	C - Comm	ons (Church)	

HELP WANTED

2022 Annual Golf Tournament & Awards Dinner:

We need someone to manage the annual

Saints Peter & Paul Golf Tournament & Awards Dinner.

The annual golf tourney is a major fund-raising event which has generated loads of fun and supplemental income for our Church. Please consider volunteering to assume this role, as planning and scheduling need to begin soon.

For more detailed information call: 434.589.4551

Jim Cullinan, Golf Chairperson



"When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength."

St Teresa of Calcutta



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 <u>emttouch@gmail.com</u>.

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





"They left everything and followed him." Leave behind the world's plan for your marriage. Sign up today to attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on

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



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

Calling all Prayer Warriors . . .

Spring 40 Days for Life

Prayer vigils

Every Tuesday

9:00a - 11:00a

In front of Planned Parenthood

Beginning March 8th - April 5th

If you'd like a ride, meet others at Jefferson Pharmacy at 8:30a.

"Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion."

Many thanks to the team of 19 who came to the church to clean up trees last Saturday. It only took an hour to clean up the 3 trees that fell back in January. **You all are awesome!**



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 (starting Feb. 12th, 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

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PHOTO DATES: March 18 & 19, 2022

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church



March 4, 11, 18, 25 April 1, 8 5:00 - 7:00 pm



\$13 per person

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The Open Door/SDI

Promoting understanding and spiritual growth

New Class Forming!

Spiritual Direction Institute Charlottesville-Valley Class

Join Us for an Inquiry Session on

Saturday, March 26, 2:00p.m.

Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville, VA *Overview*:

A total of 16 monthly Saturday meetings & 4 weekend retreats. (No classes during July or August.)

Meetings include group discussion, lectures, connecting with a spiritual partner, prayer and student practicums to provide experience in giving & receiving spiritual direction.

Completion of your Spiritual Autobiography

- Reading 22 books, including 6 by Fr. Chet, and the writing of brief reflections on 20 of those books.
- A book list with recommendations, as well as an extensive lending library are provided.

\$25 non-refundable registration fee is required.

For further information, including how to apply, contact one of the Charlottesville-Valley leaders:

Al Mirmelstein - <u>alvinmirmelstein@gmail.com</u> (434) 996-8291 Bev Mirmelstein - <u>bevmirm@gmail.com</u> (434) 996-9178 Tom Hook - <u>tomhook580@gmail.com</u> (540) 246-6075

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FORMATION & EDUCATION CCD Celeste Shapiola, 434.981.1405 Prison Ministry

Will Kulick, 540.308.5152

Knights of Columbus Roundtable Chairman Denny Barberio, 434.981.0678

Ladies Auxiliary Danielle Murphy, 703.969.2123



The **Knights of the Roundtable** cordially invite <u>All</u> parishioners and guests to

A SPAGHETTI DINNER

When: Saturday March 5th at 6:30pm

Where: St. Joseph's Parish Hall 28 Cameron Street, Columbia, VA 23038

The funds donated will be used to support an Eagle Scout project to landscape and beautify St. Katharine Drexel's shrine.

The evening will also include:

• Children's bake-off contest

Auction of homemade wine

Dine In or Take Out!

Please come & enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun. We hope to see you there!



We need a few volunteers to help provide light refreshments & clean up after Mass on Sundays. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to select one specific Sunday during the month.

Thank you very much for your consideration and support.



February Wedding Inniversaries

If you are celebrating your marriage anniversary in February and would like to be included in a Marriage Blessing at Mass, please contact the office by **Friday, February 25th.**

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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 *

If you or anyone you know is homebound or needs to be added to our parish sick list, please fill out the short form on our parish's "Pray for Our Sick" page. If you'd like to join our parish email list to keep up with our parish and the needs of our parishioners, please sign up on our parish website:

http://www.saintjosephcolumbia.org/



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 13th \$500

Many thanks to All for your support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For anyone who is available after Sunday Mass, we are in serious need of collection counters. This is a great opportunity for individuals to assist while their child or children are in CCD. Training is available. Please contact Pat Morse after Mass.

Thank you for your consideration!

If you have pictures or ministry information to add to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: <u>kenneymg@gmail.com</u>

<u>CCD</u>



CCD classes meet each Sunday <u>after</u> Mass. Registration forms are

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

cshapiola@yahoo.com

or call 434-981-1405

Reflect & Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

King David exercised great restraint and forgiveness in not taking the life of Saul. What do you think is needed to live one's life with this kind of spiritual disposition?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of believers in the present age bearing the image of the "earthly one" --Adam -- and in the future bearing the image of the "heavenly one" (Christ.) What do you think bearing the image of Christ looks like?

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples some very challenging moral imperatives, such as love of enemy, non-retaliation, and unconditional forgiveness. In what ways are you able to live out these ethical standards in your life?

