

June 16, 2024

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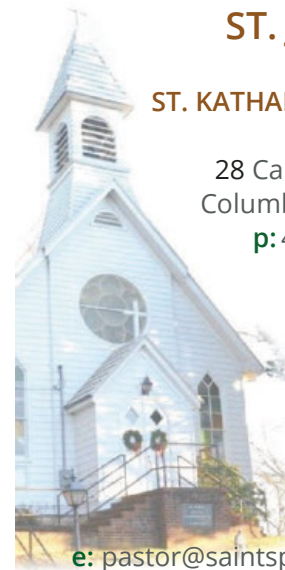
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OUR VISION

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

YOUTH MASS

Last Sunday of the Month

CONFESSION

Saturday 4pm: SPP

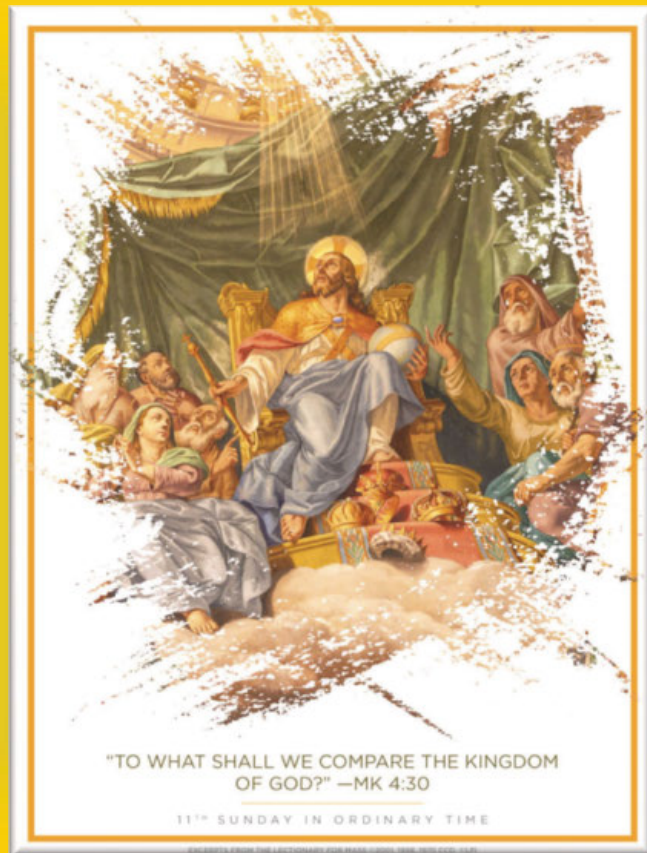
Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's
(or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

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Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



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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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2024

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2024

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Romuald, Abbot

Thursday: World Refugee Day

Friday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Saturday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

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



ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, "he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything." Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.



So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— Father John Muir

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16, 2024

"When the crop permits, the harvest has come." Are you being called by the Lord of the Harvest to proclaim His Kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at
804.359.5661

Or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



Save The Date!

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 30

After the 11:00 AM Mass

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks will be provided.

Bring a "Pot Luck" Side Dish to share.

PARISH YOUTH



**Blessings for the summer!
Look for 2024-2025 registration
info late summer.**

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND TEACHER'S AIDES NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed as teachers, assistants and substitutes for 2024-2025 school year.

If you are interested in helping guide the children in faith we would love to have you come help. Please send an email to:

Religious@saintspeterpaul.org

SHARING THE GOSPEL

THINK OF HOW MUCH YOU HAVE GROWN SINCE YOU WERE BORN. TO SEE YOU NOW, IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE YOU EVER WORE BABY CLOTHES. GOD'S KINGDOM STARTED OUT SMALL, AND IT KEEPS GROWING, TOO. GOD'S KINGDOM NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO LOVE JESUS AND LEARN FROM HIM. LET GOD'S WORD SINK INTO YOUR LIFE. AS YOU GROW CLOSER TO JESUS, GOD'S KINGDOM WILL GROW.

