

December 10, 2023

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



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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

**SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,

MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED

AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."

—LUKE 3:4-5

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EVANGELIZE

SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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.

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Rev. Mr. Robert Allen | 434.589.0941
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

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
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 3rd 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.



ENCOUNTER

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023

“A voice is calling.” Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at:

804-359-5661

Or email

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It’s nothing new, of course. In Jesus’ day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you’re free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark’s gospel, “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” It’s not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of

new freedom. The word “gospel” was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God’s son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It’s time to follow him and be truly free. This week let’s refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let’s rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— 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

John the Baptist had an important message. When You make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, stop. Learn from your mistakes, and do things God's way. Were you bossy or rude? Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie? Be honest instead. God want you to share his love with other people.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings. Ask them to forgive you.

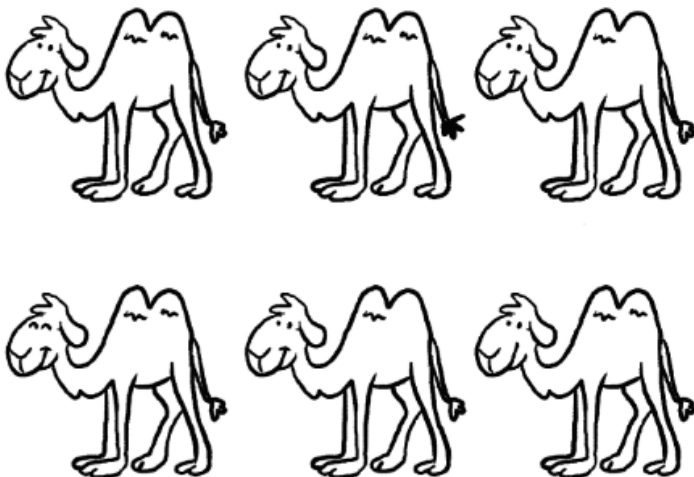
PRAYER

*Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes.
Thank you for forgiving me. Amen.*



PUZZLE

Find the 2 identical camels.



Angel Tree gifts are due back TODAY,
December 10th. Please be sure to wrap your
gifts and attach the tag.

THANK YOU so much for your
participation in this activity! You have
made a positive impact this Christmas
season on someone who otherwise
would have had nothing.

"It is Christmas every time you let God love
others through you . . . yes, it is Christmas
every time you smile at your brother and
offer him your hand." - Mother Teresa

Let the spirit of Christmas warm your home
and fill your heart with joy!

May God bless and keep you.

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: DECEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 17, 2023

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

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		
Tuesday	12/12	12noon	Edrine Bayizzi	D	The Rosary Group
Wednesday	12/13	9am	Raymond Walker Bayizzi	D	Michael & Nancy King
Thursday	12/14	9am	Ellen Cullinan	D	Jim & Maggie Cullinan
Friday	12/15	9am	Dominick Capuano	D	Gerard & Link Zink
Saturday	12/16	5pm	Patti Markle	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	12/17	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	12/17	11am	Patti Markle	D	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.



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

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, 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.

December

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in December and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on January 6th and 7th, please notify the office by **Friday, December 22nd.**



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

Pew Count Sat. - 109 Sun. - 162	Dec 2/3
First Offering	\$ 4,093
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,097
Total	\$ 6,190
December MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 1,508
THANK You! December Bake Sale \$ 417	

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

JANUARY 6 & 7

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale January 6 & 7, 2024, after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

Luke 2:11 - "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." As Christmas is rapidly approaching, this is our time to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord and savior. So, amidst the presents, cookie decorating and Christmas parties, remember, Jesus is the reason for the season.

Your eGiving donations allows our ministry to continue to provide gifts to the community and you can easily get started by:

- Visiting faith.direct/VA249
 - Calling Faith Direct Customer Service at 866.507.8757
- Peace and blessings to your family this Christmas season!



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Monday
December 25th, 2023
1:00 PM
St. Francis Hall

Donations for Christmas dinner are gratefully accepted in the designated box.

