

December 3, 2023

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



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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

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

**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

"THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH."

—JEREMIAH 33:14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

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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 DECEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8: 5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 2023

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE IN MEMORY OF

O'Reilly &
Lyttle Families

DONOR

Bill & Veronica Lyttle



SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF

Fred Mariutto

DONOR

Diana Mariutto



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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023

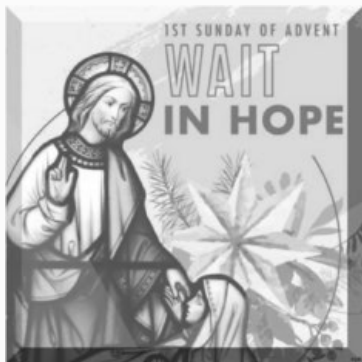
“Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on alert.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord.

Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at:

804-359-5661

Or email

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE (Holy Day of Obligation)

DEC. 7, 2023	7:00PM	SPP
Dec. 8, 2023	9:00AM	SJ
	12:00PM	SPP



ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

Lately I’ve been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I’m trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it’s helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ’s advice this week? “Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep.” Isn’t sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it’s not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we’ll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir



PARISH YOUTH



Religious Education

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

SHARING THE GOSPEL

When you play on a baseball team, you learn how to pay attention. Your coach reminds you and your teammates to stay ready. You learn to watch the ball. Those are good lessons to learn, because Jesus wants you to pay attention, too. Keep your eyes and your mind on Jesus, so you're ready when he comes.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Play a quick game of baseball. Cheer for one another. End the game with a prayer that you will keep your eyes on Jesus.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to stay ready for you. Amen.

ALL STS. PETER AND PAUL

Kids ages K-5

KIDS NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
6-8PM

PARISH HALL YOUTH ROOM

Bring A Non-Perishable Food
Item to Donate and Watch the Movie

THE
STAR

in Preparation for Christmas

A MEAL WILL BE SERVED

THE *Angel* TREE

IS HERE!

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 Sunday, December 10th. 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

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INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 10, 2023

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	12/2	5pm	Joan Hansen	D	Mary Rausa
Sunday	12/3	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	12/3	11am	Joan Hansen	D	Janis & Royal Duffy
Tuesday	12/5	12noon	Edrine Bayizzi	D	Michael & Nancy King
Wednesday	12/6	9am	Larry Eickenhorst	D	Chris Brown
Thursday	12/7	9am	Edrine Bayizzi	D	Pat & Anthony Amato
Thursday-IMAC vigil	12/7	7pm	Edrine Bayizzi	D	Royal & Jan Duffy
Friday-Immaculate Conception	12/8	9am*			
Friday-Immaculate Conception	12/8	12noon	Fr. Gerry Przywara	I	Michael & Nancy King
Saturday	12/9	5pm	Anna & Giovanni Capuano	D	Gerard & Link Zink
Sunday	12/10	9am*	Old John Heekin	D	John & Christine Stewart
Sunday	12/10	11am	Misa Pro Populo		

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 Kuhlrow, 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.



REMEMBER in your prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Maria Boice, Patty Brammer, 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 Kuhlrow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, 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.

Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated Wedding Anniversaries in the month of November:

- Greg & Mashelle Keating 51 Years**
- Ed & Kathy Seroskie 57 Years**
- Rudy & Ruth Vialpando 57 Years**
- William & Margaret Walton 60 Years**
- Stanislaus & Elizabeth Tokarz 62 Years**

Thank You

To everyone who worked the Craft Fair, especially the **Crafters**, who worked for months, in

advance of the fair, making the crafts and baskets for sale. Many have been doing this for years. You have been blessed with a gift and you are **"THANKED"**, many times over, for your skill, dedication, time and resources you have given to this effort to raise nearly **\$7000** for this church. God bless each of you!

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 85 Sun. - 170	Nov 25/26
First Offering	\$ 3,587
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,036
Total	\$ 5,623
November MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,849

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

THIS WEEKEND

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our monthly Bake Sale is this 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

We would like to send each of our clients a gift bag for Christmas again this year. We received so much gratitude from the clients last year and wanted to make this Christmas just as special.

Here is a list of items we are needing:

- ◆ Kitchen towels
- ◆ Small package of Q-tips
- ◆ Full-size boxes of tissues
- ◆ Tooth brushed and tooth paste
- ◆ Small, unused travel-size items

Items can be dropped off by December 15th

M - F, 9a - 12p

Fluvanna Meals on Wheels

105 Crofton Plaza , Suite 8

434.589.1685

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" can 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



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes RCIA, offering instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with interest in being members of the Catholic faith.

Classes meet every Sunday @ 9:30am.



ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	2-Dec	1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale after Mass	6:00p	C
Sun	3-Dec	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	4-Dec	Bible Study	1:00p	E
		K of C Meeting	7:00p	E
Tues	5-Dec	Yoga	11:00a	F
		Mass/Confessions	12:00p	Church
		Parish Council Meeting	7:00p	123
Wed	6-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 138/1138	6:30p	F
Thurs	7-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
		Knights of the Round Table	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Mass-Immaculate Conception vigil	7:00p	Church
Fri	8-Dec	Mass-Immaculate Conception	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass-Immaculate Conception	12:00p	Church
		Kid's Night Out	6:00p	117/119
Sat	9-Dec	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary/ Mass	4:30p	St. Joseph's
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Scout Lock-in/Eagle COH	6:00p	E/F
Sun	10-Dec	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	M - St. Michael (Church)	
			C - Commons (Church)	

BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm
St. Elizabeth room
Parish Hall

STS. PETER & PAUL

Religious Store

NOW OPEN

religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org

Great Gift Ideas:

- Rosaries
- Prayer Cards
- Jewelry
- Greeting Cards
- Crucifixes
- Books
- Home Goods
- and More

Hours:

Saturday
3:00-4:30
6:00-6:45
Sunday
9:30-10:30
12:00-1:00
or
By Appointment

SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

in the Adoration Chapel

M - Th, 6am - 8pm

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 His presence will we be purified, transformed, and renewed by the fire of his Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let us adore the Lord Jesus!"


Contact: Denise Minor-dminor92@gmail.com



You're invited to . . .

Lessons & Carols
And Nativity Exhibit

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2023
 STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH
 2:00PM IN ST. FRANCIS HALL



May the season be merry and bright!

COME AND ENJOY AN
 AFTERNOON OF
 MUSIC, STORIES,
 COOKIES, SANTA,
 AND FELLOWSHIP.

THE NATIVITY EXHIBIT AT LESSONS & CAROLS



We are looking for families to “loan” their nativity to Sts. Peter & Paul for Lessons & Carols. If you have more than one and can spare it for this event, your effort will create warm memories for our church families. If interested, please contact the office at 434.589.5201.

PARISH NURSE NEWS:

Senior Coffee Social
 Wednesday, December 27th, 2023
 10:00AM in the Commons
 We'll continue talking about the book,
The Fourth Quarter of Your Life, chapter 21,
“Living Meaningfully in a Trivial Culture”.
 Come join us for coffee and conversation, even if your new.
 757.813.1992 or caheffley@aol.com.

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

**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

What Will Your Legacy Be?

A Will provides an excellent opportunity to remember our congregation. A gift to the church through your Will serves as a testament to your heirs of your faith in God and the resurrection. It provides you with one last opportunity to exemplify what it means to be a good steward, providing for others as God has provided for you during your lifetime. What a blessing you can be to future generations!

Catholic Q & A

WINE DISTRIBUTION

Question:

Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

Answer:

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood the Lord.

"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 not 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: \$52.00/yr. (January 1 - December 31)
- Weekly winner receives: \$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 LAST 2 NUMBERS of the WEDNESDAY evening Virginia VA Pick 3 Lottery.

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.

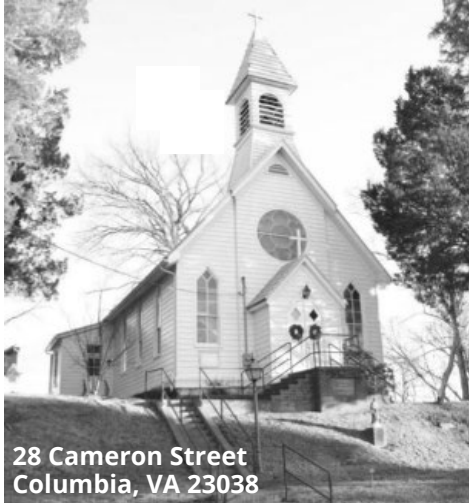
+++ Membership is also a great gift idea for Christmas, birthdays or other occasions +++

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

INTROSPECTIVE



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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

IN THE UNEXPECTED

“What could happen next?” How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don’t seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, “God with us.” He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



A Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Friday, December 8th at 9:00AM.

(This is a Holy Day of Obligation.)





RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

BY COLLEEN JURKIEWICZ DORMAN

MEMENTO MORI

Just this week, my husband and I signed our wills, and the lawyer was careful to couch our transaction in gentle, abstract language: “When we lose you” she kept saying, instead of “When you die.”

It’s very uncomfortable to dwell on our death. But the Christian life does not just encourage us to do so: it demands that we do.

I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready.

“You can’t do all your homework at the end,” a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. “Good Friday is waiting in the wings for all of us.”

I think of that a lot when I don’t particularly feel like praying, when I think I’m too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. All our good deeds are like polluted rags, says the prophet. We have all withered like leaves.

You can’t do all your homework at the end. God is faithful. Are we?

“May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’” — Mark 13:36



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