

January 14, 2024

*"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"*



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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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

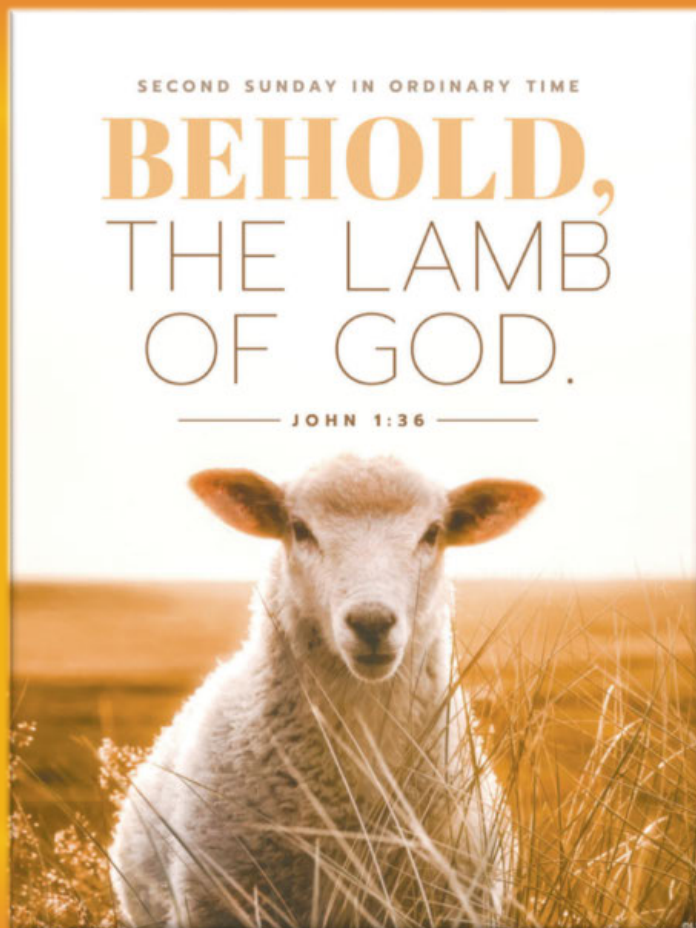
Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's  
(or by appointment)

**HOSPITAL VISITS:**

Call Parish Office  
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office  
to schedule Communion



**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

# WELCOME



## ADMINISTRATION

### PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

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## EVANGELIZATION & EDUCATION

### CCD/YOUTH GROUP

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### RCIA/BIBLE STUDY

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### BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

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



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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3: 7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1: 14-20

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Friday:

Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

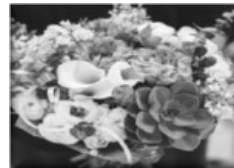
## JANUARY 2024

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### BREAD & WINE



#### ALTAR FLOWERS



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE



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



**ALERT:** As weather conditions turn adverse, tune in to the local ABC, CBS, NBC stations for CLOSING announcements.



# ENCOUNTER



## 2ND SUNDAY IN OT

January 14th, 2024

“Come, and you will see.” How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at:

804-359-5661

Or email

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



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 14, 2024

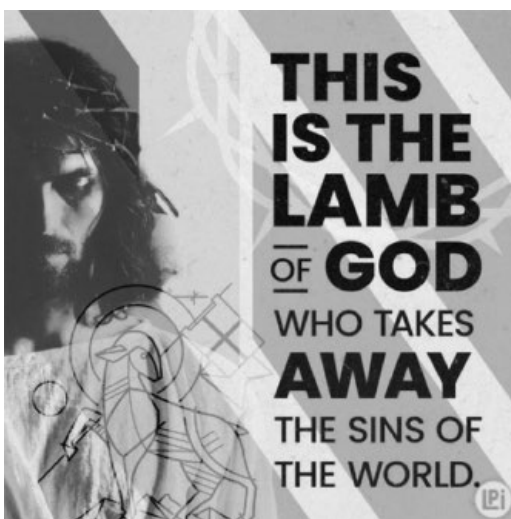
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I’m amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: “he wore a blue shirt,” “we ordered brussel sprouts,” “her hair was up in a bun,” and “he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family’s open front door when it was ten degrees below zero,” (that one’s courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it’s all real.

