

May 29, 2022



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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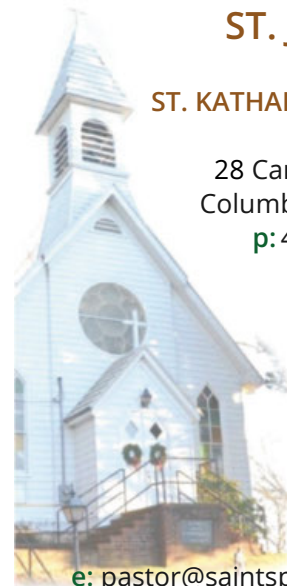
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**OUR VISION**

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



**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." - Jn 17:22-23a

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Patricia Harrison

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](mailto:karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org)

## Readings for the Week of May 29, 2022

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53  
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33  
Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19  
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26  
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19  
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25  
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

## Observances for the Week of May 29, 2022

Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope; World Communications Day  
Monday: Memorial Day  
Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wednesday: St. Justin, Martyr  
Thursday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs  
Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

## MAY 2022

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### BREAD & WINE

Donor  
Diana Mariutto

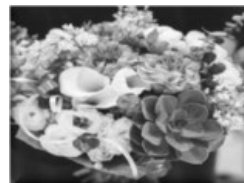
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#### ALTAR FLOWERS

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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

## THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST – PART 6 THANKSGIVING & GRATITUDE

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

Participation in the Mass is an act of love.

In the fourth Common Preface of the Roman Missal, the priest prays the following:

“For, although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit us for salvation...”

These words speak of the grace of God, the gift freely given, which inspires us to give thanks and worship him, works our transformation into the likeness of Christ, helps us to seek pardon and to receive it when we fall into sin, and impels us to go forth and bear witness to Christ in the world.

Having been sanctified by the gift of the Eucharist and filled with faith, hope, and charity, the faithful are called to respond to this gift. The word “Eucharist” literally means “**thanksgiving**.”

The Second Vatican Council taught that, in order to give thanks properly in the celebration of the Mass, we should “take a full, conscious, and active part in the liturgical celebration.” (*Sacrosanctum concilium*, no. 14) We need to be conscious of the gift we have received, a gift that is none other than the Lord himself in his act of self-giving. We become conscious of this gift when we actively engage our minds, hearts, and bodies to every part of the liturgy, allowing God through the words, actions, gestures, and even the moments of silence to speak to us. We actively and consciously participate by giving our full attention to the words being spoken in the prayers and the Scriptures, even if we have heard them hundreds of times before. We do so also by listening to the homily and reflecting upon how the Lord may be speaking to us through his ordained minister. We are actively giving thanks when we join in singing and in the responses; when we kneel, stand, and sit; and when we pay attention to the liturgical seasons where the entire history of what God has done for us, in and through his Son, is revealed to us.

The **gratitude** which inspires us to give thanks and worship God in the celebration of the Eucharist should be nurtured and enriched by the beauty of the liturgical action itself. Bishops and priests have a particular duty to ensure the Mass is celebrated in a manner befitting the sacredness of what takes place.

Our **gratitude** is also expressed in our worship of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; **eucharistic adoration** is simply the natural consequence of the Eucharistic celebration. We encourage this devotion which helps all of us to be formed by the self-giving love we behold in the Lord’s gift of himself in the Eucharist. Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta reportedly once said: “When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 29, 2022

“Go and teach all nations, says the Lord.” Do you feel a calling to be a teacher of the Word s a priest or consecrated religious?

Call the Vocations Office to speak with  
Father Brian Capuano  
at

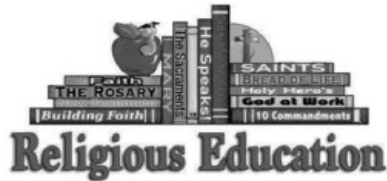
804-359-5661

Or write

[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)



# PARISH YOUTH



## Discipleship Week - August 3-6, 2022

Discipleship Week is a chance for rising 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade teens from across the diocese who desire to know Jesus better and to live and serve as He did. A high school retreat for those looking for more: more faith in their own lives, more community with Catholic peers and more action to spread the Good News. This week will include growth in personal discipleship through prayer, mentoring and practice training on how to be a Catholic leader who leads from their love of Christ, and being a youth leader at EPIC where these skills are put into practice.

## EPIC 2022

EPIC is a one-day diocesan event for rising 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth. This event is intended to be a highly energetic day that is focused on two things:

- (1) Building community and friendships with other middle school youth, and
- (2) Encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith.

Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass. They will also interact with high school teens who attended Discipleship Week in the days prior to EPIC. At the end of the day, middle school youth will walk away feeling excited about their community and their faith.

Please join us. It is going to be EPIC!

**EPIC is August 6, 2022.**

**Contact John Verga for more information.**



## **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, ethics, self-confidence, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact: Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):  
**Chuck Palmer** - [charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com](mailto:charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com) 571.212.4445

# Youth Group



**Save the Date:**

**GAME NIGHT**

**St. Joseph's Parish Hall**

**June 17, 2022, 6:30 - 9:00pm**

**Meet at SPP at 6 to carpool.**

**CONTACT:**

**[john.verga@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:john.verga@saintspeterpaul.org)**

## **Congratulations to Our New Confirmands!**



Join our Diocesan World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, where you will experience excitement for the Catholic faith

everywhere you turn - in the healing waters at Lourdes, on the fields of Fatima where the sun danced, and at the multi-lingual prayer sessions led by Pope Francis.

Several fundraising activities are coming soon:

- ◆ Car wash, babysitting, spaghetti dinner, yard sale, table, and a basket auction

Look for details to come. . .

For more info, contact: Linda Mangiaracina at:

**[lmangiaracina@k12albemarle.org](mailto:lmangiaracina@k12albemarle.org)**

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 28 - JUNE 5, 2022

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	5/28	5pm	Fr. Jerry Pryzwara	I	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	5/29	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/29	11am	Joe Schaefer	D	Bob & Muriel Toepfert
Wednesday	6/1	9am	Tom Miglas	D	Carol Donohue
Thursday	6/2	9am			
Thursday	6/2	5pm*			
Friday	6/3	9am			
Saturday	6/4	5pm	Robert Roche	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	6/5	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	6/5	11am	Jim Rausa	D	Mary Rausa

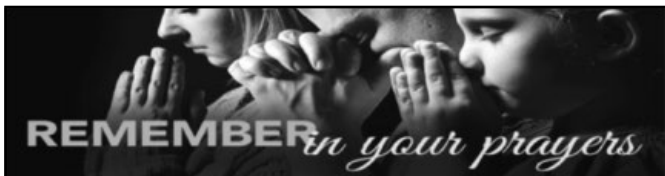
### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

**Pray God keeps them in His care.**



**REMEMBER** *in your prayers*

### 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, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Judi Kuhlow, Jackie Kraemer, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Bill Lyttle, Patti Markle, Art Menard, Rose Meyer, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon, Rose Patterson, Adam & Sharon Perry, Daryl Perry, Jeanine Polansky, Donald Raab, Joel Rivera, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Bob Toepfert, Chase Turano, Claire van Nierop, Mary Vitales, Walter Welham, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters and Ellen Stoppe Wenger.

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

May

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your  
 marriage anniversary in  
 May  
 and wish to be part of the  
 marriage blessing at Mass on either  
 June 4<sup>th</sup> or June 5<sup>th</sup>,  
 please contact the office by  
 Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Are you interested in making a difference in your parish?

Are you interested in helping our Parish progress and live out its motto to Evangelize, Sanctify and Serve?

We are looking for a few good people to serve on Parish Council. If you are interested, please contact Doug Mullinex or another member of Parish Council: Frank Pilk, Cynthia Aycock, Janet Forster or Joe Amato.

Elections will be held in June. Please consider helping with this important ministry. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

<b>Pew Count</b> Sat. - 108   Sun. - 176	<b>May 21-22</b>
First Offering	<b>\$ 3,425</b>
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>\$ 1,721</b>
Total	<b>\$ 5,146</b>
<b>May MTD Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 5,186</b>
<b>Opera Night (to benefit Ukraine Crisis)</b>	<b>\$375</b>

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

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is NEXT WEEKEND.**

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

**BAKE SALE next weekend!**

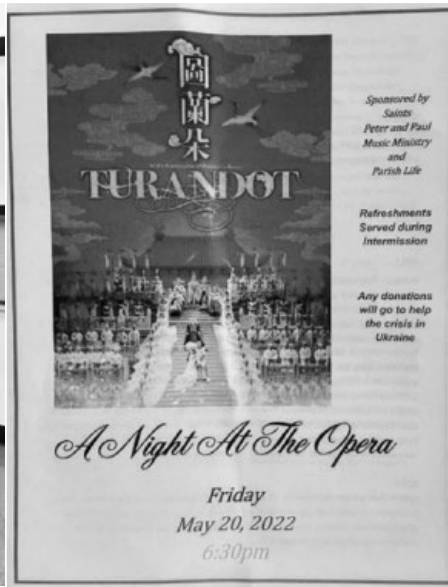


Spring is in full bloom – God’s glory is all around us! If you want to help Saints Peter & Paul Church flourish, now is the perfect time to make the switch to eGiving. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift; you’ll be growing our ministries that share the Good News of God’s love.

