

September 1, 2024

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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

1st Saturday 10am: SPP

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

1st Saturday 9:00am: SPP

Saturday 4pm: SPP

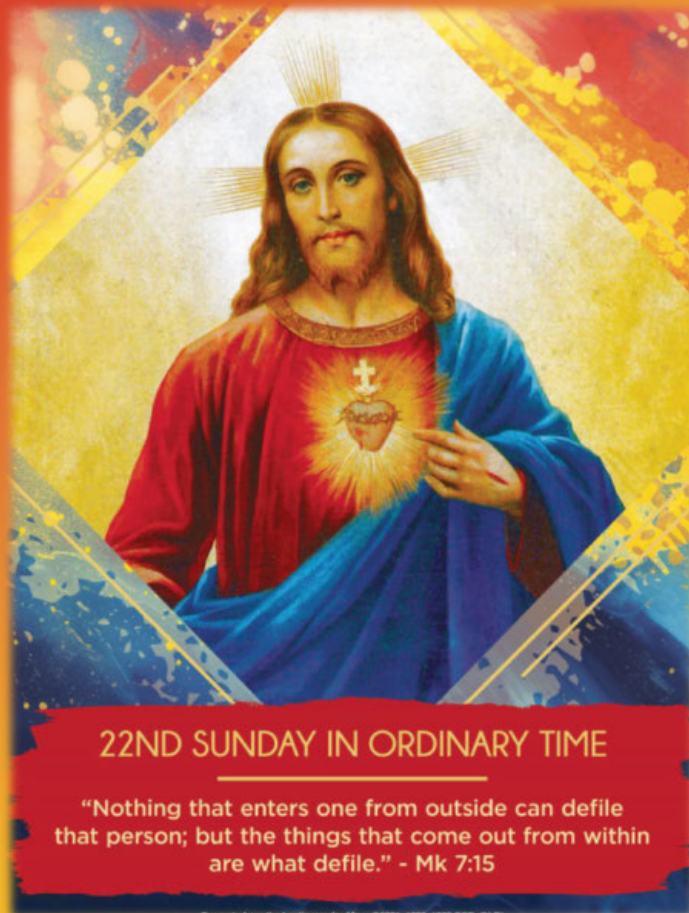
Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:15

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Whether you are a visitor,
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 SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/
Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/
Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/
Mk 7:31-37

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

SEPTEMBER 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor: Don & Eileen
Tyler
In Memory of:
Bill Tyler



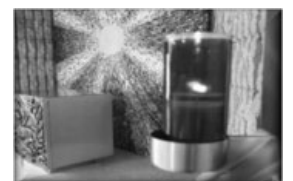
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SANCTUARY CANDLE

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



ENCOUNTER

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP GIVING IT ALL BACK

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?


Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that's justice.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS




22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2024

“Keep the commandments of the Lord.” Seek a life deeply aligned with His divine will and purpose. If you feel He is calling you to become 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




PARISH YOUTH



Religious Education



CCD/RCIA

It's not too late to register -- please stop by the Office, M-F, 9:00 - 3:00.

Please remember to bring a copy of your child(ren)'s baptismal certificate.

Classes start September 8th.

The entire family is invited to attend the first class.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Wash your hands before you eat! Did you know that rule came from God, so that we would stay healthy? In today's Gospel, the Pharisees liked to wash their hands and follow God's rules, only because they liked to show off. Don't be like those Pharisees. When you follow God's rules, do the right thing out of love for God.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to keep my heart clean, full of love for you and other people. 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: **September 15th and October 13th.**

PUZZLE

Find the matching pair.



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MISSION

The next time you wash your hands, thank God that he made rules to keep us all safe, healthy and happy.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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|--------------|------|------|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| Saturday | 8/31 | 5pm | Margaret Suliga | D | Jane Suliga |
| Sunday | 9/1 | 9am* | Misa Pro Populo | | |
| Sunday | 9/1 | 11am | Gary Johnson | D | Parishioners of SPP |
| Wednesday | 9/4 | 9am | Dr. Sarama John | D | Janet Galbo |
| Thursday | 9/5 | 9am | | | |
| Friday | 9/6 | 9am | | | |
| 1st Saturday | 9/7 | 10am | Edward Fulford | D | Bob & Muriel Toepfert |
| Saturday | 9/7 | 5pm | Fred Mariutto | D | Diana Mariutto |
| Sunday | 9/8 | 9am* | Rose Kenny | D | Patricia |
| Sunday | 9/8 | 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 Kuhlrow, 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, David & Pat Garner, 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 Kuhlrow, 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, and Walter Welham

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

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Dear Lord,

Bless and protect the men and women whose hard work provides food and shelter to them and their families, services to our communities, and care to our world. Be with them as they work, but also as they rest and recreate in Your care.

