

December 8, 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

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

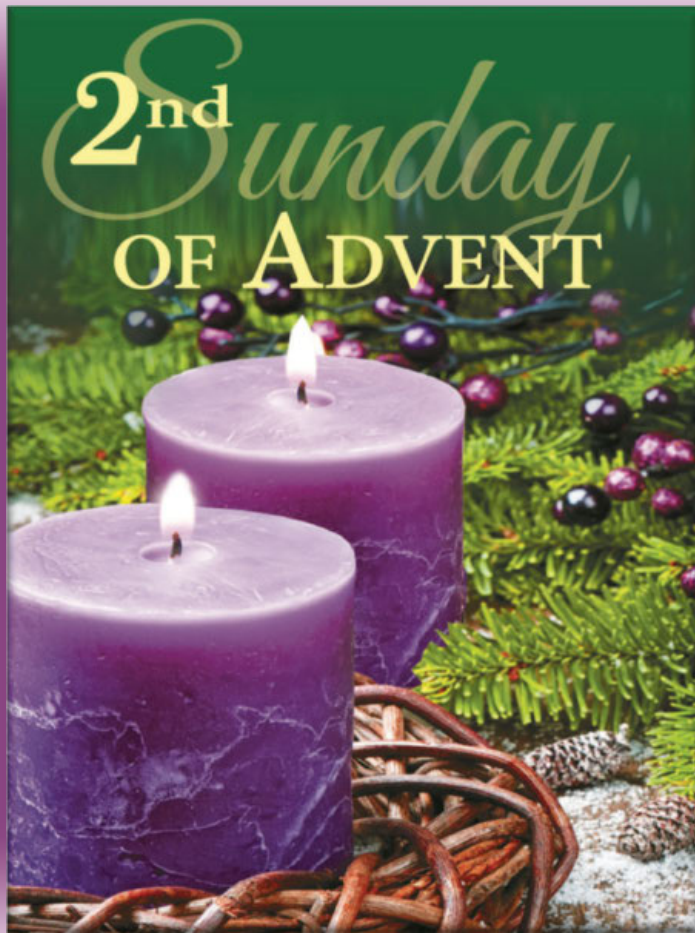
Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



EVANGELIZE

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SERVE

WELCOME



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BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to
karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org



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 DECEMBER 8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Our Lady of Loreto
Wednesday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

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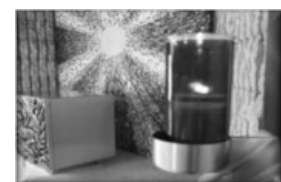
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2024

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Luke 3:4. John the Baptist's call to prepare for Christ can also be a call to prepare your heart for a vocation. Is Christ calling you to serve in Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations
804.359.5661

Or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



JOB OPENING

Sts. Peter and Paul is looking for an

Administrative Assistant

This full-time position requires one to maintain an efficient parish office to serve the pastor and people of the parish; to maintain accurate financial records, personnel files and prepare all necessary correspondence. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume and Diocesan application to:

Father David

pastor@saintspeterpaul.org

434.589.5201



ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

DECEMBER 8, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when “the word of God came to John the Baptist:” Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.



Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you?

Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: “Come, Lord Jesus. Come.”

Father John Muir

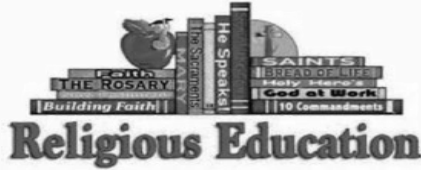
PARISHIONER UPDATES:

If you move, change your email or phone number, no longer need envelopes, etc., let us know. We don't want you to miss anything!

Call: 434.589.5201 | Email: office@saintspeterpaul.org

Come in: 4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway (Parish Hall)

PARISH YOUTH



**Classes meet every
Sunday at 9:30AM
Meet in St. Francis Hall**

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

Lessons & Carols at Sts. Peter & Paul

December 15 - 2:00 - 4:00pm

All youth are invited to create a Nativity scene to be displayed during Lessons and Carols on December 15. **All scenes must be 3D**, no drawings or paintings. Use any materials you have on hand, for example: clay/play dough, Popsicle sticks, cardboard boxes and tubes, building blocks/Legos, natural materials (rocks, sticks, grass). All nativity scenes need to be turned in by December 8th to Celeste.

If you have a Nativity scene that you would like to display during Lessons & Carols, please bring it to St. Francis Hall on Saturday, December 14 between 10am - 2pm.

PRAYER

Dear God, when I find myself doing or saying things that you would not like, help me to stop and start over.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Have you ever played a game where you asked for a “do-over” so you could try again. When John told his neighbors to be baptized, he wanted them to have a second chance, a “do-over.” He wanted to give them a fresh, clean start with God.

Inquiries about the **Sacrament of Baptism**, or any of the Sacraments, should be directed to Celeste at religioused@saintspeterpaul.org for registration and prep information.

PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

BAPTIZED	JOHN	CROOKED
FORGIVEN	DESERT	SMOOTH
ISAIAH	STRAIGHT	ROUGH

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

MISSION

When you catch yourself being selfish, not following directions, or using hurtful words, stop. Say you're sorry, ask for forgiveness, and then try again.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 15, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	12/7	5pm	Dottie Taylor	D	Anthony & Patricia Amato
Sunday	12/8	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	12/8	11am	Dottie Taylor	D	Michael & Nancy King
Monday - Immaculate Conception	12/9	9am*			
Monday - Immaculate Conception	12/9	12noon	Jack Bisgrove	D	Marsha Bisgrove
Tuesday	12/10	12noon	Dorothy Taylor	D	Diane Caron
Wednesday	12/11	9am	Dottie Taylor	D	Walter Taylor
Thursday	12/12	9am	Doreen & Jerry Brophy	D	Bill & Veronica Lyttle
Friday	12/13	9am	George Rindos	D	Anne Marie Rindos
Saturday	12/14	5pm	Dominick Capuano	D	Gerard & Linda Zink
Sunday	12/15	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	12/15	11am	Joe Lodato	D	Michael & Nancy King

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, Russ Marron, Adam Warren, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Joseph Ayuso, Joe and Sophia Murphy, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Alex Ostrowski, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



REMEMBER in your prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jim Cullinan, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, the Fellins, Patty Frawley, David & Pat Garner, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Michael Gross, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, George Kuhlow, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Zachary W. Mayo II, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Margaret Reilly, Douglas Robinson, Carol Scampoli, Kathy Seroskie, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Rob Toepfert, Jr. Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters, the Williams and Walter Welham

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



As a Parish, we strive to be good stewards of our resources. Many families have moved away from Envelopes and are now using Faith Direct to fulfill their generous stewardship commitments to our parish and the wider church through electronic donations. We also have found that many are not using their envelopes that we mail out. Help us to reduce our envelope and postage expense and at the same time support us in a secure and convenient way by enrolling with Faith Direct. It's easy to get started. Here are ways to sign up: Visit faith.direct/VA249 or Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866.507.8757.

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who does the first and second readings during Mass?

Answer: The Lector

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 120 Sun. - 179	November 23 & 24
First Offering	\$ 3,686
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,435
Total	\$ 6,121
Nov MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,417

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

JANUARY 4 & 5

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is Jan. 4 & 5 after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday
December 25th, 2024
2:00 PM
St. Francis Hall

Donations for Christmas dinner are gratefully accepted in the designated box.

Bring a side or dessert to share

Lighting on the chandelier in the Mission Hall in the Commons.

You're invited to . . .

Lessons & Carols
and Nativity Exhibit

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2024
STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH
2:00PM IN ST. FRANCIS HALL

May the season be merry and bright!

COME AND ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC, STORIES, COOKIES, SANTA, AND FELLOWSHIP.



#iGIVECATHOLIC/GIVING TUESDAY ON DECEMBER 3RD WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. THANK YOU TO ALL THE ORGANIZERS AND ALL WHO PARTICIPATED AND CONTRIBUTED.

THE *Angel* TREE
STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH
HELPING OTHERS

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED SPREAD CHRIST'S JOY THIS CHRISTMAS BY PROVIDING GIFTS OR GIFT CARDS.

SAVE THE DATE!

On Wednesday, December 18, meet us at Gia's Italian Restaurant for Dinner (198 Turkey Sag Trail, Palmyra). Identify yourself as a SPP parishioner and 10% of your dinner purchase (dine in or take out) will come back to the Parish as a gift.

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.

Sundays
9:30am



BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm

Room 123

Next meeting is January 6, 2025

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	7-Dec	Nicholson/Aycock Wedding	10:30a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	Church
Sun	8-Dec	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E
		CCD	10:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	9-Dec	Immaculate Conception (HDO)	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Immaculate Conception (HDO)	12:00	Church
Tues	10-Dec	Mass/Confessions	12:00p	Church
Wed	11-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	E/F
Thurs	12-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS	5:30p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	13-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:45a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Youth Group	6:30p	E/F
Sat	14-Dec	Lessons & Carols Set Up	10:00a	E/F
		Baptisms	11:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	15-Dec	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
		LESSONS & CAROLS	2:00p	E/F

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

Wednesday, December 18
10:00 am, Commons

Topic for Discussion
"My Favorite Gift Ever"

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

Block schedule for those who want a regular weekly adoration time is posted on the wall in the hall across from the Religious Store.

Any Questions?

Contact: Denise Minor - dminor92@gmail.com



PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE

APRIL 24 - MAY 4, 2025 \$5,449

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Website: albastours.com

***Register NOW to ensure your spot on this very special journey.**

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.



The KoC Toy Drive

The Knights of Columbus are collecting brand new, in the box and tagged toys for Santa to deliver to those in our two parishes that need a little help bringing joy to the children this Christmas. Toys for boys and girls of all age groups are needed. Please place unwrapped toys under the Knights table at the back of the commons. Thank you so much for your generosity. We truly cannot make with happen without donations from our parishioners.

