

May 4, 2025

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



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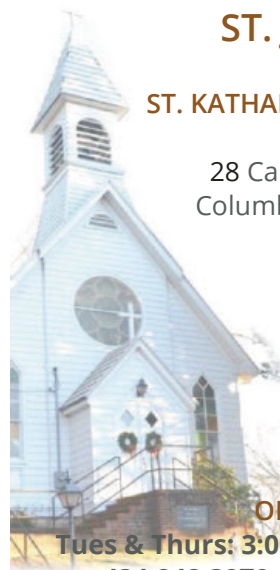
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OUR VISION

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

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



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:13

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1986, 1970 CCD, SLP)

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SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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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.

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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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****WEATHER ALERTS****

For any adverse weather,
please tune in to CBS19 or NBC29
for the latest on closures.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

John 21:1-19

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going. — Father John Muir

Prayer of Belief

Lord, Help me to see You and to recognize what I see.
Help me to hear Your invitation and to respond.
Help me to join You where and when You call. Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/
Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday: Cinco de Mayo
Saturday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations;
Mother's Day

During Eastertide,
we celebrate the
resurrection of
Jesus. Each Sunday
of the season can
be treated as an
Easter Sunday —
making this time
period one large
joyful feast!



SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

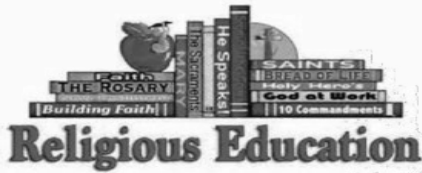
Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

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.

Contact: Denise Minor -
dminor92@gmail.com



FAITH FORMATION



CCD every Sunday at 9:30AM, Sts Peter & Paul. Meet in St. Francis Hall.

CCD every Sunday at 10:30, St. Joseph. Meet in the parish hall.

ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

**Sunday: 9:30am at Sts Peter & Paul
10:30 at St. Joseph**

PRAYER

Dear God, Help me to always remember Jesus.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

AFTER JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, HE MUST HAVE LOOKED VERY DIFFERENT. JESUS HELPED HIS APOSTLE CATH A LOT OF FISH, JUST AS HE HAD DONE BEFORE. JESUS INVITED HIS FRIENDS TO EAT WITH HIM, AND HE STILL BROKE HIS BREAD TO SHARE IT IN THE SAME WAY HE ALWAYS HAD. THE DISCIPLES STILL RECOGNIZED JESUS BY THE THINGS HE DID.

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; 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.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

FISHING
CATCH
BOAT

JUMPED
DRAGGED
BREAD

CHARCOAL
APPEARED
RAISED

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

MISSION

Invite a friend over to eat dinner with your family, so you can share food just like Jesus did.

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.

May Youth Activity Calendar:

May 4 CCD
May 11 CCD
May 16 Youth Group- St. Joseph 6:30-8:00: Art Extravaganza
May 18 CCD (Blessing of graduates during Mass.)
May 31 Youth Group Car Wash Fundraiser 9:00-12:00
Sts Peter and Paul. Volunteers needed to help.

On **Sunday, May 18** there will be a special blessing at Mass for young people who are graduating from high school or college this spring. Graduates and their families attending the Mass that Sunday at either Saints Peter & Paul or St. Joseph's will receive a blessing and then have celebratory cake with coffee/lemonade following the Mass.

If your family plans to attend this Mass, please send the name of the graduate to Celeste (cshapiola@saintspeterpaul.org) or call the office, so we can have the names for Father's blessing.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 3 - MAY 11

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

1st Saturday	5/3	10am	Jonathan Duran and Luigi	D	James & Elizabeth Kosierowski
Saturday	5/3	5pm	Tom Miglas	D	Joann Miglas
Sunday	5/4	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/4	11am	Donna Horan	D	Michael & Nancy King
Tuesday	5/6	12Noon	Todd Novacek	D	Eva Morejon
Wednesday	5/7	9am	Peter Alonso		Veronica Lyttle
Thursday	5/8	9am	Mary McCreery	D	The Taylor Family
Friday	5/9	9am	Louise Robers	D	Deacon Bob
Saturday	5/10	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/11	9am*	Ethel Rogan	D	
Sunday	5/11	11am	Lucille "Lupe" Vieyra	D	Royal & Janis Duffy

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 & 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, Henry Land and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



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)**

REMEMBER *in your prayers*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philomena Alonso, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Douglas, Caron, 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, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Marie Knighting, Jim Kraemer, George Kuhlow, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Bob Maher, Jean Main, 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

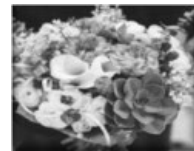
BREAD & WINE

Donor:
Diana Mariutto
In Memory of:
Fred Mariutto



FLOWERS

Donor:
Diana Mariutto
In Memory of:
Fred Mariutto



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:
Colleen Smith
In Memory of:
Patricia E. Schoemer



Celebrating
**ALL OF OUR
FIRST COMMUNICANTS!**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sts Peter & Paul Pew Count	04/19 & 04/20
Sat. - 104 Sun. 88 & 156	
First Offering	\$ 8,335
E-Giving	\$ 3,045
Total	\$ 11,380
Peter's Pence	\$ 254

Sts Peter and Paul Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

MAY 3 & 4

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Sts Peter and Paul next monthly Bake Sale is May 3 & 4 after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass.

