

September 8 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



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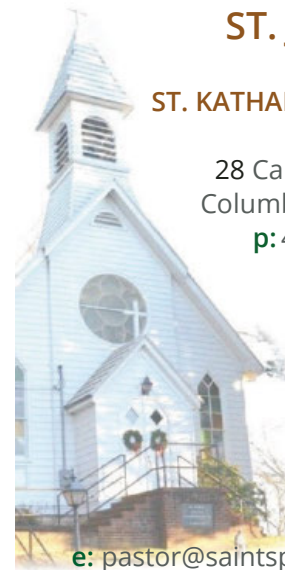
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OUR VISION

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

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:

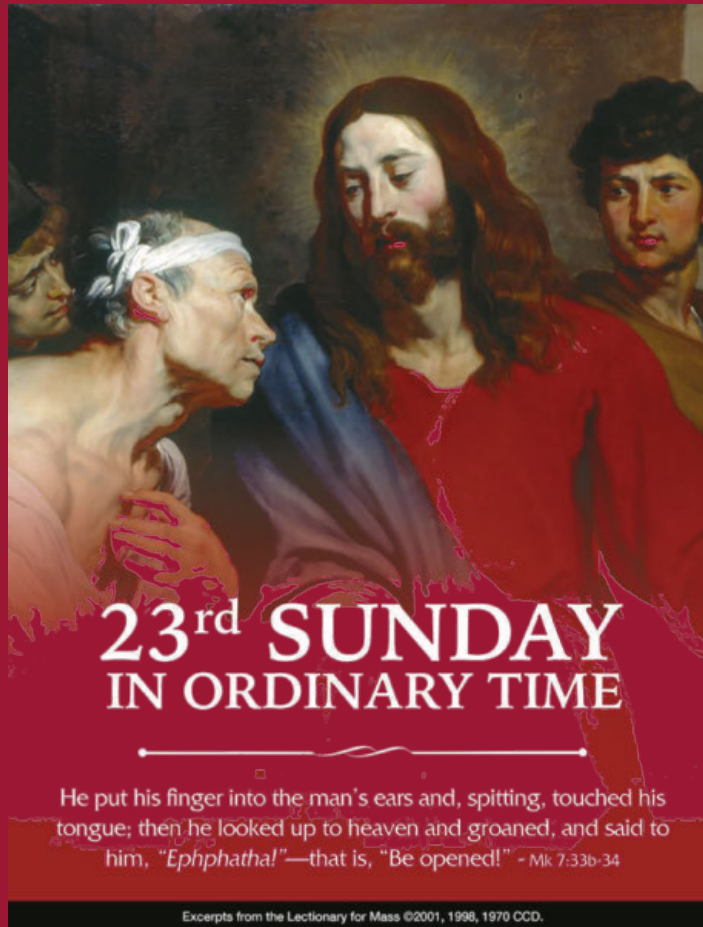
Call Parish Office

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Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



EVANGELIZE

SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to
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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 8, 2024

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/
Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/
Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Monday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Patriot Day

Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Friday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

SEPTEMBER 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor: Don & Eileen

Tyler

In Memory of:

Bill Tyler



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor: Don & Eileen

Tyler

In Memory of:

Bill Tyler



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor: Don & Eileen

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In Memory of:

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



ENCOUNTER

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP CHOOSING DEAFNESS

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.


I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS




23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

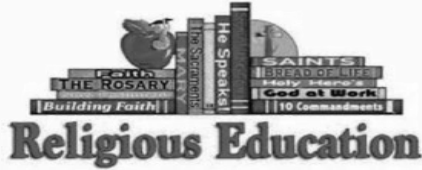
"He makes the deaf hear and mute speak." If you feel Christ encouraging you to be a transformative instrument as a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at
804.359.5661

Or via email:
vocations@richmonddiocese.org



PARISH YOUTH



**Classes start
September 8th.**

**The entire family is invited to
attend the first class.**

**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.**

All youth are invited to the kick-off to



*the new year of
Youth Group with
Karaoke Night
Friday,
September 13, 2024
6:30 - 8:00pm at*

our sister parish, St. Joseph

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Imagine what it would be like to be deaf - unable to hear music, voices or anything. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus healed a deaf man, so that for the first time he could hear and talk clearly. What would you listen to? What would you say?

PRAYER

Dear God, you are so amazing. Thank you for healing the deaf man. Help me to use my ears and voice to praise you.