The KoC Helps Santa

The Knights of Columbus are working with Santa Claus to help our two parishes and our families. Things get a little tight for us all sometimes, and Christmas time is no exception. If you find yourself this Christmas season in need of a little help putting toys under the tree for your children please contact us so we can talk to Santa. Discretion will be of the utmost importance. Only one Knight will be directly involved with those who call, and he will speak directly to Santa. Please Contact David Cauffield for more information and assistance 814.525.0594

STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org

HOURS:

SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 6:45pm

SUNDAY

12:00 - 1:00pm

For a limited time, the store is offering custom Christmas T-shirts. Pick from pre-selected designs and colors to create the shirt of your liking.



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Prayer for the second week of Advent Prayer of Preparation

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival —

Make straight the paths, Lord!

Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name.

Amen.



Catholic Q & A

QUESTION:

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of “Las Posadas”?

ANSWER:

“Posada” is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. “Las Posadas” refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our “posada.” As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell .



DIocese OF RICHMOND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- **Diocesan Synod Program Manager** as it prepares for the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Diocese plans to hold a Diocesan Synod from Pentecost 2025 to Pentecost 2026, creating a space for community to engage in meaningful conversations, come together in faith, and pray collectively, united in the Eucharist. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/4f2q5Ji>
- **Saint Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School** (grades PreK-8) located in Hampton, Virginia, seeks dynamic and highly qualified candidates for the position of **Principal**. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/3YOPzPU>
- Diocesan position as **Administrative Assistant** to support the Office for Evangelization. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/3XiIBTZ>
- Full Time **Information Technology Specialist** to work in the Christiansburg area. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/4dJhIrV>
- **Coordinator of Campus Ministry** to serve the Catholic Campus Ministry at Roanoke College in Salem, VA. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/3zMqVAK>
- Diocesan position as full time **Accounting Manager** for the Office of Finance. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/4eSK7Wh>
- The Catholic Diocese of Richmond seeks a **Director of Development for Catholic Campus Ministry at William & Mary** in Williamsburg, VA. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/4eM6IJH>
- **St. John the Apostle Catholic School** (grades PreK-8) located in Virginia Beach, VA. is seeking dynamic and highly qualified candidates for the position of **Principal**. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/48OqFOR>
- **St. Gregory the Great Catholic School** (grades Prek-8) located in Virginia Beach, VA is seeking dynamic and highly qualified candidates for the position of **Principal**. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/3YKFW8m>
- **All Saints Catholic School** (grades PreK-8) located in Richmond, VA, seeks dynamic and highly qualified candidates for the position of **Principal**. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/3UOEMr2>

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

We have a limited number of 2025 church calendars available.
Limit one per Household, please. Available in the Commons.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

GOD'S PERSONAL ASSISTANTS

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mary Ellen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *
- David Carbocci * Maria Correa *
- Nona Dooley * Bob Fermoye *
- Alice Galvez-Sobral * Mauricio Granados *
- Andy Mallory * India Martin *
- Angelica Motta * Odila Motta *
- Oscar Motta * Thelma Motta *
- Ron Offley * 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.



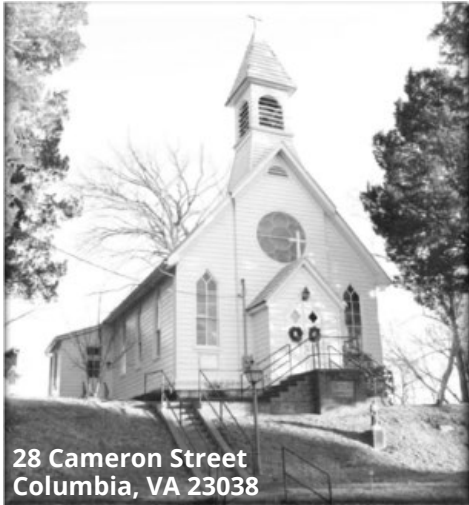
ANNUAL ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE AND POTLUCK SUPPER
AFTER MASS ON DECEMBER 15
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

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ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

INTROSPECTIVE



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Danielle Carter-Bledsoe |

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for him but to come to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to conceive the Savior of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.



Lessons & Carols at Sts. Peter & Paul

December 15 - 2:00 - 4:00pm

All youth are invited to create a Nativity scene to be displayed during Lessons and Carols on December 15. **All scenes must be 3D**, no drawings or paintings. Use any materials you have on hand, for example: clay/play dough, Popsicle sticks, cardboard boxes and tubes, building blocks/Legos, natural materials (rocks, sticks, grass). All nativity scenes need to be turned in by December 9 to Celeste.

If you have a Nativity scene that you would like to display during Lessons & Carols, please bring it to St. Francis Hall on Saturday, December 14 between 10am - 2pm.

St. Joseph Parish Activities

Beginning December 1	Novena of the Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sunday after 9:00 AM Mass, weekdays at 7pm
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 5:30 PM Mass 6:00 PM Food and Fellowship after Mass

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