St. Joseph Pew Count Not available	04/20
First Offering	\$ 1,563
CRS	\$ 25
Total	\$ 1,588



Thank you to all who have switched over from FaithDirect to Give Central and also to the "newbies" who have decided to take the plunge to give on-line through Give Central. If anyone has not completed the process to switch or give on-line, you can visit to go www.givecentral.org or call the Office and we will help you.

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



A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID:

I want to invite you to the following event:

CHARITABLE GIFTING WORKSHOP

May 13, 2025

6:30 pm, Parish Hall

This event will feature Robert Howard and Jennifer Cunningham (Cornerstone Advisory Group) who will provide information how to manage your charitable giving. This workshop will introduce the process of making a deferred gift to Sts. Peter and Paul, understand the possibilities, consider your own resources (financial planners, attorneys and other professionals) and that you can make an appointment with the experts who are leading the workshop.

Please join me at this event.

April Wedding Anniversaries

<i>Doug & Linda Mullinex</i>	19 Years
<i>David & Melissa Seal</i>	26 Years
<i>Rich & Karen Warren</i>	32 Years
<i>Ronald & Maureen Otten</i>	37 Years
<i>Sid & Connie D'Amico</i>	47 Years
<i>Tom & Lois Kelly</i>	48 Years
<i>Chet & Barbara Senig</i>	49 Years
<i>Jim & Claire Kraemer</i>	53 Years
<i>Anthony & Patricia Amato</i>	59 Years
<i>Bob & Janet Sayre</i>	69 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	3-May	Confessions	9:00a	Church
		1st Saturday Mass & Rosary (TBD)	10:00a	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	Church
Sun	4-May	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	Church
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	10:30a	St. Joseph's
		Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	12:15p	Commons
Mon	5-May	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E/F
		KoC Meeting	7:00p	E/F
Tues	6-May	Mass	12:00p	Church
		Bible Study	6:30p	St. Joseph's
		Troop Committee	6:30p	122
		Parish Council	7:00p	123
		Al-Anon	7:00p	Commons
Wed	7-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Bible Study	4:00p	Commons
		Scouts	6:30p	E/F
		Finance Committee	7:00p	123
Thurs	8-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	F
		Cursillo	6:30p	123
Fri	9-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	10-May	First Holy Communion	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	11-May	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	Church
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	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)		

MAY 4 - WELCOME BACK PARISH PILGRIMS!

Catholic Q & A

Question:

I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer:

You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I am struck by how Jesus addresses the disciples in the 21st chapter of John. They have been fishing all night, and when the dawn comes, Jesus asks, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They hadn't caught a thing, so he tells them what to do to finally fill their nets. These children thought they knew best, but they couldn't get the job done until they listened to Jesus. Like a child who needs a parent, these early followers of Jesus were learning that real maturity of faith requires trusting in and listening to the Teacher.

The stewardship way of life demands of us a certain maturity of discipleship. Just as a child is not yet ready to be a parent, an immature disciple may not yet be ready to sacrifice regardless of the cost or understand the true value of his generosity. So every day, we are challenged and called to respond, sometimes even with little cost to ourselves. But each step, no matter how small, brings with it growth. We are growing not only in maturity, but in the ability to trust in God and how to listen for the call as well.

How mature are you in your faith? How much trust do you have in Jesus Christ? How often do you pause to listen to the instructions of your Teacher? The night is now over, and the dawn is upon you. Reflect on the visible fruit of your stewardship, and then listen for the words of Jesus. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Rosary, Explained

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

Happy Mothers' Day!

May 11, 2025, is Mothers' Day, but let's use the month of May to celebrate

New Mothers' Month!

Please donate baby clothing and diapers and baby supplies!

There is a bassinet (on loan from Maureen Burger) being set up near the entrance to Church.

Donations will be collected for LifeSpring Pregnancy Centers, Charlottesville,

supported by Knights of Columbus Council #11475 and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Financial donations will also be accepted, in lieu of baby supplies.

(Please make any checks out to "Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church." Financial donations will be consolidated into one check to be delivered from our Church to LifeSpring at the end of May, along with the donated baby items)

Please place all donated items in the basket.

No wrapping needed.


Questions? Please call Larry Boice, 434-510-7677



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What saint is symbolized by a flaming torch?

Answer: St. Aiden of Lindisfarne



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	

BOOKS: 20% off
Through April

POTLUCK LUNCHEONS

Sts. Peter & Paul will be hosting potluck lunches following the Youth Masses on the last Sunday of the month-- bring a lunch dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door in the Commons.

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



MAY 31

Get ready for the Church Yard Sale, June 13 and 14!

Start cleaning out your closets, sheds and garage and bring any items for the sale starting on June 8. We need volunteers to help from June 8th through the 12th to sort and set up and on June 13 and 14 to work the yard sale. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we need your help to make it a success.