Bring a side or dessert to share

Sign-up on the sheet on the kitchen door in the Commons

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	9-Dec	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary/Mass/Food	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	Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	11-Dec	Bible Study	1:00p	E
Tues	12-Dec	Yoga	11:00a	F
		Mass/Confessions	12:00p	Church
Wed	13-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 138/1138	6:30p	F
		Worship Committee	7:00p	123
Thurs	14-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	15-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	16-Dec	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Sneak Peak Nativity Exhibit	6:00p	F
Sun	17-Dec	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Lessons & Carols/Nativity Exhibit	2:00p	F
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

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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



You are invited to attend our Nativity Exhibit. For a sneak peek, come after Mass on Saturday, December 16th. For the full experience, join us at Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 17th at 2:00pm. Thank you to those who "loaned" their Nativity for this event, making it special!

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?

Does your husband have a Will? If not, you may be risking a great loss of financial security. Both of you should have a will prepared as soon as possible.

Does your wife have a Will? In the event of a common disaster, the courts will look to your wife's Will in the distribution of your estate. Be prepared.

Do your parents have a Will? Check to see that they do. It will help avoid estate complications and has tax implications.

Catholic Q & A

CAN CATHOLICS GAMBLE?

Question:

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Answer:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

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"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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

JUBILATION TO SHARE

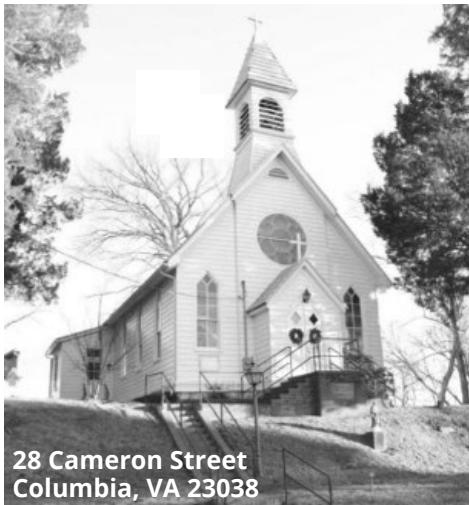
Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



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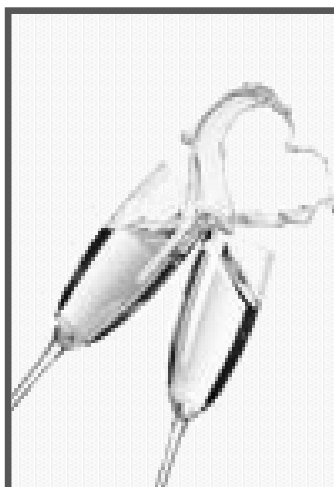
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December

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in December and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on January 7th, please notify the office by **Friday, December 22nd.**



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

THE WORLD IS PREGNANT

There is a character, Rose of Sharon, in John Steinbeck’s *Grapes of Wrath* who is pregnant with her first child. As her impoverished family migrates from their native Oklahoma to California, Rose of Sharon’s all-consuming preoccupation is her unborn child. Everything she eats, every drink she lets pass her lips, every action she takes — none of it is done without thought for the child that is still so small as to make his mother’s expectancy barely discernible to the naked eye.

“For Rose of Sharon was pregnant,” wrote Steinbeck. “And the world was pregnant to her.”

It is the same for us Christians in the Advent season. We can feel a change coming, and the hope of this change consumes us. It shapes our actions and our plans, we feel it in our hearts and in our souls and in our limbs. From the food we eat to the clothing we wear to the words we use, the unseen Child lives and breathes and works in every small part of this blessed season.

Even the commercial clamor that is the secular “Christmas holiday” cannot fully distract us from the holy sense of anticipation we have. We are baptized, and so it is inside of us, this voice that cries out in the desert. When we hear it, we cannot help but listen.

The Virgin is pregnant, and the world is pregnant to us.

“We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” — 2 Peter 3:13

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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: kenneymg@gmail.com

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.



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