

July 10, 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:

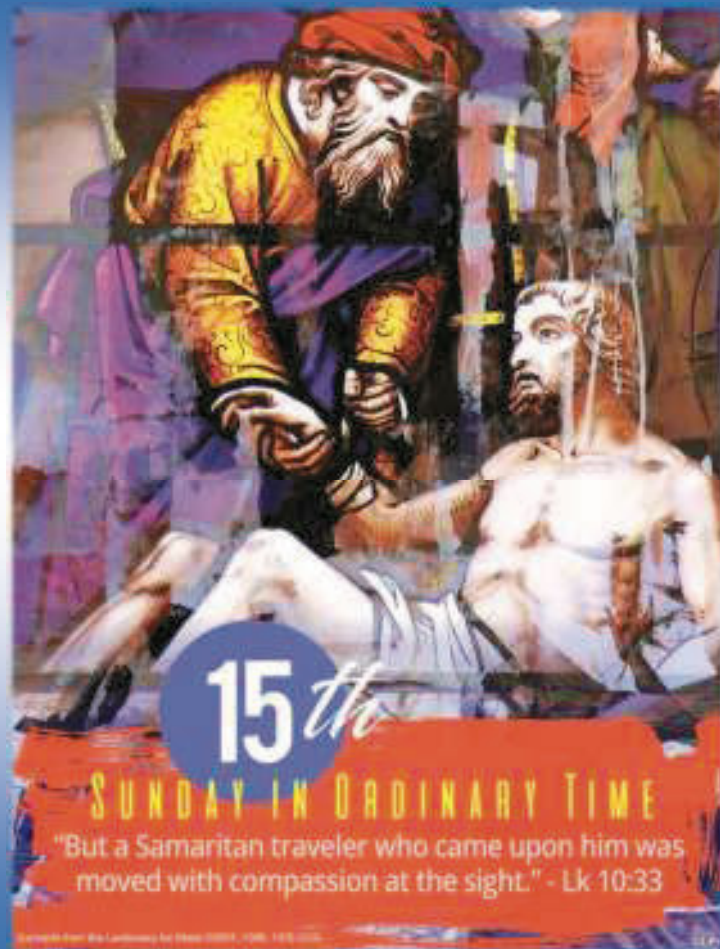
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



15th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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 July 10, 2022

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Observances for the Week of July 10, 2022

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Henry
Thursday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Friday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 2022

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor
Anita Paul

Memorial
Roger Paul



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor
Anita Paul

Memorial
Roger Paul



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor
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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 10

Sending forth

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

Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that the “love that we celebrate in the sacrament is not something we can keep to ourselves. By its very nature it demands to be shared with all.” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 84.) We are not the only ones in need of the love that Christ has shown us. We are called to help the rest of the world experience it. “What the world needs is God’s love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in him. The Eucharist is thus the source and summit not only of the Church's life, but also of her mission.” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 84.) At the very end of the celebration of the Eucharist, we who have received the Body and Blood of Christ and have been incorporated more profoundly into his Mystical Body are likewise sent out to proclaim the Good News for the salvation of the world: “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.” Pope Francis has insisted that evangelization – spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ – is a task that belongs to every member of the Church, not just a few specialists:

Pope Francis exhorts us all to become missionary disciples: “Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are ‘disciples’ and ‘missionaries,’ but rather that we are always ‘missionary disciples.’” (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 120). What is essential is not that one have advanced training, but rather that one discover through Christ the love that God has for us and that one desire to lead others to that same joyful discovery. All that is needed is for one who has known that love – the love that is displayed most preeminently in the Eucharist -- to tell other people about it.

We (USCCB) have offered these reflections on the Eucharistic faith and practice of the Church as a starting point. There is much more that could be said, but what is most important is that we enter more deeply by faith and love into this great Mystery of Mysteries. Let us all ask the Lord to call us into a time of Eucharistic renewal, a time of prayer and reflection, of acts of charity and sincere repentance. The Lord is generous to us with his grace; and so we, by his grace, should always humbly ask him to give us what we need.

Brothers and sisters, let us thirst for the Lord who first suffered thirst for us (Jn 19:28). Let us adore Jesus who ever remains with us, on all the altars of the world, and lead others to share in our joy!

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 10, 2022

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Faithfulness to one’s vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be a priest?

Call the Vocations Office to speak with

Father Brian Capuano

at

804-359-5661

Or write

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



PARISH YOUTH



Join the
Youth Group

Saturday, July 23rd
from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

This is the first of several fund-raising events to generate income for those wishing to attend the 2023 Diocesan World Youth Day Pilgrimage. Your support is greatly appreciated!

