

June 30, 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



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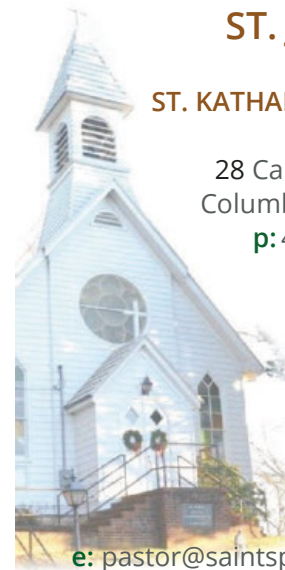
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OUR VISION

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

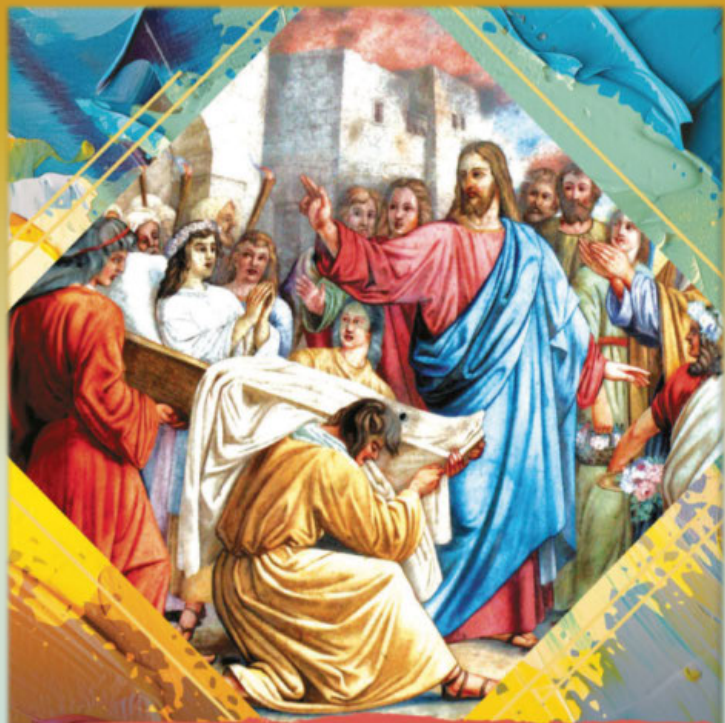
Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's
(or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" - Mk 5:41

EVANGELIZE

SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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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 JUNE 30, 2024

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13(2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 30, 2024

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Thomas, Apostle

Thursday: Independence Day

Friday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Saturday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor: Don & Eileen Tyler

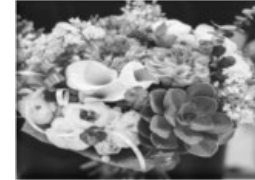
In Memory of: The Finn Family



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor: Don & Eileen Tyler

In Memory of: The Tyler Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor: Don & Eileen Tyler

In Memory of: The Egan Family



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



ENCOUNTER

SUMMER WITH THE SAINTS

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA (1713-1784) – JULY 1ST

Independence Day provides us the opportunity to remember the Founding Fathers of our country: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and many others. But do we ever think about our Spiritual Founding Fathers, those who planted the seeds of the Catholic faith in the New World in response to Jesus’s call to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)? On July 1st, the Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Junípero Serra, a Franciscan missionary that Pope Francis calls “the embodiment of a Church which goes forth.”

Saint Junípero Serra was born into a farming family in Spain in the 1700s. He entered the Franciscan order, was ordained a priest, and earned a doctorate in theology by age 29. He was a very successful university professor and could have lived a secure and comfortable life. Yet, he heard God’s call to be something more, and he left everything he knew to become a missionary in the New World.

Father Serra volunteered for the missionary efforts in California, evangelizing during the same period as the American Revolutionary War. Missions founded under Saint Junípero Serra include San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Clara. In these missions, Father Serra desired to improve the lives of the indigenous populations, so they would not suffer famines so frequently and so they could achieve eternal salvation. Father Serra introduced agricultural techniques and animal domestication to help the indigenous communities prosper. St. Junípero recognized that the indigenous population had souls that needed evangelization, so he walked hundreds of thousands of miles to preach to and baptize communities who had never heard the faith. Recognizing the human dignity of the native population, Father Serra drafted a bill of rights to protect the native populations. It is truly fitting to celebrate St. Junípero Serra with our other Founding Fathers as we imitate his own mission to bring Christ’s life and love to new places in our world.

-Charlie Tamayo



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 30, 2024

“She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth.”
Let us lay down our lives before Jesus and share the whole truth with him. He may be calling you to follow him as a priest, sister, or brother. Listen. Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at
804.359.5661

Or via email:
vocations@richmonddiocese.org



Congratulations to
Fr. David Ssentamu
on celebrating his 5th anniversary
serving the parishioners of
St. Joseph’s, Shrine of St. Katharine
Drexel and Sts. Peter & Paul Church.
Thank you for all you do!

