

St. Joseph's Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

November 26, 2023

"We are the Eucharistic Church serving the Family of Christ"



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH** 4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway Palmyra, VA 22963

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**WEEKENDS** Saturday 5pm: SPP Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's 11am: SPP

**WEEKDAYS** Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

**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

#### **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

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#### **BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE**

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor Sunday: 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4 Monday: Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19 Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22 Thursday: Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36 Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 **Observances for the week of November 26, 2023** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday: Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: St. Andrew, Apostle Thursday: Friday: Saturday:

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

## **NOVEMBER 2023**

#### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

ALTAR FLOWERS

BREAD & WINE IN MEMORY OF

Royal & Jan Duffy

Irene & John

Ringlehan

DONOR

IN MEMORY OF

Sara Alletto

Donor

Bob & Angela Maher



SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF

Jean Maher

Donor

Bob & Angela Maher



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

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### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 26th, 2023

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest?



Call The Office of Vocations 804-359-5661

Or email vocations@richmonddiocese.org

### **CHRIST THE KING**

"Hail the King of the Jews." The kingship of Christ has always been different than the world expected. Many of Jesus' disciples hoped for an earthly Messiah who would overthrow the Romans. But, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, his kingdom is "not of this world." And yet it is a very real kingdom. Jesus is a very real Lord. And we are called to invite Jesus to be king of our lives. In the early 20th century, disillusionment with authority of all kinds was growing. Revolutions, atheistic thinkers, and World War I contributed to a rejection of faith. In 1925, Pope Pius XI called the Church and the world back to a sense of hope in Christ. He instituted the solemnity of Christ the King on the last Sunday before Advent. How is Jesus king of your life today?



# ENCOUNTER



Dear Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Joseph,

On November 24th, 2019, which was a Solemn Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, before Bishop Barry Knestout, I led you in the profession of the faith. Now, four years later, I still recall how significant that day was, especially as I witnessed the Bishop trusting me to lead you as your Pastor.

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King once again this year, I would like to recall with you that day, to recommit myself to serving you as your Pastor, and I humbly ask you to pray for me that I may remain faithful in professing, living and sharing the faith with you; and, that I may always be a loving father, a gentle shepherd and a wise teacher, so as to lead you to Christ.

May God so bless me as I serve Him among you!

Sincerely,

Fr. David

Here below is the Oath of Fidelity that I swore to God before you and the Bishop:



With firm faith, I also believe everything contained in God's Word, written or handed down in tradition and proposed by the Church, whether in solemn judgement or in ordinary and universal magisterium, as divinely revealed and calling for faith.

I also firmly accept and hold each and everything that is proposed by the Church definitively regarding teaching on faith and morals.

Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the College of Bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium even if they proclaim those teachings in an act that is not definitive.



# PARISH YOUTH



CCD classes meet every Sunday at 9:30am and conclude after the 11:00am Mass.

# Sharing the Gospel

Share food with the hungry. Give clothes to the poor. Visit people who are sick. Share the good news about Jesus with people who have made bad choices. Jesus came to forgive them. God will see the loving things you do. He will reward you one day in heaven.

# Mission for the Week

Read Matthew chapter 25, verses 31 through 46 with your family. Decide how you will make a difference. Share as Jesus asks.

## Prayer God, help me to share what you have given me. Amen.





That special time of year is upon us again: to think about how we can live our faith by helping others in need.

The Angel Tree is located in the entrance to the church. Please consider "adopting" an angel and make a person's Christmas a little more joyful. Our angels in need come from the Department of Social Services. Without us, they have nothing! Please return gifts, wrapped, with tag attached, by <u>Sunday, December 10th.</u> Purchase as much or as little as you feel comfortable.

In conjunction with the Angel Tree, the "Girl Child Mission" is an initiative near and dear to Father David , which provides items for newborn babies and new mothers in Uganda, with your help; funds raised help with education and mentorship so the young mothers can get jobs. This endeavor is a gift of love to mothers who have little or nothing, and it is a beautiful and effective way to share the Gospel. These items should be returned unwrapped". (For questions or other information, contact Claire Kraemer).

Checks should be made payable to:

"Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda."

Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda is a 501(c) (3) non-profit entity. All donations are tax deductible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. GOD BLESS!