CONTACT:

john.verga@saintspeterpaul.org



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

SHARE THE GOSPEL

Jesus wants you to love your neighbors. He wants you to help your neighbors. You could help the people who live next door, or the people that go to your church. But Jesus wants you to think bigger than that. Jesus wants you to help people all around the world -- no matter where they live, and no matter what they believe.

PRAYER

Dear God, show me how to help others around the world.



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: JULY 9 - JULY 17, 2022

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	7/9	5pm	Robert Nieves	D	Timothy & Eileen Monahan
Sunday	7/10	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	7/10	11am	Isidore Gomes	D	Kirk & Katie Gomes
Wednesday	7/13	9am	Tom Miglas	D	Don & Mary Layton
Thursday	7/14	9am	Ettore Piccione	D	John F. Celin, MD
Thursday	7/14	5pm*			
Friday	7/15	9am	William Jaeger	D	Michael & Nancy King
Saturday	7/16	5pm	Jeff Henrietta	D	Blue Ridge Cursillo
Sunday	7/17	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	7/17	11am	Carmel Tighe	D	Joan Merk

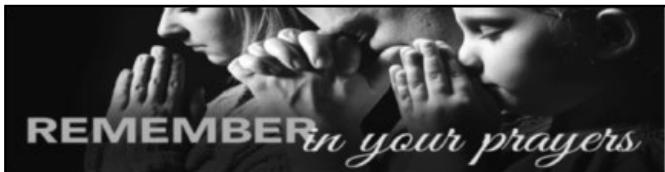
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Pray God keeps them in His care.



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, Bob Griffin, 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, Patti Markle, Art Menard, Rose Meyer, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon, Rose Patterson, Daryl Perry, Donald Raab, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Chase Turano, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters, and Walter Welham,

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




July Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your marriage anniversary in July and would like to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on either August 6th or 7th, please notify the office by Friday, July 29th





EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP


Pew Count Sat. - Sun. -	July 2/3
First Offering	\$
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,693
Total	\$
*info not available due to early print schedule	

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is
AUGUST 6TH & 7TH

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

THE NEXT MONTHLY BAKE SALE IS AUGUST 6TH & 7TH. BAKED GOODS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS.



Online donations through Faith Direct help sustain our parish ministries and keep our offertory consistent during the busy summer vacation months. If you make the switch today, you'll be giving steady, consistent support to the parish ministries you care about most in the months ahead - even if you're out of town during summer weekends.

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. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What Jesus Doesn't Say


"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness. And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!) when we know that certainly is just not the case. Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



- * Roman Catholicism is the largest of the three major branches of Christianity. Thus, all Roman Catholics are Christian, but not all Christians are Roman Catholic. Of the estimated 2.3 billion Christians in the world, about 1.3 billion are Roman Catholics.
- * The chapel where St. Joan of Arc prayed is in Wisconsin. Formerly located in Chasse, France, it was moved piece by piece to the Americas, resided for a time on Long Island, and now is on the campus of Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI.

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

Sat	9-Jul	Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	10-Jul	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	11-Jul	K of C Meeting	6:00p	E/F
Tues	12-Jul	Youth Group	6:30p	119
Wed	13-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 138	7:00p	F
Thurs	14-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Crafters	9:30a	M
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	15-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	16-Jul	Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	17-Jul	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Room Ledger:		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
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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>





Are you looking for a deeper dive into your Spiritual journey as a Catholic Woman or Man? Consider attending a Cursillo to **REFRESH YOUR SOUL!** This is the perfect time to elevate your prayer life and strengthen your friendship with Christ!

The next Women's Cursillo Weekend is **Thursday evening, October 20th at 7:00pm through 5:00pm on Sunday, October 23rd, taking place at Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA.**

The next Men's Cursillo Weekend is Thursday evening, October 27th at 7:00pm through Sunday, October 30 at 5:00pm also at Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA.

A Cursillo is a three-day course in Spirituality and teaches an awareness of Christ in every moment of your life. An emphasis is on our Catholic sacraments and the richness they bring to our faith. Pope Francis made a Cursillo and recognizes how "Cursillos help people encounter Jesus, helping them understand that living in the Grace of God is beautiful."

Come walk this journey alongside other Catholic women and man and be filled with the **JOY** Christ offers each one of us. Applications and more about Cursillo are available at www.valleycursillo.com. All applications must have a sponsor.

If you need a sponsor contact Karen and Roy Norville at 540-246-2371.

The application deadline is October 7th.



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.

The second edition of "Reflection on the Eucharist" entitled, "Invitation of the Eucharist" is now available.

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!