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 and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GALILEE	TOUCH	SPIT
DEAF	FINGERS	TONGUE
TALK	EARS	AMAZED

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O D L A D H M A C D
F T O N G U E R O G
N A D W A B G I S N
H L I N L M D E A F
J K S P I T S A U I
L E O H L V I R E N
A M A Z E D K S O G
W H F B E O B T I E
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MISSION

Go to the library and find out how to say "Jesus loves you" in sign language. On the way home, pretend you cannot hear or speak.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 7 - 15, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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		
Wednesday	9/11	9am	Judy Brush	D	Janet Galbo
Thursday	9/12	9am	Oliver Witkowski-birthday	I	The Witkowski family
Friday	9/13	9am			
Saturday	9/14	5pm	Judy Snyder	D	Bob & Muriel Toepfert
Sunday	9/15	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	9/15	11am	Jean Marron	D	Charlie & Betty Maurer

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



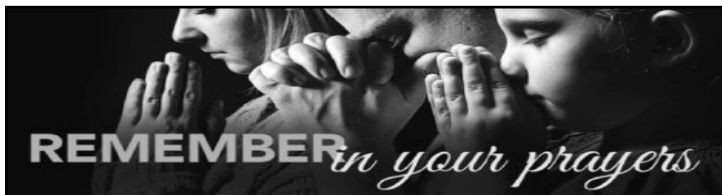
Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, 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.



PRAYER FOR PATRIOT DAY

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers. We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls. Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge. Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding.
Amen.



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, 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, and Walter Welham

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

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

Pew Count Sat. - 110 Sun. - 140	August 24 & 25
First Offering	\$ 2,562
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,438
Total	\$ 5,000
Debt Reduction - August - MTD	\$ 3,585
Water Damage Appeal - August - MTD	\$ 16,685

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

THIS WEEKEND

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is *this weekend* 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.

Flowers are expensive; throw in delivery on top of that! The cost adds up fast. In order to control the cost but still have beauty in the church, we are seeking volunteers to arrange fresh flowers to sit atop the tabernacle every week.

We are seeking enough people so that no one has to do it every week. To find out more details of what is involved, please contact the office with questions at 434.589.5201.



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

August Wedding

Anniversaries

Congratulations to all couples who celebrated their wedding anniversary in the month of August, especially:

<i>John & Tracy S.</i>	26 years
<i>Joe & Nicole A.</i>	28 years
<i>Tom & Kim S.</i>	44 years
<i>Roger & Peg B.</i>	56 years

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the patron saint of grandfathers?

Answer: Saint Joachim, father of Mary.

REMINDER - Food donations for MACAA can be left in the baskets in the entrance of the church for transport every Tuesday. Thank you.

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 resume this Sunday, September 8th.



BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm
St. Francis Hall

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	7-Sep	Confessions	9:00a	Church
		1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	8-Sep	Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	C
		Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E
		CCD	10:30a	E
		Sunday Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	9-Sep	Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	C
		Bible Study	1:00p	F
Tues	10-Sep	KoC Meeting	6:00p	E/F
Wed	11-Sep			
		Mass	9:00a	Church
Thurs	12-Sep	Scouts	6:30p	F
		Mass	9:00a	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	F
Fri	13-Sep	Cursillo	6:00p	123
		Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Scout Campout FRI - SUN	6:00p	Outside
Sat	14-Sep	Youth Group Karaoke	6:30p	St. Joseph's
		Lectors, EMHC, Ushers, AS Mass	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
Sun	15-Sep	Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		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 w/Catechists	11:00a	Church
Parish Trip speaker		12:15p	C	
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	M - St. Michael (Church)	
		C - Commons (Church)		

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

We welcome guest speaker Mr. Forney Shell. He is a local author and last visited us in June, talking about "Mastering the Bucket List". This time he will talk about "Having a Successful Life: No Permission Necessary".

Wednesday, September 25
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



After the joyful summer months, the Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services and ministries for our church families and for those in our community. Your recurring gifts will help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries throughout the year, even if you need to miss a Sunday service.

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

STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org

HOURS:	Greeting Cards	Jewelry
	Baby items	Figurines
SATURDAY	Rosaries	Graphic Ts
3:30 - 4:30pm	Gifts for the home	Special orders
6:00 - 6:45pm	Books	And more
SUNDAY		
12:00 - 1:00pm		

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.

