

May 18, 2025

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



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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

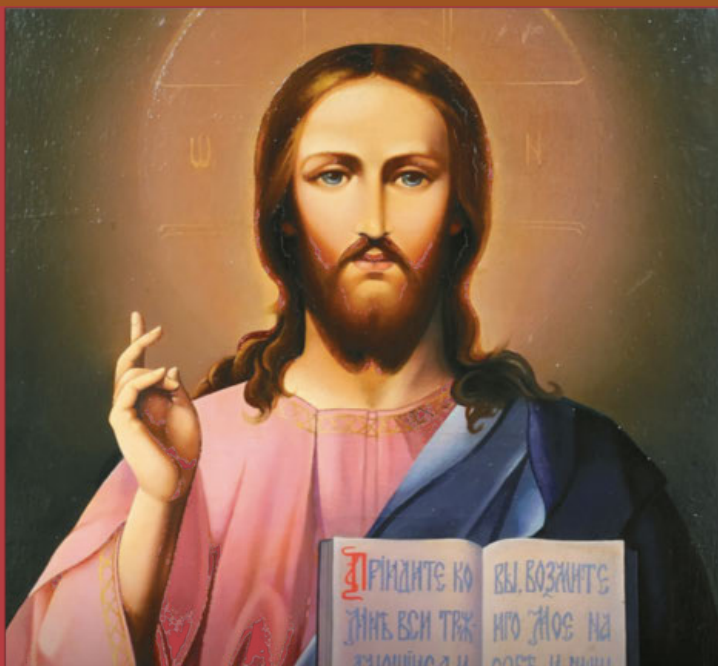
Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

**HOSPITAL VISITS:**

Call Parish Office  
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office  
to schedule Communion



**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."

- Jn 13:33a, 34a

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GLP

**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

# WELCOME



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your faith, or an active  
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you have come.

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# ENCOUNTER

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-35

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "Love one another." So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

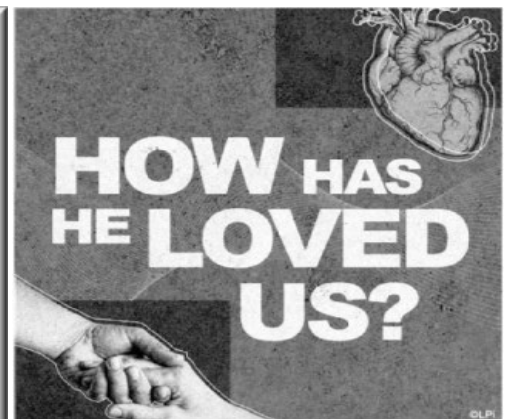
— Father John Muir

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18, 2025

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/  
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/  
Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18, 2025

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter  
Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest  
Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs  
Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious  
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter



#### SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

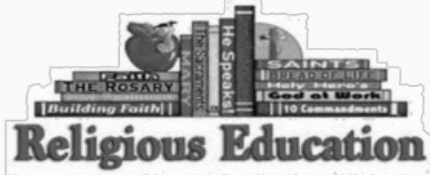
Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

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

Contact: Denise Minor -  
[dminor92@gmail.com](mailto: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**

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

JESUS GAVE HIS APOSTLES A NEW RULE. HE TOLD THEM THEY HAD TO LOVE EACH OTHER, JUST LIKE HE LOVED THEM. WHAT DID JESUS MEAN? JESUS WAS VERY PATIENT WITH HIS FRIENDS. HE FORGAVE HIS FRIENDS WHEN THEY LET HIM DOWN. JESUS COMFORTED HIS FRIENDS WHEN THEY WERE AFRAID. MOST OF ALL HE HELPED THEM GROW CLOSER TO GOD.

## PRAYER

*Dear Jesus, help me to love my friends like Jesus 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**

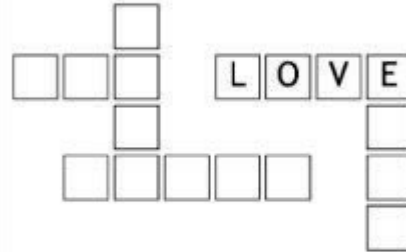
This year at VBS, your child is invited to *Passport to Peace*! Your child will learn that the love of God and the way of peace transcend all borders and divisions. Led by God's Spirit, we can all participate in creating a more peaceful world.

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

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**You must love each other.**



## MISSION

I will follow Jesus and forgive those who have hurt me.

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

## May Youth Activity Calendar:

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.

Today, **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.

