

APRIL 6, 2025

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)



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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

Tuesday - Noon

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



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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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 APRIL 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2025

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
Friday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

WEEK OF APRIL 6 - 12, 2025

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor:

Hal & Linda Smith

In Memory of:

Jim Cullinan



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:

In Memory of:



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

LENT



5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 6, 2025

*"Neither do I condemn you. Go,
and from now on do not sin
anymore."*
(Luke 15:20)

Jesus' words reveal the ultimate trust and surrender to God's will. In vocations, we're invited to echo this trust, placing our lives in God's hands and answering His call with courage and faith. AS we enter Holy Week, consider whether God is calling you to serve the Church 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



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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!

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ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 6, 2025
5th Sunday Lent
John 8:1-11

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

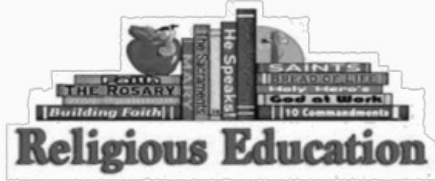
Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is "left alone before him." A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church. — Father John Muir

Father David will take your prayers and petitions to place on the Altar for all the Masses he offers during the Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage, April 21 - May 4.

Place your prayers and petitions in a sealed envelope and put them in the basket at the back of the Commons by Sunday, April 20.

PARISH YOUTH



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

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to be kind to my friends when they make mistakes. Help me to remember that sometimes I make bad choices, too.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

WHEN WE DO SOMETHING WRONG, GOD DOES NOT WANT TO PUNISH US. GOD JUST WANTS US TO STOP, LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES, AND MAKE BETTER CHOICES NEXT TIME. TRY TO REMEMBER THAT NEXT TIME YOU CATCH A FRIEND SINNING. INSTEAD OF TATTLING, TALK TO YOUR FRIEND, AND GENTLY HELP YOUR FRIEND DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

It's Time for Vacation Bible School!

Location: Saint Joseph

Date and Time: June 9-14

6:00-8:00

A light supper will be served at 6:00 and the program will begin at 6:30

Preschool – Grade 5

This year at VBS, your child is invited to *Passport to Peace!* Your child will learn that the love of God and the way of peace transcend all borders and divisions. Led by God's Spirit, we can all participate in creating a more peaceful world.

Your child will make new friends, sing fun songs, watch dramatic presentations of the Bible stories, play active games, do art projects and science explorations, and dig into the Bible. The five Bible stories for the week show children there are many opportunities and ways to live as peacemakers. *Passport to Peace* will help children learn ways to create inner peace, use peacemaking strategies at home, school, and in the community, and practice strategies for conflict resolution.

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

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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.

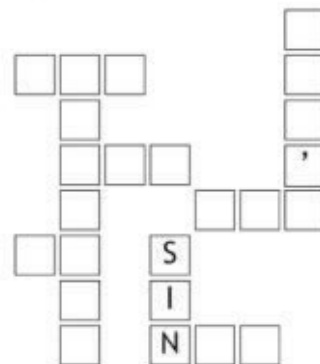
April Youth Activities

- April 12 - Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Retreat 9:00 - 12:00, St. Joseph
- April 20 - Easter Egg Hunts after 9:00 Mass at St. Joseph and after 11:00 Mass at SPP. No CCD
- April 25 - Youth Group at SPP, 6:30 - 8:00, bonfire, S'Mores, games
- April 30 - Confirmation, 7:00 at St. Thomas Aquinas

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You may go now, but don't sin anymore.



MISSION

Name one thing you have done wrong. Jesus can forgive you for your mistakes. Try to forgive other people, too.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 5 - 13

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

1st Saturday	4/5	10am	No 1st Saturday Mass & Rosary		Mass Canceled
Saturday	4/5	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	4/6	9am*	John and Bertha Rogan	D	
Sunday	4/6	11am	Ann Lunning	D	Bill, Veronica & Family
Tuesday	4/8	12Noon	Ann Powers	D	Don & Eileen Tyler
Wednesday	4/9	9am	Jack Ronan	D	Linda & Jerry Zink
Thursday	4/10	9am	Carlos Suarez	D	Eva Morejon
Friday	4/11	9am	Arnoldo Gutierrez	D	Eva Morejon
Saturday	4/12	5pm	Anna & Giovanni Capuano	D	Gerard & Linda Zink
Sunday-Palm Sunday	4/13	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday-Palm Sunday	4/13	11am	Jim & Eileen Davis	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 Kuhlowl, 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, Henry Land and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philomena Alonso, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, the Fellins, Patty Frawley, 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, Jim Kraemer, George Kuhlowl, Judi Kuhlowl, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Zachary W. Mayo II, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Gladys Pfeiffer, 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.

