

April 28, 2024

"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



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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WELCOME



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Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

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 APRIL 28, 2024

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/
Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Pius V, Pope
Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker
Thursday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;
National Day of Prayer
Friday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

APRIL 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor - Patricia & Anthony Amato

In Memory of Delores & Joseph Ventre



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor - Patricia & Anthony Amato

In Memory of Ursula & Richard Morabito



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor - Patricia & Anthony Amato

In Memory of Carmella & Michael Grosso



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



ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 28, 2024 - 5th Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.”

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week’s Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, “He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit” (John 15:2) I don’t mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I’d wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God’s love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn’t it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it’s not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ’s body. Jesus’ rising is the brand-new growth. It is God’s promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir



The Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice.

The Blessed Sacrament has been removed and the light, extinguished. Adoration can be done in the church. We especially invite you to all day adoration on Fridays between 9:30a - 3:00p in the church.



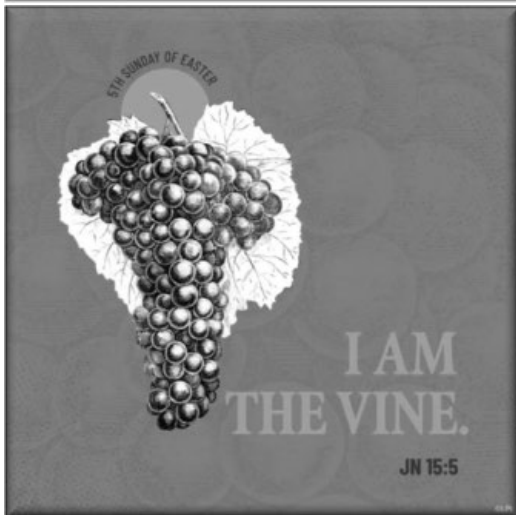
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 28, 2024

Religious Brothers Day
May 1st

“He has spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.” Pray for those who God is calling forth boldly to serve him and his people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at
804.359.5661

Or via email:
vocations@richmonddiocese.org



PARISH YOUTH



Classes meet every Sunday at 9:30a and conclude after the 11:00a Mass. Last class: May 19.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND TEACHER'S AIDES NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed as teachers, assistants and substitutes for 2024-2025 school year. We also need assistants and subs for the remainder of this year. If you are interested in helping guide the children in faith we would love to have you come help. Please send Christina Nealy an email at

Religioused@saintspeterpaul.org

I look forward to working with you!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

PUT A BRAND NEW LIGHTBULB IN A LAMP. TURN IT ON. IT SHINES BRIGHTLY. NOW, UNPLUG THE LAMP. THE LAMP GOES DARK. IT MIGHT BE A NICE LAMP. IT MIGHT HAVE A NEW BULB. YET WITHOUT BEING PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRICITY, THE LAMP CANNOT SHINE. IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS IS THE VINE AND YOU ARE A BRANCH. AS LONG AS YOU ARE ATTACHED TO JESUS, YOUR FAITH CAN GROW FRUIT LIKE LOVE, KINDNESS AND GENTLENESS. IF YOU BREAK AWAY FROM JESUS, YOUR FAITH WILL DIE AND YOU WILL NOT GROW ANY FRUIT. STAY PLUGGED IN TO JESUS, SO YOU CAN SHINE. STAY CONNECTED TO JESUS, SO YOUR FAITH CAN GROW FRUIT.

PRAYER

God help me to stay connected to Jesus. Amen.

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

Important dates to put on you calendar:

Date	Event	Time/Place
April 27th	1st Reconciliation for SPP & SJ	10a at SPP, church
May 4th	1st Holy Communion for SPP	12p at SPP, church
May 11th	1st Holy Communion for SJ	10a at SJ, church
May 19th	CCD Last Class	9:30a at SPP, Church

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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MISSION

Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith, when you stay connected to Jesus.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 27 - MAY 5, 2024

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	4/27	5pm	Lisa Conboy	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	4/28	9am*	Catherine Barrows	D	Debbie Blackburn
Sunday	4/28	11am	Misa Pro Populo		
Wednesday	5/1	9am	Sal Barcia	D	Mary Ann Barcia
Thursday	5/2	9am	Dottie Taylor	D	Don & Eileen Tyler
Friday	5/3	9am	Jean Marron	D	John Condon
Saturday	5/4	5pm	Tom Miglas	D	Joanne Miglas
Sunday	5/5	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/5	11am	Hunter McDonnell	I	Noel Orsak

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

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Michael Amato, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Catherine Doherty, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Caroline Faulkner, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Inghilleri, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlrow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Art & Judy Menard, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Kathy Seroskie, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Rob Toepfert, Jr. Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters

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

April

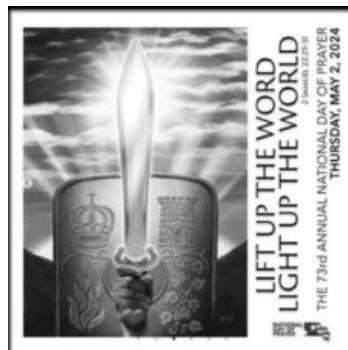


Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in April and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on May 4th or 5th, please notify the office at 434.589.5201 by Friday, April 29, 2024