Today's Meditation

"In our self-centered culture and classic American emphasis on work, we often feel we have to accomplish something during our times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We rate our experience by how 'good' our prayer was, how heartfelt our devotion was, or how focused we could remain. Yet prayer and contemplation are fundamentally God's work, in which we are invited to participate. We need only to give Him the opening, and He will do the rest. By coming to adoration, we are handing Him the keys to our hearts, allowing the rays of His love and grace to bathe our souls in the light of His Presence, as the rays of the sun bathe our bodies in light. If we can take the time to pull away from the busyness and distractions of life and just sit at His feet, He will lead us."

Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration

SAVE THE DATE

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

Dinner is Included for Golfers, \$5 for each Guest

Forms are available in the Commons.



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



Many thanks to all who attended our picnic to celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Peter & Paul. A special thanks to all who helped make the event possible.



MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!

Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! 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/>

Feel free to contact Mark & Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com

DISC GOLF

FREE to play

When: *Saturday, July 16th at 8:30am
or Saturday, July 23rd at 8:30am*

Where: Pleasant Grove Park (not the Dog Park)

- ⇒ Enter Pleasant Grove and take the first RIGHT
- ⇒ Go around the soccer fields and pass the playground
- ⇒ Take a left after the playground. This is below the baseball field and where you park your car to play Disc Golf.

What to bring:

- ⇒ Yourself
- ⇒ Water
- ⇒ Shoes you can hike in
- ⇒ Bug spray
- ⇒ An attitude to just have fun!

Note: You can come to try Disc Golf, to learn about it, or just hike with a group through the woods around the course. Discs will be provided.



PARISH NURSE NEWS

Catherine Heffley, R.N. is available to meet with parishioners to discuss a health goal or issue.

Please call 757.813.1992 and leave a message. She will return your call to set up a time to meet.

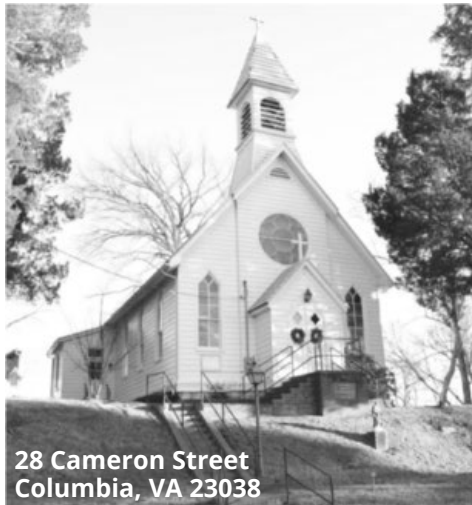
Feel free to ask for a Blood Pressure check. If you are homebound, she can bring you the Eucharist.



Got Salt? Buildings & Grounds is asking for salt donations to thwart weeds. Donations can be left in the Church vestibule or at the office.

Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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Denny Barberio | 434.981.0678

LADIES AUXILIARY

INTROSPECTIVE

GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 10, 2022

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers)."

It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -

First Reading:

Toward the end of their 40-years of desert wanderings, Moses assured the Israelites that God's commandments and statutes are within each of us as long as we repent. How do you sustain a disposition of repentance?

Second Reading:

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul inserts a very early Christological hymn that speaks to Jesus' divinity and his role as the mediator of creation and the source of reconciliation. How do you imagine the Colossians reacting to this astonishing teaching on Jesus?

Gospel:

In the parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus taught the scribe the importance of showing mercy toward one's neighbor as central to following God's law. How well do you practice the virtue of mercy?



St. Katharine Drexel

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

- MaryEllen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *
- Maria Correa * Nona Dooley *
- Alice Galvez-Sobral * Jane Garland *
- Mauricio Granados * Andy Mallory *
- India Martin * Pat Morse * Angelica Motta *
- Odila Motta * Oscar Motta *
- Thelma Motta * Denise Pillar *
- 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/>



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It's important to keep our eyes open. Otherwise, we can easily dismiss things that truly require our attention. Whether it is someone needing care, a wrong that must be rectified, an injustice that must be addressed, or someone in need of a helping hand, the lens through which we view life (and even the rules by which we live) can prevent us from stopping and acting.

Whether it's an obsession with being on time, a compulsion to complete tasks according to a schedule, or a rigidity with not breaking a law or fear of taking a risk, we miss daily opportunities to show mercy. We often fail in our duty to be a good neighbor, especially when it involves brothers and sisters remote from us whom we have never met.

The pain of the world is our pain. God's law of love, mercy and compassion is not something remote. It's already within us and very near. All we have to do is open our eyes and carry it out.

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Saturday, July 23rd

8:30am -12:30 pm at Sts. P & P

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July

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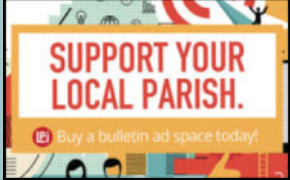
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