Amen.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: How many archangels are officially recognized by the Catholic Church?

Answer: Seven. Three are biblical and four are from tradition.

PARISHIONER UPDATES:

If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or email, or if you have signed up for Faith Direct and no longer need envelopes, 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

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|---|---------------------------|
| Pew Count Sat. - 115 Sun. - 163 | August 17 & 18 |
| First Offering | \$ 3,807 |
| First Offering: Faith Direct | \$ 2,438 |
| Total | \$ 6,245 |
| August - MTD Debt Reduction | \$ 3,460 |
| Water Damage Appeal | \$ 5,766 |

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

SEPTEMBER 7TH/8TH

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is September 7th/8th after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thanks!

OUR BAKE SALES NEED HELPERS!

- ◆ Bakers are needed to provide baked goods each month.
- ◆ We also need people to sell the goodies at each Mass on the first full weekend of each month.
- ◆ Please contact Sue Scott (434.591.1205) if you are willing to do either/both of these tasks.



Chesterton Academy of St. John

the Evangelist, a classical high school joyfully rooted in the Catholic faith, seeks an experienced, energetic,

personable, and self-motivated receptionist and administrative assistant to be an integral part of our school's team. Please see <https://www.chestertonsje.org/careers> or send an email to info@chestertonSJE.org.

MARRIED COUPLES. Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make 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:

- September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA
- October 11-13, 2024 - College Park, MD
- November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Safe Environment Specialist to support the Office of Safe Environment. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/3zTQ6e1>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking an Administrative Assistant to support the Office of Black Catholics and the Office of Social Ministry. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/45YnnAw>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Coordinator of Campus Ministry to serve the Catholic Campus Ministry at Roanoke College in Salem, VA. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/3zMgVAK>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

“Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you.”

Venerable Fulton Sheen

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.

Registration going on now. Classes resume on Sunday, September 8th.



BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm
Resuming on September 9

ROOM SCHEDULE

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|---------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Sat | 31-Aug | Confessions | 4:00p | Church |
| | | Vigil Mass | 5:00p | Church |
| Sun | 1-Sep | Confessions | 8:30a | St. Joseph's |
| | | Mass | 9:00a | St. Joseph's |
| | | Sunday Mass | 11:00a | Church |
| Mon | 2-Sep | OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY | | |
| Tues | 3-Sep | | | |
| Wed | 4-Sep | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| | | COAT Meeting | 10:00a | Commons |
| | | Finance Council | 5:30p | St. Joseph's |
| | | Scouts | 6:30p | F |
| Thurs | 5-Sep | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| | | Yoga | 11:00a | F |
| | | KoC Round Table | 6:00p | St. Joseph's |
| | | Cursillo | 6:00p | 123 |
| Fri | 6-Sep | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| | | Adoration | 9:30a | Church |
| | | Benediction | 3:00p | Church |
| Sat | 7-Sep | Confessions | 9:00a | Church |
| | | 1st Saturday Mass & Rosary | 10:00a | Church |
| | | Confessions | 4:00p | Church |
| | | Vigil Mass | 5:00p | Church |
| | | Bake Sale After Mass | 6:00p | Church |
| Sun | 8-Sep | Confessions | 8:30a | St. Joseph's |
| | | Mass | 9:00a | St. Joseph's |
| | | CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation | 9:30a | Church |
| | | CCD | 10:30a | St. Joseph's |
| | | 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) | | |

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL:

Wednesday,
September 24
at 10:00 am
in the Commons

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

The Chapel is temporarily closed while we wait for the completion of the repairs. 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



Did you miss a weekly offering while on summer vacation? eGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for our parish to receive your weekly offering and other Church Support. eGiving through Faith Direct will also save you time while helping our parish reduce our expenses. And getting started with eGiving is easy.

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.



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3:30 - 4:30pm
6:00 - 6:45pm

SUNDAY
12:00 - 1:00pm

T-Shirts

\$15

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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 after Mass to talk about the trip and answer any questions. Brunch will be served. A detailed brochure will be available in The Commons or at www.albastours.com.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IT'S HUMAN TRADITION TO WIPE YOUR FEET BEFORE GOING INTO YOUR MOTHER'S HOUSE.

NOW, GOD ONLY COMMANDS THAT YOU LOVE YOUR MOTHER, NOT THAT YOU WIPE YOUR FEET.

BUT IF YOU LOVE YOUR MOTHER YOU'LL WIPE YOUR FEET.

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Bluegrass & BBQ



A FUNDRAISING LUNCH TO BENEFIT **All Blessings Flow**

LIVE MUSIC BY THE **Tara Mills Band**



Saturday, September 14 • 1 to 3 pm

\$10 per person suggested donation

Menu: barbecue, mac and cheese, baked beans, cole slaw, and cornbread.