Your recurring gifts will sustain and strengthen our parish. You’ll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/VA249](http://faith.direct/VA249). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

**PICTURES FROM THE OPERA** - Thanks to all who made the evening possible! A total of **\$375** was raised and will go to support the relief efforts in Ukraine. God bless.



The **GOOD SHEPHERD’S MINISTRY** is a group of volunteers that provide rides to out fellow parishioners and others in our community who are no longer able to drive themselves. This could include a ride to a doctor’s appointment, bank, grocery store, drug store, etc. Since COVID, our volunteer staff has dwindled to two drivers. **The Good Shepherd’s ministry is in need of volunteer drivers.** If you can volunteer, please contact Frank Feliciano at [frankfeliciano@comcast.net](mailto:frankfeliciano@comcast.net) or call 434.242.0735. Thank you and have a blessed year.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



RCIA provides instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholics with interest 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.



## ROOM SCHEDULE

<b>Sat</b>	<b>28-May</b>	Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29-May</b>	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass (Incense)	11:00a	Church
<b>Mon</b>	<b>30-May</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
		K of C Officers	7:00p	123
<b>Wed</b>	<b>1-Jun</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 138	7:00p	Outside
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>2-Jun</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
		Knights of Roundtable	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
<b>Fri</b>	<b>3-Jun</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4-Jun</b>	<b>Mass &amp; Usher Training</b>	10:00a	Church
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale after Mass	6:00p	Commons
		<b>The Remnant Generation</b>	6:30p	F
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5-Jun</b>	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass (Incense)	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale after Mass	12:00p	Commons
		<b>The Remnant Generation</b>	12:30p	Commons
		<b>Spanish Mass</b>	2:00p	St. Joseph's
		Mass	4:00p	FUMA
<b>Room Ledger:</b>		F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)	M - St. Michael (Church)	
		FB - Facebook	C - Commons (Church)	
		FUMA-Fork Union Military Academy		



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

Contact: Denise Minor  
[dminor92@gmail.com](mailto:dminor92@gmail.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>





## *Year of the Eucharist*

### *Sts. Peter and Paul*

### *Church*

The Year of the Eucharist coincides with the beginning of the three-year Eucharistic Revival project proposed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Eucharist, with its many facets, will be the focus of our attention with special emphasis on believing, celebrating, adoring and living the Eucharistic mystery.

*Please join us in sharing the new*

### *“Exploring the Eucharist Exhibit”*

*in the Invitation Room (formerly St. Raphael room).*

Here we hope you find inspiration to move us all closer to the Eucharist in our daily lives. Additionally, our first edition of **“Reflections on the Eucharist”** is entitled, “What the Church Teaches,” and is available in the Commons.

Join us on June 24th as we welcome guest speaker Carolyn Holcomb to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist in an evening of fellowship and reflection in the Parish Hall from 7:00 - 8:30pm. Light refreshments to follow.



**JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> & JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>**

Are you cleaning out your closets, attics, basements and garages? Donated articles can be dropped off at the Parish Hall from June 5th to June 8th.

**No drop offs after June 8th.**

Help is still needed from June 5-11 -- especially if you have a truck to help transport items.

**We are collecting plastic and paper bags.** If you can help, please contact Cynthia Aycock [cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com) or 434-996-6065.

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

**Sts. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament & Awards Dinner**

**\$75**

**12pm - Registration/Practice;**

**1pm SHOTGUN start (18 holes)**

**Where: Lake Monticello Golf Course**

**Awards Dinner following at St. Francis Hall**

**Open to All - Golfers & Non-Golfers alike**

**Forms are available in the Commons.**



**Contact Cynthia Aycock  
to volunteer or for more  
information at 434.996.6065**



# MEMORIAL DAY

CELEBRATE • HONOR • REMEMBER



## The Crafters are Back!

Sts. Peter & Paul Crafters have started working for the November Craft Fair and meet on Thursdays in St. Michael's Room from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Pack a lunch and come for a day of fun and companionship. If you are crafty but cannot come on Thursdays, and you would like to donate a craft item, please contact us. We would like to start the Angel Auction again. If you have a donation or something of value, please let us know.