#### 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 <u>charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com</u> 571.212.4445

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 3, 2023

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	11/25	5pm	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	11/26	9am*	Pete McGonagle		John & Christine Stewart	
Sunday	11/26	11am	Annette Ryan	ette Ryan D Erick Salopek		
Tuesday	11/28	12Noon	Roma Maurer Lopina	D	Charlie & Betty Maurer	
Wednesday	11/29	9am	Dave Moulton	D	Judy Snyder	
Thursday	11/30	9am	Barbara Sipress		Don & Eileen Tyler	
Friday	12/1	9am	Raymond Walker Bayizzi	D	Linda & Gerard Zink	
Saturday	12/2	5pm	Joan Hansen	D	D Mary Rausa	
Sunday	12/3	9am*	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	12/3	11am	Joan Hansen		Janis & Royal Duffy	

#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .

Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, 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, Maria Boice, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Bob Griffin, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Ingilleri, Sue Ingilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Brigid Markle, Art Menard, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters and June Wimer

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

November

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in November and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on December 2nd or 3rd,

please notify the office by

### Friday, November 24th.



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda Do you have old sneakers you no longer wear?

Catholic Health Initiative for Uganda can use them! There is a box at the front door where they may be placed.

## Just sneakers, please!

Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda is a 501(c) (3) non-profit entity.

# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Debt Redu the begin	Nov 11/12	Pew Count Sat 103  Sun 173			
Our next DEBT	\$ 6,512	First Offering			
DECEMI	\$ 1,740	First Offering: Faith Direct			
Thank you a	\$ 8,252	Total			
con	ion \$ 2,539	November MTD Debt Reduction			

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

## Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

# DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is **next weekend** after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

**Psalm 118:29** - "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever." There's no better time than Thanksgiving to celebrate life's many blessings. As we gather around tables with friends, family, and bountiful meals, we are reminded that God enriches us to be generous and that our generosity leads to gratitude towards God.

Your generous online donations will help sustain our Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love. With Faith Direct, you can make regular automatic contributions to Sts. Peter & Paul using your credit/debit card or bank account. Register at faith.direct/VA249 or call 866.507.8757. Peace and blessings to your family!



#### MEALS ON WHEELS

#### **EMERGENCY BAG FOOD COLLECTION**

We deliver 4 days of shelf stable meals to clients so they have food in case we are closed for inclement weather.

Inclement weather. Non-perishable entirely prepared food in

single-serve size. If possible, low sodium, low sugar with expiration dates after July 2024.

Protein-Choose 4

- Soups or stews
- Baked beans Beenie Weenies
- Meat Tuna, chicken, salmon in cans or pouches
- Peanut butter 16oz. or smaller
- Jars or cans of nuts

Fruit - choose 4 or 1-2 packs of single serve

- Fruit in fruit juice in cans or fruit cups
- Dried fruits (banana, cherries, apricots, raisins, etc) Vegetables - choose 4 or 1-2 packs of single serve
- Green beans, peas, carrots, corn or mixed
- Crackers/Bars choose 1 or 2
- Box of Saltine or Ritz crackers
- Box of Graham crackers, granola bars, or cereal bars <u>Fruit Juice & Milk</u> - 1 package of single serving size
- 100% fruit juice boxes
- Shelf stable milk cartons (not canned milk) NO CANDY OR COOKIES PLEASE

Drop off M-F, 8a-1p Fluvanna Meals on Wheels 105 Crofton Plaza , Suite 8 434.589.1685

\*Please leave a note with your name and the number of bags dropped off. *DROP OFF BY DECEMBER 15TH.* 

We are neighbors helping neighbors one meal at a time!

# Do you know of someone who is in need of help to care for a loved one?

Most of us have heard of JABA, but many of us do not know about the services JABA provides for caregivers, for adults with disabilities and for seniors in general in our community. JABA's Helpline is 434.817.5244 or toll-free 833.559.2428. go online at jabacares.org. JABA's "Aging Services Coordinators" cam advise on types of help available and connect people to local providers. They have information about qualifying for public-funded services, as well as financial assistance.

