

July 21, 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

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



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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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 JULY 21, 2024

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/
Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/
Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-1

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 21, 2024

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Mary Magdalene

Tuesday: St. Bridget, Religious

Wednesday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Thursday: St. James, Apostle

Friday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor:

In Memory of:



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor: Pilk Family

In Memory of:

Jean Pilk



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:

In Memory of:



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

Rest in the
Generosity of God



ENCOUNTER

Summer with the Saints Saints Joachim and Anne

- Charlie Tamayo



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21, 2024

“They were like sheep without a shepherd.” Do these words of Christ challenge you to give your all for Him and lead the flock as a priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at
804.359.5661

Or via email:
vocations@richmonddiocese.org

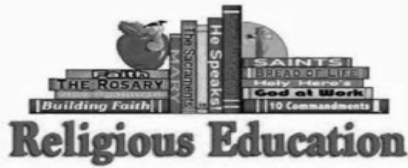


Of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church, two are identified as Sacraments at the Service of Communion: Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony. Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony are unique because not only are they meant to help individuals in their Christian journey of holiness, but they are meant to bring other people to heaven. In Holy Matrimony, a person’s holiness and salvation becomes tied with the lives of their spouse and any children.

On July 26th, the Church celebrates the vocation, marriage, and lives of one of the greatest couples to ever live, Saints Joachim and Anne. While not described in the Bible, Saints Joachim and Anne were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, they are also the grandparents of Jesus. These two saints were thus entrusted with one of the greatest responsibilities in human history: raising and educating a woman who was conceived without original sin and would become the Mother of God. It was through Saints Joachim and Anne that Mary received her life, an example of a holy marriage and family, and was raised in her faith. It was through their daughter that the Son of God shares in our humanity.

The Church’s celebration of the lives of Saints Joachim and Anne places an emphasis on the importance of family life in our society today. The Catechism identifies parents as the primary educators of children, and they are so important that it is “almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute” for children aside from them (CCC 2221). Parents are entrusted with the responsibility to teach the faith and show children what a life in Christ looks like. Just as the Church needs more holy priests, she needs more holy marriages. No family is perfect, but we should all take seriously the need to pray for couples as they prepare for and live out their vocations as parents.

PARISH YOUTH



CALLING ALL CATECHISTS!

Save the date:

Saturday, July 27, 2024

9am - 12 noon at Sts. Peter & Paul

CATECHIST GATHERING

Interested and wanting to know more, new catechist, or been at it a while? We will come together to pray, share ideas, and grow together in faith. Helping our youngest parishioners to grow in their faith.

“Let the children come to me, and to not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Mt 19:13)

REGISTRATION begins on Saturday, August 3rd in the Commons.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Have you ever just wanted to be alone for a while? Jesus and his apostles knew what that felt like. They wanted to be alone to talk and rest, but crowds of people were surrounding them. Even when Jesus and his disciple tried to slip away unnoticed, people followed them anyway. They arrived to find more crowds of people. This certainly was not the quiet time they had planned on. Being patient and kind, Jesus gave up what he wanted, and began to teach the crowds.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you that Jesus gave up what he wanted, just so he could help other people. Help me to follow his example. 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 normally 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: **August 11th and September 15th**

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

PLACE	GOING	SHEPHERD
APOSTLES	BOAT	PEOPLE
ALONE	CROWD	TEACHING

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F T G E R T H A O S P
E A L O N E L R T U E
R P N D I T O J S H O
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MISSION

Spend some alone time with Jesus tonight. If you get interrupted because someone else needs help, that's okay. Go help, and then come back to your alone time with Jesus again.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: JULY 20 - JULY 28, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	7/20	5pm	Jean Pilk	D	Frank Pilk
Sunday	7/21	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	7/21	11am	Gary Johnson	D	Royal & Janis Duffy
Wednesday	7/24	9am	Sarah O'Keefe	D	Hal & Linda Smith
Thursday	7/25	9am	James Horton	D	Nancy & Michael King
Friday	7/26	9am	Bob Burger	D	Maureen Burger
Saturday	7/27	5pm	Tom Miglas	D	Joanne Miglas
Sunday	7/28	9am*	John & Bertha Rogan	D	Patricia
Sunday	7/28	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, Joe and Sophia Murphy, 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, 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.



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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What do Catholics call the eve of a feast day?

Answer: Vigil

Parishioner 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. - 129 Sun. - 191	July 6/7
First Offering	\$ 4,283
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,623
Total	\$ 6,906
JULY - MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 2,882

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

AUGUST 3 & 4

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

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

Our parish ministries depend on the steady, consistent support provided by monthly givers. It sustains us year-round when summer vacations, holiday travels, inclement weather, and other forces keep people away from services. Plus, it eases the workload on our hardworking staff, since they have fewer cash and check donations to process.

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

Thank you for your trusted support of our parish family.



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	20-Jul	Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	21-Jul	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Sunday Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	22-Jul			
Tues	23-Jul	Yoga	11:00a	F
		40TH PLANNING COMMITTEE	7:00p	123
Wed	24-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	F
Thurs	25-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00	123
Fri	26-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	27-Jul	CATECHIST GATHERING	9:00a	Hall
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	28-Jul	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		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, 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



ST. PETER & PAUL
RELIGIOUS
STORE

Christmas in July Sale -- 20% Off Entire Store

Great Gift Ideas:	Hours:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosaries • Prayer Cards • Jewelry • Greeting Cards • Crucifixes • Books • Home Goods • T-Shirts • and More • Special Orders 	<p>Saturday 3:30-4:45 & After Mass</p> <p>Sunday After Mass</p> <p>or By Appointment</p>


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Chesterton Academy
Open House:
Saturday, July 27th,
10 am - 12 pm

Come see Charlottesville's **new classical high school** joyfully rooted in the Catholic tradition! Opening **this August**, Chesterton Academy of St. John the Evangelist offers a proven and rigorous curriculum, daily Mass, Socratic seminar, Rome pilgrimage, and affordable tuition. We're located across from Holy Comforter at 256 E High St. Applications are still being accepted for this school year! **RSVP** at ChestertonSJE.org/events. Can't make this date? **Contact us** for a tour appointment at info@ChestertonSJE.org.