It’s similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, “...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.” Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that’s the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It’s about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn’t empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God’s love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir



# PARISH YOUTH



## Religious Education

**Classes meet every Sunday at 9:30a and conclude after the 11:00a Mass.**

Dear Parents,

My name is Christina Nealy and I am the Coordinator for Religious Education and Youth Ministry at Saint Peter and Paul. I am very excited to be working with you and your children. In addition to regular CCD we will be hosting a monthly event for all youth of the parish.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in both CCD and Youth Ministry nights, to help as assistants in the classroom and during Youth Ministry nights. Please contact me if you are interested in this wonderful service opportunity:

[Religioused@saintpeterandpaul.org](mailto:Religioused@saintpeterandpaul.org)

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,  
Christina Nealy

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

## PRAYER

*Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you. Amen.*

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.

## 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](mailto:charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com) 571.212.4445

**Who: Youth K - 5th grade from Sts Peter and Paul and St Joseph**

**What: SNOWMAN WORKSHOP**

**When:** Friday, January 19, 2024, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Saint Peter and Paul Parish Hall

Come join us for hot chocolate and build a marshmallow snowman with your friends. All are invited. Volunteer helpers are encouraged to join us for an evening of fellowship.



We will meet monthly on the **third Friday** of each month for a fun-filled night of activities and service. All are welcome!

CHRIS NEALY HOSTING

## SPP & SJ'S YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING JAN 17TH 6-7:30PM

### JANUARY'S AGENDA

**WHERE?**

SPP Cafe

**WHO?**

Middle & High schoolers

**WHAT?**

GAME NIGHT!

**WHAT ELSE?**

PIZZA AND POP!!!



# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 13 - 21, 2024

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	1/13	5pm	Dennis Buckley	D	Bob & Muriel Toepfert
Sunday	1/14	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	1/14	11am	Tom Holodak	D	Royal & Janis Duffy
Wednesday	1/17	9am			
Thursday	1/18	9am	Joanne Kirk Henry	D	Pat McCarthy
Friday	1/19	9am	James Somerville	D	Gerard & Linda Zink
Saturday	1/20	5pm	Olga Soden	D	Jim & Maggie Cullinan
Sunday	1/21	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	1/21	11am	Tom & Eleanor Holodak	D	Royal & Janis 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 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.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Maria Boice, Patricia Brammer, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, 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 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, Leslie Trapp, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters and June Wimer.

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

## January Wedding Anniversaries



**If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in January and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on February 3rd or 4th, please notify the office by Friday, January 26th, 2024.**

## FUN DAY

WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Where:** St. Francis Hall

**Date:** Jan.21, 2024

**Time:** 12:30 - 4:00

**Activities:** Right, Left, Center Game  
Mind The Gap-A Trivia game for the generations

Ping Pong Table

Floor Puzzles for kids

Bring a game to share

**Refreshments:** Bring your favorite snack to share

**Prices:** \$5.00 per person

\$15.00 for families

\$5.00 for 3 chips to play Right, Left, Center  
50/50 Raffle - 3 for \$5.00 or 8 for \$10.00

# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Pew Count</b> Sat. - 105   Sun. - 151	<b>Dec 30   31</b>
First Offering	\$ 3,896
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	\$ 2,629
Total	<b>\$ 6,525</b>
<b>Holy Land Emergency Appeal</b>	\$ 502
<b>December MTD Debt Reduction</b>	\$ 3,174

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

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is  
FEBRUARY 3 & 4**

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

Our next monthly Bake Sale is *February 3rd/4th* after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

The new year is filled with hope and promise as we seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2024, we are reaching out to our parishioners.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift by visiting [faith.direct/VA249](http://faith.direct/VA249) or calling at 866.507.8757. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you!



## **PARISH LENTEN LUNCH**

Our holiest of seasons begins

**Wednesday February 14th.**

This means, starting February 16th

**Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 12noon,**

followed by a light lunch.

I need your very valuable help.

Please sign up to supply either the soup or sandwiches, we appreciate all who do.

*Please help!*

## **CALLING ALL SOUP and SANDWICH MAKERS**

**THE SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED ON  
THE KITCHEN DOOR (in the Commons)**

## Lent Lunch

For more information contact:

**Pat Amato**

**434.589.7811**

**Volunteer Coordinator**



# 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

<b>Sat</b>	<b>13-Jan</b>	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>14-Jan</b>	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
<b>Mon</b>	<b>15-Jan</b>	<b>OFFICE - CLOSED MLK Jr. DAY</b>		
		Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
<b>Tues</b>	<b>16-Jan</b>	Yoga	11:00a	F
<b>Wed</b>	<b>17-Jan</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		<b>Youth Group: Middle &amp; High School</b>	6:00p	119
		Scouts	6:30p	F
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>18-Jan</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
<b>Fri</b>	<b>19-Jan</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		<b>Youth Group: K - 5</b>	6:00p	119
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		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		<b>FUN DAY</b>	12:30p	E/F
<b>Room Ledger:</b>		<b>F</b> - St. Francis (Hall)	<b>R</b> - St. Raphael (Church)	
		<b>E</b> - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	<b>M</b> - St. Michael (Church)	
		<b>C</b> - 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](mailto:dminor92@gmail.com)





**M**arried Couples! Is winter starting to get you down and you find yourself getting a little edgy with your spouse? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend and get rid of the blahs.