PARISH YOUTH



Blessings for the summer!

Look for 2024-2025 registration info late summer.



Please welcome Celeste Shapiola, the new Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth Ministry for Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Joseph. She is busy planning a year of faith-filled enrichment for all.

Welcome aboard!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel reading, Jairus asked Jesus to come to his house. The daughter of Jairus was dying, and he knew Jesus could make her well again. While they were walking to his house, she died. Did Jesus give up? No way! Jesus told Jairus not to be afraid, but to keep believing that Jesus could help her. Jesus was even stronger than death. He walked into the house, held her hand, and told her to get up. Jesus admired the faith Jairus had.

PRAYER

Dear God, you are even stronger than death. Help me to have faith in you like Jairus had. 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:

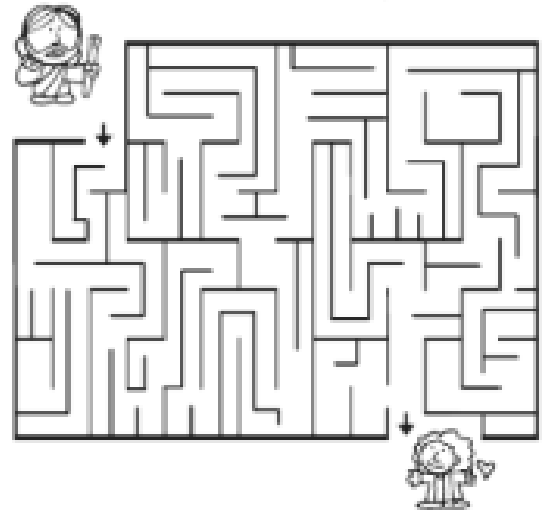
**Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):
Chuck Palmer**

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445

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

PUZZLE

Help Jesus get to the sick little girl.



MISSION

Jairus knew that Jesus could help him. Write down three things that you are afraid of, and ask God to help you.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: JUNE 29 - JULY 7, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	6/29	5pm	Joe Lodato	D	Anthony & Patricia Amato
Sunday	6/30	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	6/30	11am	Gary Johnson	D	Bob & Angela Maher
Wednesday	7/3	9am	David Riedy, Jr.	D	Catherine Heffley
Thursday	7/4	9am	Megan Bray family	I	Jamie Hicks
Friday	7/5	9am	Mary Theresa Maywalt	D	Timothy Maywalt
1st Saturday	7/6	10am	David Doherty	D	Jim & Maggie Cullinan
Saturday	7/6	5pm	Dominick Capuano	D	Gerard & Linda Zink
Sunday	7/7	9am*	Jean McReynolds	D	Patricia
Sunday	7/7	11am	Misa Pro Populo		

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie 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, Connie D'Amico, 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.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Payroll Manager. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste the link below <https://bit.ly/3z1p0kE>.

For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Benefits Manager. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste the link below <https://bit.ly/4evlnm0>.

For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter jobs@richmonddiocese.org

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking an Associate Director for the Office of Christian Formation who will be responsible for Children and Family Ministry. For the full ad and how to apply, copy and paste the link below <https://bit.ly/4avd8VC>.

For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter jobs@richmonddiocese.org

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. - 112 Sun. - 203	June 15/16
First Offering	\$ 5,933
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,623
Total	\$ 8,556
JUNE - MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 4,997

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

**Make A Friend
Be A Friend
Bring A Friend To Christ**

**MEN'S FALL TEAM FORMATION
BEGINS**

The Men's Cursillo Rector, Dennis Moler, introduced his Team for the October 31-Nov. 3, 2024, weekend at Camp Overlook. They will soon begin formation and we ask you to keep them all in prayer. We are accepting applications for the Men's Weekend NOW – applications can be downloaded from the Valley Cursillo website at www.valleycursillo.com

and the deadline is October 8th, 2024. It is ALWAYS a good time to make an invitation to Men and Women who you feel would be open to strengthening their relationship with Christ and furthering their spiritual journey. Don't wait for a weekend to be announced – make your invitation and let the weekend come around! We are attaching "the Role of the Sponsor" to remind Cursillistas of who would make a good candidate and the sponsor's responsibilities.

Turn in your old sneakers to do good things in Uganda!



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

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	29-Jun	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	30-Jun	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Parish Picnic	12:30p	E/F
Mon	1-Jul	K of C Officers	7:00p	E
Tues	2-Jul	Yoga	11:00a	F
		Parish Council	7:00p	123
Wed	3-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	F
Thurs	4-Jul	OFFICE - CLOSED		
		Mass	9:00a	Church
Fri	5-Jul	OFFICE - CLOSED		
		Mass	9:00a	Church
Sat	6-Jul	1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	Commons
Sun	7-Jul	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	Commons
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, July 31 at 10:00 am
in the Commons

Our guest speaker will be a participant/s from the National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21. Hear about their experience of this historic national event happening in Indianapolis, Indiana this summer. Copies of the book Beautiful Eucharist, by Matthew Kelly will be available to those interested.