Diana 589-5136

Mary 589-6281

Joanne 591-0807

### WHAT IS A PARISH NURSE?

A Parish Nurse is a Registered nurse who has had additional training to serve the parish as a health promoter, educator and counselor. She/he is NOT a health care provider. However, she/he can often link people with helpful resources. If you would like to talk to your Parish Nurse, contact Catherine Heffley at 757.813.1992 or [caheffley@aol.com](mailto:caheffley@aol.com).



### MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey.

Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Our next experience is: **Sept. 23-25, 2022 at Crowne Plaza, Reston, VA**

Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit our website at:

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

### 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](mailto:emttouch@gmail.com).

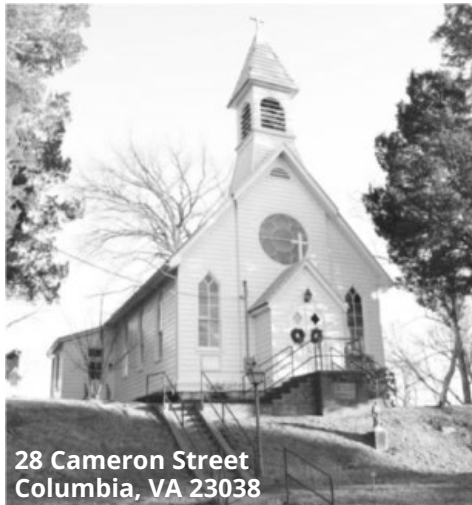
Thank you for your participation in this fun, memorable journey!



### DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ The cincture is the name of the rope/cord used to fasten the priest's alb. It is also used to secure the stole to the alb. Its color may change depending on the time of year. (The color usually changes when it's worn by the laity, but usually remains white when it is worn by a priest.)
- ◆ The flat metal container that is used to carry communion to the sick is called a Pyx.

# ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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## INTROSPECTIVE

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

Unity and diversity can exist together. Our western minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We tend to believe that unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. Jesus, in today's Gospel, expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in his desire for unity and oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one. It is very clear that the success of Jesus' mission and the advance of the Gospel rises or falls with whether this unity is achieved. And it is a unity that is achieved around a person and not particulars.

Our church is extremely divided. These divisions all center on various theologies, philosophies, structures, and styles. We allow these particular concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, self-focused and serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this? We sacrifice our credibility. For what?

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one.

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### SHARE THE GOSPEL

If pieces are missing from a jigsaw puzzle, you cannot see the whole picture. If keys are missing from a piano, you cannot hear a whole song. When Christians do not work well together, the world cannot see how great and loving God is. Jesus prayed that all of us would stay close to God and to one another. Do your part. Encourage other Christians.

### PRAYER

*God, I want the world to see how good you are. Help me to be good and loving to all Christians.*



St. Katharine Drexel

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<http://www.saintjosephcolumbia.org/>



Mass in Spanish will be offered on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. All are welcome!

**¡Todos son bienvenidas!**

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We all have our ideas of who God is. We have to remember, however, that our ideas of God often do not capture who God really is. God's a wonderful mystery whose identity is endless. This makes life an exciting journey in search of belief, love, glory, and unity. Displaying all of the tenderness of a real love story, we hear from Jesus that God wants nothing more than for the world to believe.

The same depth of affection given to Jesus, God the Father desires to share with us. Receiving this love gives believers an even greater depth of understanding of what gives us purpose and meaning. With God's unconditional love as our anchor, we can endure the greatest of hardships knowing that we carry the hope of glory within us. Sharing in the same incredible eternal destiny and glory that God gave His Son, we can all be one just as Jesus and the Father are one. Why is understanding all of this important? Because given the myriad of choices of what can possibly define us, we now have the primordial truth of who we are given to us by God. We know, beyond doubt, where to look for true happiness and where our lives will end.

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROUNDTABLE & LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND

6:00 PM POTLUCK DINNER

Join us for the potluck dinner organized by the Ladies Auxiliary. **RSVP** is requested to prepare enough food for all attending the potluck.

### May Wedding Anniversaries



If you're celebrating your marriage anniversary in May

and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on June 5<sup>th</sup>,

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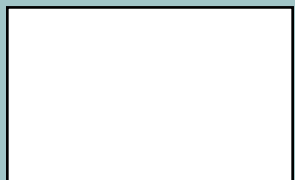
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