Please join the **Flower Guild**. Two open spots. Contact the office with questions at 434-589-5201



Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish community and its mission.

We are excited to introduce GiveCentral, our new online giving platform that will replace FaithDirect by early April. GiveCentral is convenient, secure, and user-friendly.

You can set up your recurring gift, add your payment method, you can check the box to cover the processing fee (allowing your gift to go even farther) and create your login credentials.

If you have an account with FaithDirect, you have probably received an email invitation to make the switch to GiveCentral. If you don't want to wait or you're new to on-line giving go to www.givecentral.org.

We truly appreciate your commitment to Sts. Peter/Paul.

Chesterton Academy's Essay Competition for \$5k Tuition Credit

A place where **faith** and **authentic friendships** can flourish, offering **rich and rigorous academics**: that's Chesterton Academy, Charlottesville's classical high school in the Catholic tradition. We invite **current and rising high schoolers** to compete for a **\$5,000 tuition credit** in our **essay competition** on **Sat., April 12th.**

See our website for more details:

ChestertonSJE.org.

You may also schedule a tour or shadow day. Come experience the Chesterton difference!

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 117 Sun. - 217	03/22 & 03/23
First Offering	\$ 3,431
E-giving	\$ 2,543
Total	\$ 5,974
Mar MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 2,670
Easter Flowers	\$225

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!

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL GIFT

The remembrance can be for an anniversary, a birthday, in thanksgiving, or to remember deceased loved ones.

Stop by the Parish Office to arrange to have the Bread and Wine, Flowers, and/or Candles donated for someone you love. All donations are for one week (Sunday through Saturday).

- Altar Flowers \$25**
- Bread & Wine \$25**
- Candles \$30**
- Masses \$10 (per Mass)**

40 Days for Life

(Spring 2025 Campaign)

Join us for an hour of peaceful and prayerful presence each Wednesday, starting on March 5th through April 9th, 2025.

Saints Peter and Paul Knights of Columbus Council #11475 invites any and all parishioners to join us on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 AM.

We maintain a vigil and pray in front of Planned Parenthood (2964 Hydraulic Road) in Charlottesville during that same hour, each Wednesday. (Mark your calendar for March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2 and 9. For carpool information or directions, call **Larry Boice, 434-510-7677**. There is ample parking across the street from the site, for those who choose to meet us there.

If you cannot physically join us, please **pray** to end abortion, **wherever** you happen to be!



HELP MAKE OUR GALA A SUCCESS! PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING AN ITEM, EXPERIENCE, OR SERVICE. YOU CAN ALSO REACH OUT TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT MAY BE ABLE TO!

PLEASE CONSIDER OUR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT CCS, AND CAN BE A SOURCE OF EXPOSURE FOR YOUR BUSINESS!



TICKET SALES OPENING SOON! SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADDED!



UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes OCIA, offering instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with an interest in being members of the Catholic faith.

Sundays
9:30am



BIBLE STUDY

Room 123

Mondays
1:00 - 2:00pm

Wednesdays
4:00-5:00pm

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

Wednesday, April 30
10:00 am, Commons

ROOM SCHEDULE

		No 1st Saturday Mass & Rosary		
Sat	5-Apr	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale after Mass	6:00p	Church
Sun	6-Apr	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	7-Apr	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E
		KoC Meeting	7:00p	E
Tues	8-Apr	Mass	12:00p	Church
		Bible Study - Luke	6:30p	St. Joseph's
		Al-Anon	7:00p	123
Wed	9-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Bible Study - Luke	4:00p	123
		Scouts	6:30p	E/F
Thurs	10-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	E/F
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	11-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:45a	Church
		Stations of the Cross	12:00p	Church
		Lenten Lunch	12:30p	Commons
		Fish Fry Days	3:00p	E/F
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	12-Apr	Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
Sun	13-Apr	Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
Sun	13-Apr	Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E/F
		CCD	10:30a	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)		

Talent Show for Uganda—Fundraiser for the next Medical Mission
Sunday, June 22nd, 2:00 pm, Sts. Peter & Paul, E/F

Funds raised will support the next medical mission to be held at St. Francis of Assisi in Kitakyusa next January. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge, but donations will be greatly appreciated. Contact Bob Maher at apaws618@embarqmail.com or (434)589-1170 for more information.