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Thursday, May 2, 2024

Join us to pray for Neighbor and Nation
At the Flagpole, Pleasant Gove Park
12:00 Noon



Hosted by
Fluvanna County Ruritan Club
Bring your own Lawn Chair

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 115 Sun. - 176	APR 13/14
First Offering	\$ 3,405
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,826
Total	\$ 5,231
April - MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,609

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

MAY 4TH & 5TH

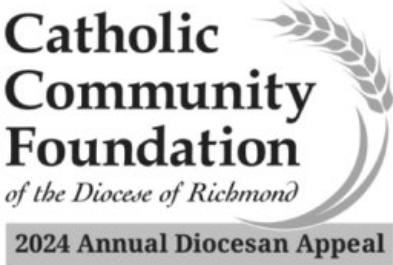
Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is May 4th & 5th after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

You can sign up online at faith.direct/VA249 or call customer service at 866-507-8757.

You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Thanks for your continued support. God bless you.



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
Sharing His Love with Others
A Message from Father David

Over the past couple of months, I hope you have gained an understanding of what it means to support the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Yes, our parish is a direct beneficiary, however, supporting the Appeal is also about supporting the Catholic Church beyond the parish. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

- Helps supply groceries as well as heating, rent and shelter assistance to children, families in need and the elderly across the Diocese.
- Expands opportunities for college students to deepen their commitment to the Catholic Church.

If you have not yet made a commitment, I hope you will join me in helping to not only meet but exceed this year's goal!

Please visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal to make a secure online donation or visit our parish office for a hard copy pledge card. Thank you for partnering with us on this important ministry of our Catholic Church.



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

Annual Golf Classic
Monday,
September 9th, 2024
At Spring Creek Golf Club
109 Clubhouse Way
Zion Crossroad, Va. 22942



This golf tournament is our biggest fundraiser of the year and allows us to continue to provide needed health care for the poorest of the poor in Uganda.

To participate, sponsor, donate or to learn more about our tournament, use the following link or scan our QR code.
www.charitygolftoday.com/catholichealth

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.



BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm
St. Elizabeth Room,
Parish Hall

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	27-Apr	First Reconciliation	10:00a	Church
		LMCF Talent Show	3:00p	E/F
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	28-Apr	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	E/Church
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	29-Apr	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
		KoC Officers	7:00p	E/F
Tues	30-Apr	Yoga	11:00a	119
Wed	1-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	F
Thurs	2-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		KoC Round Table	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	3-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Bridges Reception Set Up	10:00a	E/F
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	4-May	Bridges Wedding/Reception	10:00a	E/F
		First Holy Communion	12:00p	Church
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	5-May	Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	Church
		Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	E/Church
		Sunday Mass	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	Church
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	M - St. Michael (Church)	
		C - Commons (Church)		

STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

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GREAT GIFT IDEAS:

- ◆ 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion
- ◆ Mother's Day
- ◆ Rosaries
- ◆ Prayer Cards
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Greeting Cards
- ◆ Crucifixes
- ◆ Books and more

Hours:

Saturday

3:30 - 4:45

6:00 - 6:45

Sunday

12:00 - 1:00

or

by appointment

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

The Chapel is temporarily closed while the water leak is investigated. Adoration can be done in the church. You are especially invited to all day adoration in the church on Fridays from 9:30a - 3:00p. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Contact: Denise Minor -
dminor92@gmail.com



Married Couples. Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions.

Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- May 3-5, 2024 - Hickory, NC
- September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA
- November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE IN 2025

SAVE THE DATE:

April 24 - May 4, 2025

Looking for details on this?

Information can be found on the Parish Council bulletin board in the Commons

Job Openings at Charlottesville Catholic School:

(For the 2024 - 2025 school year)

- Elementary Teacher (JK - 5)
- PE Teacher (K - 8)

Please send resume, Diocesan Application, three letters of reference and a copy of your teaching license to

Charlottesville Catholic School

Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal

1205 Pen Park Road

Charlottesville, VA 22901

Or via email to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I was a teenager, I had an experience that truly changed my life and helped me to give Jesus all of myself. I had been baptized Catholic and always had faith, but it took a specific event to really shake me out of the comfort of my life and set me on a path devoted to God. I didn't get knocked off a horse or find an open tomb, but for me it was powerful enough to make a huge impact.

Testimonies of how people came to live as intentional disciples have great power. Often the stories do not include singular events or people; instead they speak of a gradual unfolding of faith. It is often the culmination of several events and the work of more than one person that brings a person to the point of real decision.

Living as good stewards, we can help move people forward in their journey with God. Giving of ourselves freely can move human hearts like few other forces. God working through us can bring others to see that simply saying that Jesus is the Savior of the world does not mean we live our lives differently. It takes more thought and reflection on our part to move past words to intentional acts with intentional results. I don't know if all those involved in that event when I was a teenager knew what an effect their good stewardship would have on me, but I am so thankful they provided a way for God to touch me. I have spent my entire life trying to pay them back by allowing God to touch others through me. Just what person might God touch through you today?