Sts. Peter and Paul:

Townes Mullinex- High School  
Zoey Soares- High School  
Jay Bridges- High School  
Anna Amato- High School  
Sage Miller (Cauffield)- High School

St. Joseph:

Tyzhier Martin- High School  
Angie Correa- High School  
Caroline Kenney- William and Mary  
Marei Kenney- PVCC  
Chris Hall- PVCC

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 17 - MAY 25

\*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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
Tuesday	5/13	12Noon	Dave Garner	D	Don & Eileen Tyler
Wednesday	5/14	9am	Jean Pilk	D	Frank Pilk
Thursday	5/15	9am	Harold Wagner	D	Heffley Family
Friday	5/16	9am	Zoraya Suarez	I	Eva Morejon
Saturday	5/17	5pm	Bobby Fint	D	John Condon
Sunday	5/18	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/18	11am	Frank Maltese	D	Steve & Mary Dictenberg

### 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, 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

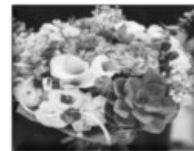
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### FLOWERS

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### SANCTUARY CANDLE

**Donor:**  
**In Memory of:**



### Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love.

May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. Amen.

# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sts Peter & Paul Pew Count	05/06 & 05/07
Sat. - 108   Sun. 199	
First Offering	\$ 3,705
E-Giving (MTD)	\$ 3,045
Total	\$ 6,750
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,848

St. Joseph Pew Count	05/06
First Offering	\$ 727
M&R	\$ 76

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

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is**

**JUNE 7 & 8**

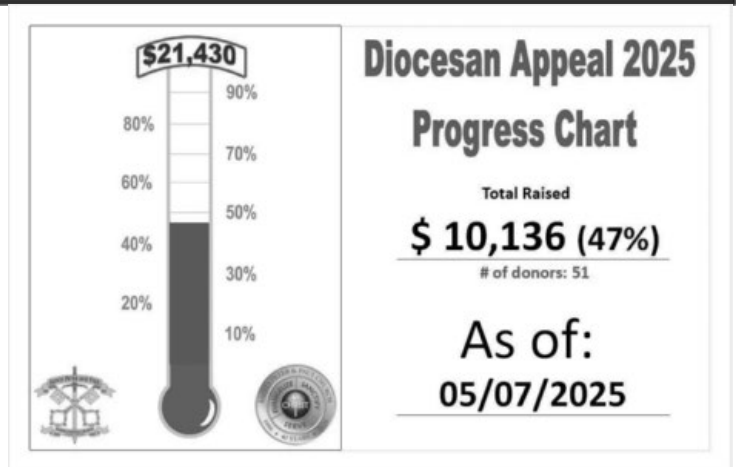
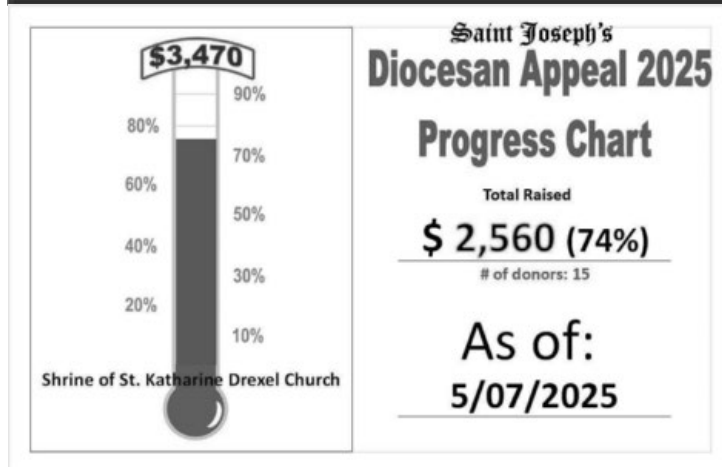
***Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.***



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 You have not signed up, you can visit to go [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org) or call the Office and we will help you.

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

Sts Peter and Paul next monthly Bake Sale is June 7 & 8 after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass.



## St. Rita of Cascia | May 22

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

ROOM SCHEDULE	Sat	17-May	First Communion (St. Joseph's)	10:00a	St. Joseph's
			Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		18-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
	Mon	19-May	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E/F
	Tues	20-May	Mass	12:00p	Church
			Bible Study	6:30p	Commons
	Wed	21-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Bible Study	4:00p	Commons
			Scouts	6:30p	E/F
	Thurs	22-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Cursillo	6:30p	123
	Fri	23-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Adoration	9:30a	Church
			Benediction	3:00p	Church
	Sat	24-May	Memorial Mass at Flagpole	10:00a	Outside
			Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
	Sun	25-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
			Potluck Luncheon	12:00p	Church
	Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall) E - St. Elizabeth (Hall) R - St. Raphael (Church) M - St. Michael (Church) C - Commons (Church)		

## 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 June 8 through June 11.

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.