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

Supporting the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is about supporting important ministries of our Catholic Church. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

- Expands opportunities for college students to deepen their commitment to the Catholic Church.
- Develops lay catechetical leaders by building theological understanding, shaping pastoral skills, and strengthening Catholic identity.
- Provides a variety of assistance to mission parishes such as funds for capital improvements, outreach ministries, and specific ministry costs.

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.


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.



The Book of Ruth

Bible Study

Tuesdays, July 9th - 30th

1:00PM

Mary's Room (Parish Hall)



EAT, HAVE A GOOD TIME,
SUPPORT CHIU

20% Donated Back

Sunday, July 28, 2024 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

IHOP - Zion Crossroads
Zion Crossroad, Va. 22942

Do you like to eat? Do you support good causes? Then come to IHOP on July 28 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM and just order off the menu CHIU will receive 20% back on all orders. Just let them know when placing your order that you are with the CHIU Fundraiser and we will get credit.
Good for take-out orders too!

Catholic Q & A

Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

INTROSPECTIVE

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

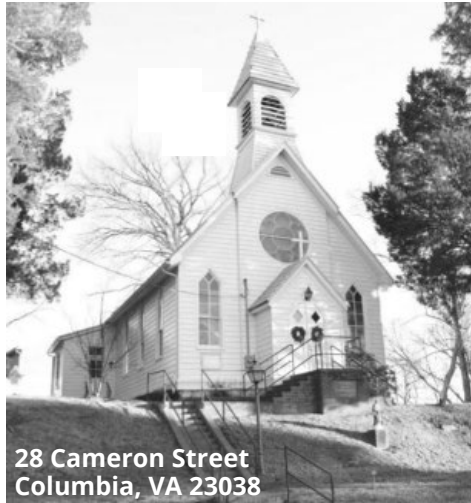
July 14, 2024
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Burnout. Recent studies suggest that roughly two-thirds of doctors and nurses have signs of it. You probably know what burnout is: long-term stress leading to emotional exhaustion and a lack of a sense of personal accomplishment. Burnout can threaten anyone who tries to seriously serve and love others. How does our faith inform this challenging experience, and how do we find refreshment?

The apostles face something like burnout this week in Mark 6. They are run down from their missionary work, and Jesus says, “Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while.” For them, and for us, it takes humility to intentionally rest. It means the world can go on without us. It stings our pride to admit God is necessary and we are not. Choosing to leave our good work to be with him — whatever the cost — is an act of humble faith. And that trust in God begins to revive us.

But there’s more to it. Hilariously, Mark tells us that throngs of needy people find out where the apostles are going and arrive ahead of them. Imagine the exasperation of the burnt-out apostles. “Can we please get a minute to ourselves? This is not healthy!” And Jesus seems to encourage the boundary violation by telling his frayed followers to feed the crowd. Look: once we move into humble rest, he calls us to more work, because we are made for love, not for rest. But Jesus does the vast bulk of the labor. He himself is the one who multiplies the small offering until everyone is satisfied.

What finally gives our heart rest isn’t more vacation time. It’s experiencing the super abundant generosity of God for us and those whom we serve. — Father John Muir



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OFFERTORY

JULY 7TH \$ 1110

M & R \$ 45

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD Registration
begins Sunday,
August 4th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechist Gathering

July 27, 2024

9:00-12:00

at Sts. Peter & Paul

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(Mt 19:13)



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A DESERTED PLACE - COLLEEN JURKIEWICZ DORMAN

In one of my favorite shows, “Parks and Recreation,” there is a scene where one of the characters, Jerry, is tasked with stuffing hundreds of envelopes with flyers as part of his volunteer work for a local city council campaign.

Jerry’s efficient, almost mechanical completion of the job amazes his coworkers, who gather to watch in awe while he folds, inserts, seals, and stamps — over and over again. After several hours, the huge pile of envelopes is finally ready for mailing ... and Jerry realizes that he has stuffed them all with the wrong piece of paper.

“I always say, it ain’t government work unless you do it twice,” he quips as he restarts the task.

In any work, no matter how worthy or fulfilling it is, there is a point where the task transforms into mere routine. It can happen with anything: ministry, marriage, parenthood, even prayer. There is no shame in this. It doesn’t mean that we don’t enjoy these pursuits or feel passion for the mission inherent in them.

It only means that we are human, and we get tired.

When the Apostles return from their travels, Jesus recognizes their exhaustion. He encourages them to “come away to a deserted place.” He inhabits a human body, so he knows the weariness to which it is subject. He knows what it is to be tired, to be hungry. He knows that it’s hard to do the work when your body is failing you.

It’s important for us to recognize those times when Jesus is calling us to a deserted place — and it’s important for us to follow him there, even if we are pursued by feelings of doubt and guilt, just as the Apostles were followed by crowds hungry for their ministry.

Solitude is not selfishness. Contemplation is not idleness. To withdraw does not mean to run away.

The work we do — whatever it is — deserves our whole strength. If we have lost that, there is only one place we are sure to find it again.

“He said to them, ‘Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.’” — Mark 6:31

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