PRAYER

***Jesus, help me learn from you and love you, so that
God's kingdom will grow. 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**

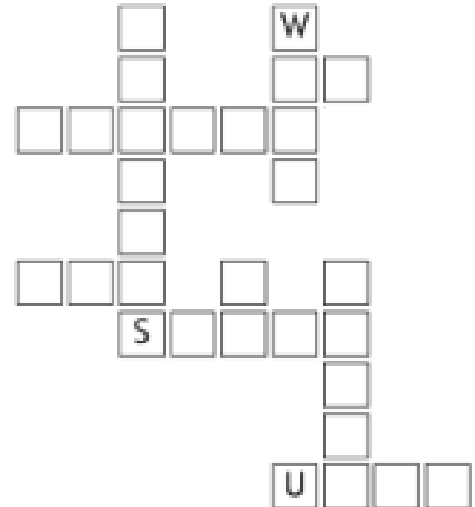
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The sacrament of Baptism will occur on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the 11:00am Mass. Please contact religiously@saintspeterpaul.org for registration and prep information. The next dates are: **July 14th and August 11th**

PUZZLE

Fill this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Jesus used stories when he spoke to the people.



MISSION

Memorize John 3:16 this week. Let God's love sink into your heart. Treasure what you learn from Jesus.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: JUNE 15 - JUNE 22, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	6/15	5pm	Patrick Granville	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	6/16	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	6/16	11am	Jean Maher	D	Bob & Angela Maher
Wednesday	6/19	9am	Helen Beesaw	D	Hal & Linda Smith
Thursday	6/20	9am	Harold Carey	D	Charlie & Betty Maurer
Friday	6/21	9am	Jean Marron	D	John Condon
Saturday	6/22	5pm	Judy Kinney	D	Karen Davidson

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

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Michael Amato, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Catherine Doherty, Carol Donohue, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Caroline Faulkner, Frank Feliciano, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Donna Horan, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Inghilleri, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Zachary W. Mayo II, Art & Judy Menard, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, Carol Scampoli, 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.

2024 Yard Sale



A very heartfelt "Thank you" goes out to all the volunteers who spent the whole week, or even just a few hours, working the Yard Sale. Thank you for your donations. All of the time-consuming and back-breaking effort that was put in yielded a beneficial pay-off of just over \$ 8,000 for the church. Thank you Cynthia for leading the charge! God bless you all!!

Member updates:

If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or email, please keep the office informed so you don't miss out on important information.

Call: 434.589.5201

Email: office@saintspeterpaul.org

Come in: 4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway (Parish Hall)

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 98 Sun. - 190	June 1/2
First Offering	\$ 3,463
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,812
Total	\$ 5,275
JUNE - MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 1,896
Bake Sale - Thank you!	\$ 277

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

JULY 6 & 7

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is July 6 and 7 after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

Online donations through Faith Direct help sustain our parish ministries and keep our offertory consistent during the busy summer vacation months. If you make the switch today, you'll be giving steady, consistent support to the parish ministries you care about most in the months ahead - even if you're out of town during summer weekends.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249, or call their Customer Service team at 866.507.8757.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.
God bless you.



MARRIED COUPLES. Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! We love to have priests on our experiences as well, so invite your favorite priest and give their vocation some new vitality!

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:

- September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA (15 slots left!)
- October 11-13, 2024 - College Park, MD
- November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA



BLESSING OF FATHERS

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts.

You are our model of a loving father.

When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children.
Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.

Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Classes will resume in September. Have a blessed summer.



BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm
Resuming on September 16

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	15-Jun	Scout Car Wash	10:00a	Parking Lot
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	16-Jun	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	17-Jun			
Tues	18-Jun	Yoga	11:00a	F
Wed	19-Jun	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	F
Thurs	20-Jun	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	21-Jun	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	22-Jun	Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	23-Jun	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Youth 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)		

Senior Coffee Social

Wednesday, June 26 at 10:00 am
in the Commons

We welcome Forney Shell, author of Mastering the Bucket List: From Planning to Action and Having a Successful Life: No Permission Needed.

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





Attention all rising 8th - 12th graders! Do you have plans June 24-28th from 9 am to 12 pm? Join us for the “Dive Into Poetry” half-day camp, hosted by Chesterton Academy of St. John the Evangelist! Whether you like or loathe poetry, you will enjoy this fun and engaging class, acquire useful skills, and get to preview our school. The week concludes with a pool party and an open mic opportunity. CASJE is a classical high school joyfully rooted in the Catholic tradition, opening this August in Charlottesville. Daily Mass, the Socratic seminar, and affordable tuition set this high school apart. Learn more and register for camp at ChestertonSJE.org.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What was originally painted on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel before Michaelangelo’s fresco?