RSVP by September 12 to 434-973-1155 ext 424 or lori.madison@our-lady-of-peace.com.

All Blessings Flow is a local faith-based nonprofit founded to help families living with disabilities and serious health conditions. Our primary mission is to promote health equity by collecting and refurbishing healthcare items and providing them to those in need in the Greater Charlottesville area. For underserved families, obtaining the healthcare items they need can be a life-changing blessing.

Donations of medical supplies will be accepted.

For a list of all acceptable donations, please visit: www.allblessingsflow.org



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Catholic Q & A

QUESTION:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

ANSWER:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

CALL FOR GOOD SHEPHERDS:

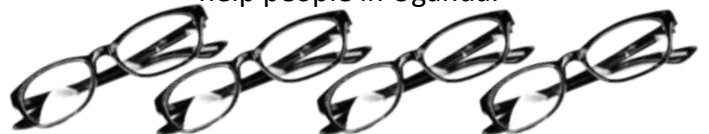
Occasionally we might have a parishioner who needs a temporary helping hand or can no longer drive. Can you make time to help with a ride to a doctor's appointment, church, bank or to the grocery store? This is what the "Good Shepherd" ministry is about. With your name in my call file, you might be asked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

Patricia Travers

434-953-5432

EYE GLASSES FOR UGANDA

Do you have old eye glasses that aren't helpful any more? Are they just piling up? Wondering what you can do with them? There is a collection box in the entrance of the church to deposit any unused, or even brand new eye glasses, which will help people in Uganda.

An advertisement for a virtual support group. It features a background image of a church interior with a stained glass window. At the top center is a shield-shaped logo with a cross and a book. The text is centered and reads: "Dedicated to helping you heal" in a cursive font. Below that, in a sans-serif font: "Virtual Support Group for those who have suffered abuse by clergy or lay personnel residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond." Further down: "We invite you to join the group on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal." Below that: "Spouses and affected community members are also welcome." At the bottom left: "Questions? Email vac@richmonddiocese.org". At the bottom right is a QR code. Below the QR code: "QR code for joining the virtual support group."

INTROSPECTIVE

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

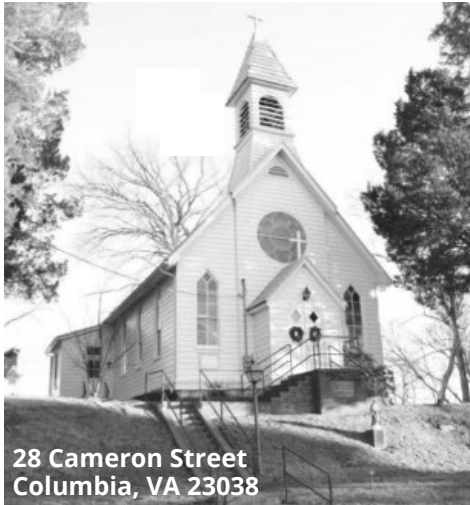
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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from within each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us. — Father John Muir



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September 8th.
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 Nona Dooley * Alice Galvez-Sobral *
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 India Martin * Angelica Motta *
 Odila Motta * Oscar Motta *
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 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.



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

THE WORD

On November 28, 1981, Alphonsine Mumureke was in the dining room at her high school in Kibeho, a small village in southwestern Rwanda. She heard a voice. It was a woman, veiled and beautiful. Alphonsine asked her who she was. "I am the Mother of the Word," answered the woman.

It was the first appearance of Our Lady of Kibeho, who would return to visit Alphonsine and two of her schoolmates over the course of the next eight years. She left with them an urgent call for repentance, along with a prophecy of the Rwandan genocide that would come to fruition in the next decade.

I have always found it compelling that Our Lady chose to identify herself in this way at Kibeho. The Mother of the Word. A title so simple and so concise, but so heavy with meaning.

"In the beginning was the Word..." says the Gospel of John in its opening lines.

But what is the Word? Is it spoken, or is it felt? Is it seen, written, heard? Is it shouted or whispered? Is it scribbled across pages that will one day dry and disappear? Is it carved into stone tablets, or on the nameplate above a cross? Is it poured over our foreheads? Is it set ablaze in a bush? Is it etched into our hearts?

It is all of these things, yes, but it is more, still. The Word is not something that is merely spoken. It is not merely written. The Word is something that is done. It is something that we must choose to do.

Our Lady of Kibeho lamented that this world "has neither love nor peace." "If you do not convert and heal your hearts, you will all fall into an abyss," she warned.

But how do we convert our hearts? What snatches us back from the brink?

It is the Word, spoken. It is the Word, carried out. Not just one, and not just the other, but both.

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls." — James 1:21

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