## CHILD CARE HELP NEEDED:

A new family in our community is looking for a person who would enjoy helping them with care for their one year old daughter at their home at Lake Monticello. They are looking for a trustworthy, reliable, loyal, and responsible person, who likes working with children and could work between the hours of 8:30am and 1:30pm three days a week. Their one year old daughter is walking already, is very sociable, and is starting to communicate and explore the world around her. While the parents' schedules include working in and outside the home, the helper would be expected to play with the child at home, go for walks, play at the park, change diapers as necessary, prepare light snacks, and do some simple housework while the child is napping. Compensation - \$20 per hour. If interested, please contact Dr. Andrea Loving at Andrea.Freska@live.com. or 703-679-0051.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

		Sat	25-Nov	Confessions	4:00p	Church			
© Geo ∛ ev ©				Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church			
ADULT		Sun		Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's			
FORMATION				Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's			
CHRISTIAN				Mass	11:00a	Church			
EDUCATION		Mon	27-Nov	Bible Study	1:00p	E			
includes RCIA,				K of C Officers	7:00p	E			
offering		_	28-Nov	Yoga	11:00a	F			
instruction to unbaptized and		Tues		Mass	12:00p	Church			
non-Catholic			29-Nov	Mass	9:00a	Church			
persons with	ш	Wed		Sr. Coffee Social	10:00a	С			
interest in	ROOM SCHEDULE	Thurs	30-Nov	Mass	9:00a	Church			
being members of				Cursillo	6:00p	123			
the Catholic faith.	<u> </u>			Mass	9:00a	Church			
Classes meet	SC	Fri		Adoration	9:30a	Church			
every Sunday @ 9:30am.	Σ			Benediction	3:00p	Church			
	ŏ			1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church			
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				Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church			
BIBLE STUDY				Bake Sale after Mass	6:00p	С			
		Sun		Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's			
Mondays				Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's			
1:00 - 2:00pm				CCD/RCIA	9:30a	Parish Hall			
St. Elizabeth				Mass	11:00a	Church			
				Bake Sale after Mass	12:00p	С			
room				<b>F</b> - St. Francis (Hall)	<b>R</b> - St. Ra	phael (Church)			
Parish Hall		Room Ledger:		<b>E</b> - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	<b>M</b> - St. M:	ichael (Church)			
			<b>C</b> - Commons (Church)						
STS. PETER & PAUL									
Religious Store SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS									
NOW OPEN		in the Adoration Chapel							
religiousstore@saintspeterp	M - Th, 6am - 8pm								
	lours:	Pope Francis reiterates the importance of spending time in Adoration, "for only through silent Adoration will the Word of God live in our words; only in							
Rosaries Sa Prayer Cards 3:0	His presence will we be purified, transformed, and renewed by the fire of his								
Sewelry Get Greeting Cards Crucifixes	Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let us adore the Lord Jesus!"								
Books B		Contact: Denise Minor- <u>dminor92@gmail.com</u>							
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# STS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH IS SEEKING A MUSIC DIRECTOR

The part-time Director of Music (DM) is responsible for planning and facilitating music at parish liturgical celebrations. This includes, but is not limited to weekend liturgies, funerals, weddings, Feast Days and prayer services. The DM works closely with the Parish Staff, especially the Pastor, in coordinating music for these celebrations, and provides training for musicians (i.e. Cantors and Pianists) in and outside of the parish.

## **JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

Knowledge of the Catholic Mass and liturgical documents: Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy), The Roman Missal (2011 edition), The General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM), Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, Music in Catholic Worship. Ability to express ideas clearly both in written and oral communication. Project a friendly spiritual atmosphere to parishioners. Organize tasks to facilitate their timely accomplishment.

Salary will be commensurate with education and experience.

Interested candidates should submit their diocesan application (https://richmonddiocese.org/ office/office-of-human-resources/), cover letter and resume to the Pastor.

pastor@saintspeterpaul.org

# Happy Face Christmas!

Thank You from Happy Face, for your giving spirit!



# What Will Your Legacy Be?

Who needs a will? Every adult who owns anything and who care about what happens to it, everyone who cares about their family, and everyone who wants to include their church's future in their estate planning needs a Will.

When was the last time your Will had a check-up? Does it express your desires? Does it include your church which means so much to you?