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



2nd Annual
 Sts. Peter & Paul
**VOLUNTEER
 APPRECIATION
 Lunch!**
COME CELEBRATE!

**Sunday, July 14th, 2024
 1:00PM
 St. Francis Hall**

Join us to honor some amazing volunteers who have retired from their ministry after years of dedicated service.

Tickets are \$25.00. On sale after Mass.





STS. PETER & PAUL
Religious Store

HOURS:
 Saturday
 9:30 - 4:30pm
 6:00 - 8:45pm
 Sunday
 12:00 - 1:00pm

Great Gift Ideas:

- Rosaries
- Prayer Cards
- Jewelry
- Greeting Cards
- Crucifixes
- Books
- Home Goods
- Special Orders
- and more

Follow "Friends of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church - Palmyra, VA" on Facebook for Store Updates.


 

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PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE
April 24 - May 4, 2025
\$5,449

The travel agent will be here on Sunday, September 15th at 12:30pm to talk about the trip and answer any questions.

Stop by the Parish Council bulletin board in the Commons to find out what is/not covered.


 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, use the following link or scan the QR code
www.charitygolftoday.com/catholichealth

**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 Q & A

Question:

In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?

Answer:

The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves.

Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet" (The Church and the Internet, no. 9).

Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.

Christmas In July

Can you believe it's that time of year again?! The Prison Ministry is again humbly asking for donations for the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women Christmas gift ministry, a ministry that's been operating almost every year since the Correctional Center opened in 1998.

Approved Hygiene Items (Only full size, NOT travel size items)

****If possible, please place items in a gallon sized zip lock bag**

- One individually wrapped toothbrush
- One tube of toothpaste *not to exceed 6 oz.*
- One deodorant stick (no spray or roll-on) *not to exceed 2.4 oz*
- One bottle of lotion *15 oz.*
- One bottle of shampoo *15 oz.*

Approved Greeting Cards and Stationery Items

- Greeting cards for all occasions, including Christmas and Hanukkah
- Stationery items (envelopes, writing paper)
- Postage stamps (please donate the *Forever* type)
- One wooden pencil (unsharpened)

We are NOT accepting travel-size hygiene items or calendar/planners

We appreciate everyone's generosity, but these items cannot be used for the Prison and we must dispose of them. Please donate these to various shelters in the area as they often distribute travel toiletries.

There will be a decorated box to drop off donations inside St Peter and Paul's main doors and inside the Parish Hall at St Joseph's.

**We sincerely thank you for your generosity and prayers. God Bless from the Prison Ministry Team.
Please contact Julie Kulick at 540.308.5154 or jataverna@hotmail.com with any questions.**

INTROSPECTIVE

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

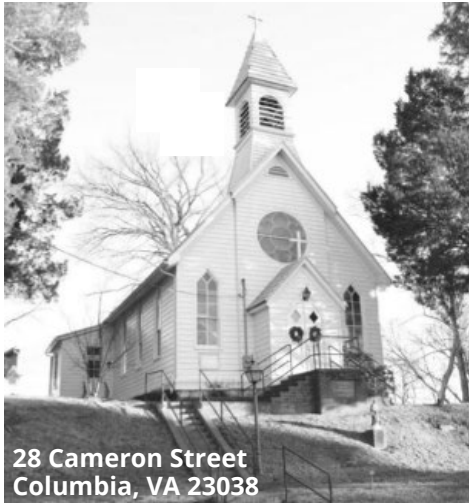
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!



Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how easy it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is always ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hullabaloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping. — Father John Muir



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

TOUCHING THE CLOAK OF CHRIST

Look to today's Gospel and you'll find one of the most arresting images in all of Scripture. Christ in a crowd, everyone clamoring for his attention, pressing against him. Several feet away, is a chronically ill woman, weak and desperate for help. She knows she doesn't have a chance of getting his attention. She has no connections. She has no strength. All she can do is lift up her hand.

So that's what she does. She reaches out.

There comes a time, or maybe several times, in each of our lives when we become this woman. We're tired and we're sick. Is it with sin? With fear? With anger? It doesn't matter. Whatever it is, it's made us weak, and we feel like we've run out of options. We've looked for help and come up empty. We've consulted friends and gotten nowhere. We're lost in the crowd of life, unable to stick our heads above the pressing throng to wave for help.

And there is Christ, always passing by us. The hem of his cloak is never far from our grasp. We have no hope of a big miracle like the synagogue leader. We don't even bother asking for that. But that cloak ... we can touch that cloak. That's something we can do.

Do we do it, though? Do we have the confidence of that sick, beaten-down woman who knew so totally that healing was there for the taking? Or do we retreat back into the crowd, stumbling back home with our pain and our sinfulness? Reach out, friends. However, whatever, whenever — reach out. Christ will not fail you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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