**Saints Peter and Paul
Catholic Church**
4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Palmyra VA



**March 7, 14, 21, 28
April 4 & 11**

**Drive-thru: 4:30 - 6:30
Dine-in: 5:00 - 7:00**

Cash, checks, and
Credit Cards accepted

**\$13 per person:
DRIVE-THRU**

**\$15 per person:
DINE-IN
(includes drinks and
choice of dessert)**



Lenten Spare Change Cans



LENTEN COIN CANS

are available to collect loose change.
Proceeds will go to help those in need this year.

Pick one up, fill it up!

Turn cans in April 5 - 13

Thank you so much for your continued support!

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm


A 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



STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*
religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org



HOURS:

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
3:30 - 4:30pm	12:00 - 1:00pm
6:00 - 6:45pm	

PRAYER OF COMMUNITY

O God,
Help us to see each other as You see us, not by our faults or failings, but by our identity as Your own. Give us Your eyes to see, Your heart to love.

Amen.

Lenten Lunches

**Fridays during Lent
after the Stations at noon**

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|---------|---|
| Mar. 7 | ✠ |
| Mar. 14 | ✠ |
| Mar. 21 | ✠ |
| Mar. 28 | ✠ |
| Apr. 4 | ✠ |
| Apr. 11 | ✠ |



Time: 12:30pm

Location: Commons

Please sign up to bring soup or sandwiches to share.

Catholic Q & A

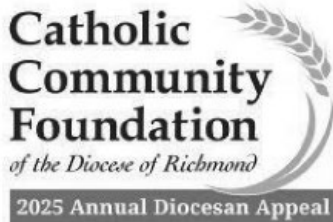
Question:

If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Answer:

Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.



Scan here to donate
to the 2025 Annual
Diocesan Appeal



For questions about your gift please call
GiveCentral (833) 716-2612

POTLUCK LUNCHEONS

Sts. Peter & Paul will be hosting potluck lunches following the Youth Masses on the last Sunday of the month. All you need to do is bring a dish to share.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door in the Commons.



April 27

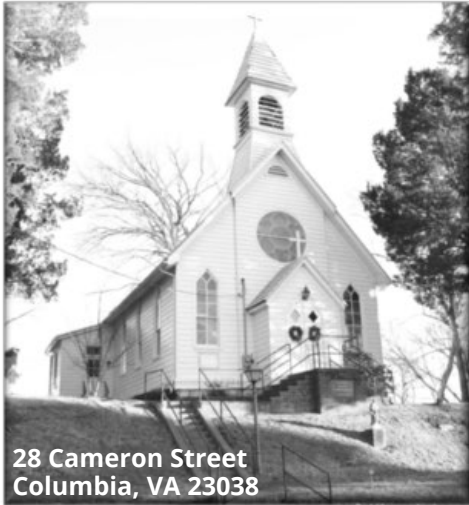
All parishioners are invited to attend, especially families, so we can get to know our fellow parishioners.

Question: How many items does the Vatican Secret Library supposedly hold?

Answer: 000'051

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in April and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on May 3rd or 4th, please notify the office by Friday, April 18, 2025.

INTROSPECTIVE



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

MAKE A WAY

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

Join us for Soup Supper and Stations of The Cross, every Friday during Lent, 6:00 - 7:30pm. Let Will Kulick know if you can bring soup.

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- April 12 - Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Retreat 9:00 - 12:00, St. Joseph
- April 20 - Easter Egg Hunts after 9:00 Mass at St. Joseph and after 11:00 Mass at SPP. No CCD.
- April 25 - Youth Group at SPP, 6:30 - 8:00, bonfire, S'Mores, games
- April 30 - Confirmation, 7:00 at St. Thomas Aquinas



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The Allure of Being Right

It wasn't a real question.

"The law of Moses says we should stone her. What do you say?" the Pharisees asked Jesus as they brought the adulterous woman before him. But they weren't really asking. They didn't care what Jesus' answer was. They didn't ask his opinion because they wanted to know. They asked because they wanted to use his words against him.

Righteousness, truth — that wasn't the goal. The goal was being right.

And in the middle of the whole scene, dragged before Jesus, used as a literal prop in this staged drama, is a woman. A real flesh-and-blood woman.

I find myself wanting to know more about her. She had been "caught in the act," they claimed, but I wonder what that even means. With whom was this act committed, and what were the reasons for her participation in it? Was she coerced? Was she scared? Was she confused? Was it really a cut-and-dry, black-and-white situation of adultery, of lust, of making the wrong decision?

We will never know the answers to these questions, and it doesn't matter — it's not our business. God knows the answers. God knows the truth of the matter: what she did, what she chose, what she felt. Because she wasn't a prop to Him. She was a person.

When God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

I worry that we use one another as props even today, when we try like the Pharisees to illustrate "What is Right." We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them.

Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right. -- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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