Catholic Q & A

#### PATRON SAINTS

#### QUESTION:

Why are some saints honored as "patron saints"?

#### ANSWER:

Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified.

Because we believe that the saints and blesseds are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors

for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint

Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and

Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need.

#### "100 Club" Membership 2024 Sponsored by: Sts. Peter and Paul, Knights of Columbus Council 11475

"100 Club" membership is open to all adults; you do <u>not</u> have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. (This is not for membership in the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Organization)

Annual membership dues fee (\$52/year) includes:

Weekly \$25 cash prize winner Annual Grand Prize Drawing totaling \$1400 Remaining "100 Club" membership profit is used for charitable assistance to those in temporary financial need

MEMBERSHIP rules: available numbers limited to #'s 01-100

- Annual membership fee per number:

- Weekly winner receives:

\$52.00/yr. (January 1 - December 31) \$25.00 (see drawing method below)

-Annual Grand Prize Drawing (in November): \$400; \$200; \$100 (3); \$50 (8); \$25 (4)

WEEKLY WINNER (\$25) is based on the <u>LAST 2 NUMBERS of the WEDNESDAY evening Virginia VA Pick 3</u> <u>Lottery.</u>

Example: If the VA Pick 3 Wed. evening winning number is 685: the "100 Club" winner is #85.

Thank you for considering a 2024 membership in the "100 Club", which benefits both our "100 Club" members, and more importantly, those needing temporary financial assistance.

+++ Membership is also a great gift idea for Christmas, birthdays or other occasions +++

If interested, please respond by 12/15/23. We have *limited* numbers available for 2024 membership.

CONTACT: Jim Cullinan, K of C "100 Club" Manager. 434.589.4551 or 434.996.9592

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



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### THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so man y social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



November

Wedding *H*nniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in November and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on December 3rd, please notify the office by Friday, November 24th.

#### **VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

Are you a U.S. Veteran in need of help? Visit the Fluvanna Community Center, 5725 James Madison Hwy by appointment only, on the first Wednesday of each month from 9am to 11:30am. Call Pamela Zirkle or Jeannette Flint at 434-529-6431 to schedule. www.dvs.Virginia.gov



#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

MaryEllen Agolia \* Bradford Barrows \* Maria Correa \* Nona Dooley \* Alice Galvez-Sobral \* Mauricio Granados \* Will Kulick \* Andy Mallory \* India Martin \* Angelica Motta \* Odila Motta \* Oscar Motta \* Thelma Motta \* Denise Pillar \* Christine Stewart \* John Stewart \* Jordan Watkins \* Diane Wolfe \*

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

If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date at least 6 months out.



#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

One day when I was walking the city streets where I was giving a series of talks, I saw what appeared to be an older woman hunched over with a sign asking for help. At first I passed her, on my way to visit the local drugstore. But then I came back around when I realized that I had not been very mindful upon first seeing her. I didn't have much cash to give her, but as I always tell everyone else in my talks, oftentimes what people need more than cash is someone to at least acknowledge them. I reached into my pocket to give her what little I had and I simply said, "Hello. I hope you are okay and I hope you can use this."

When her face turned toward me I saw she was probably only about sixteen years of age and she was very beautiful. She smiled immediately and said how much this meant to her. She gathered up her few belongings and I watched her walk to a café for a meal. I turned to walk back to my lodging and I thought to myself, "She could have been my daughter." That's when the still, small voice spoke to me saying, "Don't you understand? That was your daughter!"

Who is your daughter or son, your mother or father? Who is your neighbor? Better yet, in whom do you see Jesus? A young homeless girl on the street can take on so many forms: stranger, neighbor, daughter, and Jesus. Unless we are mindful of those in our midst, we miss the chance to see any of them. We must never be fooled by appearance. That day I almost missed seeing my Lord.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





# 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Join us for our next event on Saturday, December 9th to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe!

We begin with the Rosary at 4:30PM; Mass at 5:00PM; followed by a feast of traditional foods prepared by our wonderful Hispanic community. It gets better every year so you won't want to miss it!

For a full schedule of planned celebratory activities, please visit our website and Facebook pages. \*All events are themed with a focus on history, faith, education or community.



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