## *Catholic Q & A*

### **Question:**

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

### **Answer:**

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

### **(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### **Resembling Jesus**

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: "You resemble her."

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. This is how all will know that you are my disciples.

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us.



## 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 is another name for a priest's sermon ?

**Answer:** Homily

**Be sure to join us for this one** -- Catherine Beebe will be our guest speaker at the 10 AM Senior Coffee Social on May 28th. She's a "Caregiver Support Manager" from JABA and will include managing in times when a health event turns a family member into a caregiver overnight, especially in cases of stroke or long-term diagnosis and those responsibilities may be permanent. Catherine will bring materials that include a variety of caregiver resources from JABA and other related organizations.

## STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

[religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org)

### HOURS:

#### SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 6:45pm

#### SUNDAY

12:00 - 1:00pm

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for all Occasions



## 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 is 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 25



We need a coordinator for this popular event - involves mostly set-up and clean up. Please reach out to Doug Mullinex to volunteer so we are able to continue these lunches

## Hail Mary, Explained

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation — "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words — "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus" — echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation.

The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

An in-depth explanation of each line of this prayer is provided in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2676-2677.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Loving as New Creations

“There’s something different about you.”

Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it’s because, inwardly, you’ve been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, “As I have loved you, so you should also love one another.”

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn’t easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations. Tracy Earl Welliver,



**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 18, 2025**

*“I give you a new  
commandment:  
love one another.”  
(John 13:34)*

Love is at the heart of every vocation. Take time to reflect on how God may be inviting you to live out His new commandment of love in a way that serves others. What does that call look like for you?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the

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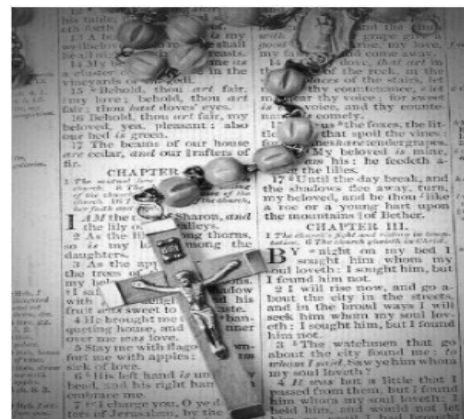
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### BIBLE STUDY

**STS PETER AND PAUL  
MONDAYS 1:00-2:00  
WEDNESDAYS 4:00-5:00**

**ST. JOSEPH  
TUESDAYS 6:30-7:30**



# MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

**18 de mayo de 2025**  
**V Domingo de Pascua**

La palabra amor está muy trillada, es usada con mucha facilidad en nuestro lenguaje. Al decirla, quizá no pensamos en lo profundo de esta palabra. Hacemos tantas promesas de amor falsas. A la esposa, al esposo, a los hijos, a los amigos y a tanta gente le decimos que la amamos cuando en realidad no es cierto. En este Domingo de Pascua, Jesús nuevamente lanza su invitación al amor, a dar la vida por el ser amado. “Les doy un mandamiento nuevo: que se amen los unos a los otros. Ustedes deben amarse unos a otros como yo los he amado” (Juan 13:34). Y agrega una frase más para que quede bien cimentado en nuestros corazones el significado de la palabra amor: “En esto reconocerán todos que son mis discípulos: en que se aman unos a otros” (Juan 13:35).

Esto es el amor evangélico; esto distingue mucho el significado de decir simplemente la palabra amor. El amor evangélico se vive en las dificultades más difíciles de la vida. Cuando los percances nos obligan a hacer cosas, aunque no queramos. Para así glorificarte en el sufrimiento de cualquier índole. Esta es la entrega que sublima tu Evangelio. Así es como se va aprendiendo a amar: la vida nos enseña a girar el corazón al amor. Reflexiona en lo siguiente: ¿En qué área de tu vida has experimentado el amor de Jesús? Si Jesús te dijera: “ama como yo te he amado”, ¿cuál sería tu respuesta? En concreto, solo Jesús puede ayudarnos a renovar nuestra forma de amar a los demás.

## Actividades Juveniles de Mayo

<b>18 de mayo</b>	<b>CCD (Bendición de los graduados durante Mass.)</b>
<b>31 de mayo</b>	<b>Recaudación de fondos de lavado de coches del grupo juvenil 9:00-12:00 Sts Peter y Paul. Los voluntarios necesitaban ayuda.</b>

Hoy, Ee **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.

## ¡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.

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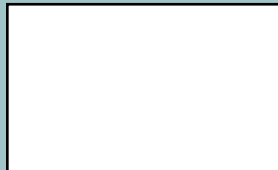
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