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thanks to all the vendors and organizations that participated in the "Health and Wellness Fair" recently. Also, many thanks to the volunteers who helped or provided food and donations to CHIU. A special thank you to Kaitlyn Duvalois from Loving Arms Home Care for her coordination of this event.

Our next Senior Coffee Social will be on Wednesday, May 29th, at 10AM in the Church Commons. We'll discuss follow-up on the Health Fair. Please bring your suggestions for our next book to read and discuss. Do you know of a guest speaker or a project we should consider?

Catholic Q & A

QUESTION: How does a person become a canonized saint?

ANSWER: It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

National Day of Prayer

The religious basis of our form of government is: freedom of religion. Indeed, religious freedom is under attack in our country. Nonetheless, it is our duty and responsibility to pray for our country and its leaders. The first Thursday of May has been designated the National Day of Prayer. How are we, who call ourselves Roman Catholic, to pray for a country that practices policies that may go against what the church professes? It is a difficult decision sometimes.

The Scripture verse chosen for this National Day of Prayer may help us in these difficult times. Look at the last few words of the citation: "...your servant is praying in your presence this day." In these last few words, we see very clearly that our prayer is prayed in God's presence. Since we live in the United States, it means that God is already present here and now in the US. All we need to do is accept that presence and put it, God's teaching, into action. For God does not work without our actively doing the work that God leads us to do.

Let us pray...

God of Abraham, Isaac, Moses,

we cry out to you for wisdom and compassion.

You led the early Jews out of slavery, to freedom.

You led the disciples of Jesus after the crucifixion to courageously preach the Gospel.

Today, we seek your wisdom to preach the good news in our country.

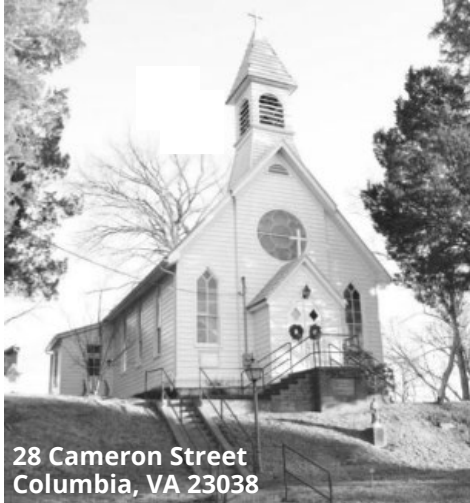
Grant wisdom and faith to our elected leaders, the people we choose to lead our country, to make choices that are based upon your teaching.

Where laws are made that go against your will, give us courage to change policy, not based upon our comfort, but upon principles taught in

Scripture.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, our brother and Christ, who lives and reign with you, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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INTROSPECTIVE

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

BRANCHING OUT ISN'T ALWAYS WHAT IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.”

I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It’s a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

OFFERTORY

APR 14 \$ 645

M & R \$ 92

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD meets every
Sunday
 after Mass.

April

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in April and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on May 5th, please notify the office at 434.589.5201 by Friday, April 29, 2024



ST. TERESA OF JESUS OF THE ANDES

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes (1900-1920) was born Juana Enriqueta Josefina of the Sacred Hearts Fernandez Solar. Her family and friends nicknamed her Juanita. As a youth she read a biography of St. Thérèse of Lisieux that inspired her to grow in her faith and choose a path in life that led toward a religious vocation. By the age of 14 she knew she wanted to consecrate herself as a religious Carmelite nun.

At the age of 19, she began her novitiate with Carmelites and took the name “Teresa of Jesus.” She was particularly drawn to the religious life with the Carmelites because she enjoyed the simple life offered in the convent, the companionship of the other sisters living and serving Jesus alongside her. She also found joy in her proximity to the Blessed Sacrament where she would often be found in prayer.

During her short time with the Carmelites before her death, she wrote many letters to friends, family, and other community members. She considered these letters her apostolate and shared her thoughts as well as spiritual encouragement with those with whom she corresponded. Her writings frequently focused on her experiences of and thoughts on living a fulfilling spiritual life.

After a particularly violent attack of typhus, she was permitted to take her vows early because it was feared she would die. After her vows and receiving her last rites, she succumbed to the disease just three months before her twentieth birthday.

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes’s short yet faith-filled life stands as a lasting testament to believers everywhere that one’s life doesn’t have to be long and filled with lofty accomplishments to be an amazing example of faith and Christ’s love. St. Teresa, pray for us!

PRAYER REQUESTS



- Mary Ellen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *
- Maria Correa * Nona Dooley *
- Alice Galvez-Sobral * Mauricio Granados *
- Andy Mallory * India Martin *
- Angelica Motta * Odila Motta *
- Oscar Motta * Thelma Motta *
- Denise Pillar * 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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PRAYER OF FRUITFULNESS

God in Heaven,
Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us!
Amen.

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