For information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location.

Feel free to contact Mark and Cath Stangler at 703.378.4150 or [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- **March 1-3, 2024 - College Park, MD**
- **April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA**

### **PARISH NURSE NEWS**

#### **SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL**

**Wednesday, January 31st, 2024**

**10:00AM in the Commons**

**We will talk about finding and/or developing our 4th Quarter "talents". See chapter 29, pg. 156, in The Fourth Quarter of Your Life book.**

**Come join us for coffee and conversation, even if you're new. 757.813.1992 or [caheffley@aol.com](mailto:caheffley@aol.com).**

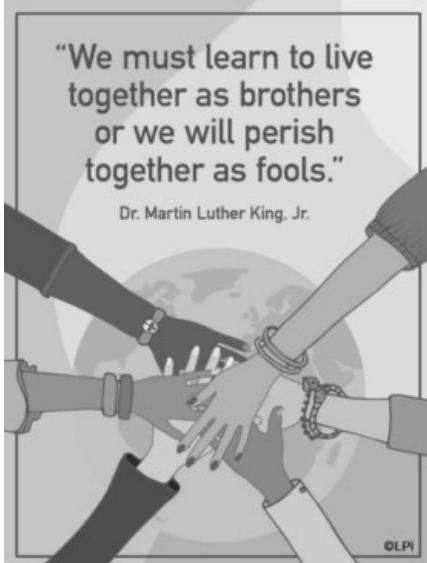
## **STS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH IS SEEKING A MUSIC DIRECTOR**



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.

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](mailto:pastor@saintspeterpaul.org)**



### **CIVIL RIGHTS DAY**

In Catholic social tradition, "rights" correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities.

St. John Paul II writes, "every man is his 'brother's keeper', because God entrusts us to one another" ("Evangelium Vitae," 19). In our complicated world, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by public policy. However, we are not exempt from engaging in public life. Today, we remember that we are all called to work to ensure that social structures uphold human dignity and support true human flourishing.





Occasionally we might have a parishioner who needs a temporary helping hand or can no longer drive. Can you make time to help with a ride to a doctor's appointment, church, bank or to the grocery store? This is what the "Good Shepherd" ministry is about. With your name in my call file, you might be asked to be a temporary good Samaritan (Shepherd). To learn more about Good Shepherds ministry, please contact:

**Patricia Travers at 434-953-5432**

### *What Will Your Legacy Be?*

Over 70% of all adults neglect to prepare a Will; many more do not keep it up to date. Think about getting yours done or reviewed. You will be doing your heirs a service. Consider helping Sts. Peter & Paul through a bequest in your Will.

Including the church in your Will costs you nothing now yet makes a wonderful faith witness for your family, friends and others. It is a gift anyone can make, and costs nothing during lifetime.

As Catholics we rejoice with faith in the resurrection. Yet we also know the passage from life to death can be stressful on those who survive us.



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

Do you have old sneakers you no longer wear?

**Catholic Health Initiatives 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. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your support!*

## *Catholic Q & A*

### CHANGES TO MASS

#### **Question:**

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

#### **Answer:**

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone. The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

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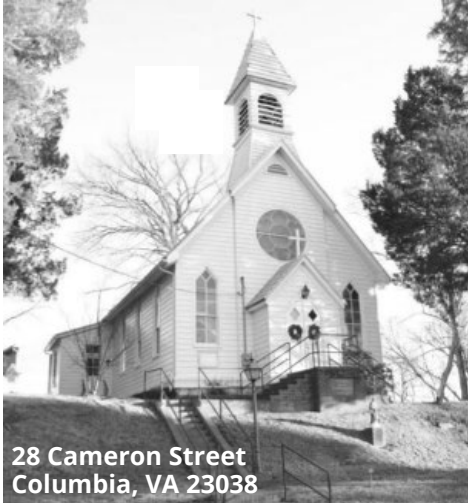
### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

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](http://www.dvs.Virginia.gov)

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

## INTROSPECTIVE



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### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### CHRIST IS ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flat-lining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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*January*  
*Wedding Anniversaries*

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in January and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on February 3rd or 4th, please notify the office by Friday, January 26th, 2024.



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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn't say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn't even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road.

Imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as he began his ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to him to introduce myself. But on that day when he passed on by I just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world.

An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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