Answer: Gold stars on a blue background

**PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE
IN 2025**

SAVE THE DATE:

April 24 - May 4, 2025

Looking for details on this?
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**Jean Marron
Memorial Mass**

The Marron family invites you to join in the celebration of Jean's life as she departs on her final journey:

**Tuesday, July 16, 2024
11:00AM**

**Please RSVP to
Juleswmarron@gmail.com**




Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

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

This 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 learn more about our tournament, us the following link or scan the QR code
www.charitygolftoday.com/catholichealth



Catholic Q & A

GOSPEL DIFFERENCES

Question:

Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?

Answer:

Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.

ST. ANTHONY CAN FIND ANYTHING — EVEN YOU



“Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found.”

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has

a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

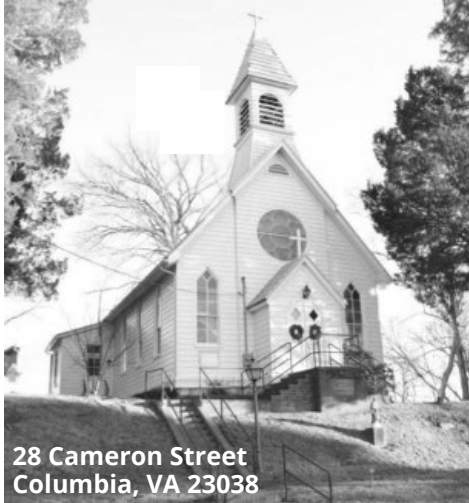
When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. “That's what you're looking for,” he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

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Everyday Stewardship

You could buy a meal for a person who is hungry or for a person who just ate a feast. You could spend time with a lonely person or with someone who has more friends than you. You could step forward to join a parish committee that your experience and knowledge can help, or you can join a ministry where you will constantly struggle to figure out what to do. All of the above actions involve you giving and sharing yourself and your gifts. But not all of these actions will bear good fruit.

If a sower sows seeds only on rocky or weed-infested soil, nothing of great value will grow. But if that same sower plants his seeds in rich soil, then the harvest will one day be great. In all of the soils, the seed is being sown, but it is not the act of sowing that is the most important factor.



In living a stewardship way of life, we must discern how best to share our gifts. Discernment needs the Holy Spirit and a desire to follow God's will, not our own. Our own desires and misconceptions can cause us to use our gifts unwisely. The more mindful we are of how, when, and why we are sharing ourselves, the greater the impact for God's glory. God wants all of you, but not in a way that is without understanding and discernment. He wants you to shine as a light to the world through your stewardship just as He came to you as the Light of the World in baptism. You can't shine brightly if the match does not hit the wick.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Want to be more involved in parish life but not sure what there is to do? We will be having a **Ministry Fair June 23rd**, after Mass!

Prayerfully consider how you can volunteer your time and talents at

Saint Joseph.

All are welcome!



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Living Parables

Whenever someone begins a sentence with, “This parable means...” I roll my eyes. (Sometimes I do this inwardly, to be polite. But I still do it.)

We have a tendency to treat the parables like our mom’s favorite casserole recipe. Ah yes, we think as we sit down to dinner, smiling as we inhale the aroma of childhood. Good ol’ mushy-chicken-rice-thing. I recognize you. I know exactly what you are. I don’t even have to think about you.

Parables are often presented as an example of how God stoops to meet the limits of human understanding: truth, but in a cute little story! And while it’s certainly true that the parables of Christ — each word, each detail, each character — are painstakingly crafted to suit the imagination and intelligence of man, we need to be careful how we think about that.

Sometimes we have a tendency to think of parables as simple and formulaic. We consign them to the genre of bedtime stories, whose point is to soothe, to lull. But these are stories that are meant to keep us awake. They are meant to keep us wondering.

When Christ spoke of the mustard seed, he was speaking the truth in words that his disciples needed to hear two thousand years ago. But he was also speaking to you today. And he was speaking to you tomorrow, and next year, and three years from now, and on your deathbed. If you read this parable on each of those occasions, you will hear something different each time. The parable, you see, is something alive.

It doesn’t change, exactly, because the truth never changes. But people change, and what they need to hear changes too.

Don’t ever make the mistake of thinking you can finish Jesus’ sentences.

“With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.” — Mark 4:33

PRAYER REQUESTS



Mary Ellen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *
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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.



Look for CCD registration forms in August

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