"What did the angel do when he forgot the message he was supposed to deliver?"



"He winged it."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "100 CLUB"

AUGUST WEEKLY WINNERS:

- 08/07 - #96 - Bob Scott
- 08/14 - #79 - OPEN
- 08/21 - #21 - Matt Holcomb
- 08/28 - #09 - Mary Rausa

Congratulations!

GRANDPARENTS DAY BLESSING

God of our ancestors, we thank you for our children and our children's children. They are reminders from you about how precious life can be. We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren. Those of us who now pray to you also seek your blessing upon these men and women who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents. Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with your abundant grace. We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Be good, Love the Lord, Pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!

St. Josephine Bakhita

Catholic Q & A

QUESTION:

What is the history behind the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

ANSWER:

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM | SEPTEMBER 13



Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means

“golden-mouthed.”

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

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.



ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

INTROSPECTIVE

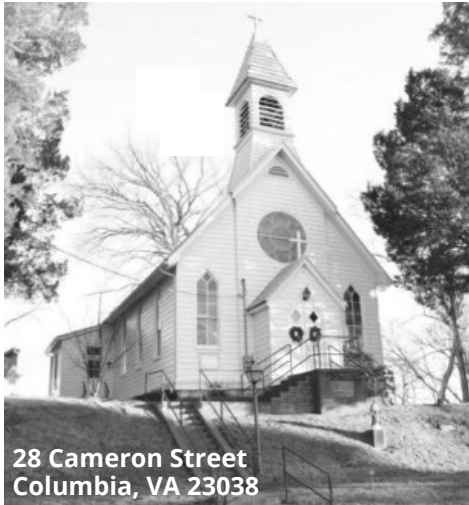
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 8, 2024
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love. — Father John Muir



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Debbie Blackburn | 804.815.3732

August Wedding

Anniversaries

Congratulations to all couples who celebrated their wedding anniversary in the month of August, especially:

Will & Julie K 18 years

Rafael Alvarez & Martha C 25 years

OFFERTORY

AUGUST 25

\$ 1601

*Thank you
for your
generosity!*

CCD starts today!

The entire family is invited to the first class.

*All youth are invited to the
kick-off to our new year of
Youth Group on Friday,
September 13, 2024
6:30-8:00pm
at St. Joseph Church*





PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Ellen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *
 David Carbocci * Maria Correa *
 Nona Dooley * Alice Galvez-Sobral *
 Mauricio Granados * Andy Mallory *
 India Martin * Angelica Motta *
 Odila Motta * Oscar Motta *
 Thelma Motta * Denise Pillar *
 John Stewart * Jordan Watkins *
 Diane Wolfe *

If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: kenneymg@gmail.com

If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date at least 6 months out.



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

BE OPENED

There are several moments throughout the calendar year when we are tricked into thinking we can reinvent ourselves.

One of them is New Year's Day. The barista at my coffee shop told me that they sell more decaf coffee in January than in the entirety of the remaining year, because everyone is swearing off caffeine. By February, she said, the trend subsides: folks have realized they're not actually superheroes just because the last digit of the year has increased by one.

The beginning of a new school year is another of those moments. Every pencil is freshly sharpened, and every lesson plan is painstakingly plotted. Our heads are full of what we plan to do this year, how we plan to do it, who we plan to become.

But by May, the wind is out of our sails. We've learned the concepts, we've used up the pencils, yes — but we've remembered that underneath it all we're basically the same people, with the same shortcomings and the same obstacles as we always were. The only difference in September was we had new planners.

The truth is that we cannot reinvent ourselves. We can't change ourselves at all, not on New Year's Day or the first day of school or on our 40th birthday or after quitting a bad habit. We are what we are: blind in some ways, deaf in others, crippled in still more, moving through life with uncertainty, stumbling in the dark.

People don't change. Not without miracles.

But being a Christian means believing in miracles and being ready for them at any moment — in January or in September, in the middle of a hopeless week or at the end of a bad day, when you feel strong and when you don't, when you want to be better and when you feel too tired to try.

No, we can't change ourselves, but we can be changed. There is one who can change us if we will let him. He is waiting — now, tomorrow, yesterday, next week. The time is always right for a miracle.

“He put his finger into the man's ears ... and said to him, ‘Ephphatha!’— that is, ‘Be opened!’ —And immediately the man's ears were opened ...” Mark 7:34-35

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