Talent Show for Uganda—Fundraiser for the next Medical Mission

Postponed - Updates coming soon

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 atpaws618@embarqmail.com or (434)589-1170 for more information.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.



**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 2025**

"It is the Lord!" (John 21:7)

Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to his call. If you feel his presence prompting you to a vocation, 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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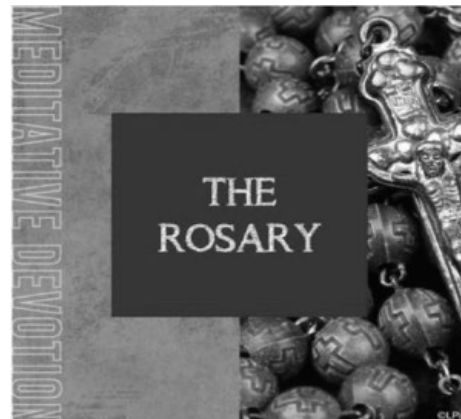
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BIBLE STUDY

**STS PETER AND PAUL
MONDAYS 1:00-2:00
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TUESDAYS 6:30-7:30**





CINCO DE MAYO

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El **domingo 18 de mayo** habrá una bendición especial en Misa para los jóvenes que se gradúen de la escuela secundaria o la universidad esta primavera. Graduados y sus Familias que asisten a la misa ese domingo en Saints Peter & Paul o St. Joseph recibirá una bendición y luego tendrá un pastel de celebración con café/limonada Después de la misa.

Si su familia planea asistir a esta misa, envíe el nombre del graduado a Celeste (religious@saintspeterpaul.org) o llame al Oficina, para que podamos tener los nombres para la

¡Ha llegado la hora para la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones (EBV)!

Lugar: Saint Joseph
Fecha y Hora: June 9-14
6:00-8:00

Una Cena Ligera a 6:00 y el programa comienza a 6:30

Preescolar – Grado 5

Este año, en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones (EBV), tu hijo está invitado a asistir a **¡Pasaporte a la Paz!** Tu hijo aprenderá que el amor de Dios y el camino de la paz trascienden todas las fronteras y divisiones. Guiados por el Espíritu de Dios, todos podemos participar en la creación de un mundo más pacífico.

Tu hijo hará nuevos amigos, cantará canciones divertidas, verá presentaciones teatrales de las historias de la Biblia, jugará juegos activos, realizará proyectos de arte y exploraciones científicas y se adentrará en la Biblia. Las cinco historias de la Biblia de la semana muestran a los niños que hay muchas oportunidades y formas de vivir como constructores de la paz. *Pasaporte a la Paz* ayudará a los niños a aprender formas de crear paz interior, usar estrategias de pacificación en el hogar, la escuela y la comunidad, y practicar estrategias para la resolución de conflictos.

Actividades Juveniles de Mayo

4 de mayo	CCD
11 de mayo	CCD
16 de mayo	Grupo de jóvenes - St. Joseph 6:30-8:00: Art Extravaganza
18 de mayo	CCD (Bendición de los graduados durante Mass.)
31 de mayo	Recaudación de fondos de lavado de coches del grupo juvenil 9:00-12:00 Sts Peter y Paul. Los voluntarios necesitaban ayuda.



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4 de mayo de 2025

III Domingo de Pascua

Te apareciste de nuevo a tus discípulos a orilla del lago de Tiberíades. Ahí les preparaste de comer un pescado que Tú mismo habías cocinado en las brasas. Con este hecho, les mostraste que también al evangelizar se disfruta comiendo todos juntos en comunidad. Señor, enséname a compartir la alegría de tu Buena Nueva a mi familia y amigos. Que no pase desapercibido el amor que nos muestras con tus detalles de ternura en hechos sencillos, como el de una invitación a almorzar. “Jesús, se acercó, tomó el pan y se lo repartió. Lo mismo hizo con los pescados” (Juan 21:13). “En la Eucaristía se comunica el amor del Señor por nosotros: un amor tan grande que nos nutre de sí mismo, un amor gratuito siempre a disposición de toda persona hambrienta y necesitada de regenerar las propias fuerzas. Vivir la experiencia de la fe significa dejarse alimentar por el Señor y construir la propia existencia no sobre bienes materiales, sino sobre la realidad que no perece: los dones de Dios, su Palabra y su Cuerpo. El alimento que nos nutre verdaderamente y que nos sacia es solo el que nos da el Señor” (Papa Francisco). ¿Qué enseñanza podemos llevar a cabo de este hecho concreto de Jesús al preparar el desayuno a sus discípulos? ¿De qué forma expreso detalles de amor a mi familia y amigos? La presencia de Jesús en nuestra vida nos debe llenar de esperanza. ¡Aleluya!

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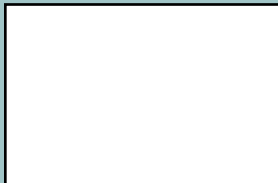
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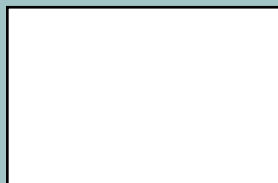
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