

July 20, 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  
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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,  
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SHRINE OF  
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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



**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are  
anxious and worried about many things. There is need  
of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and  
it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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**SANCTIFY**

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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.

### PARISHIONER

### UPDATES FOR BOTH CHURCHES:

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**

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### COME IN M- F, 9:00 - 3:00 PM:

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The word of God  
is a light to the mind  
and a fire to the will.

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

# ENCOUNTER

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**July 20, 2025 - 16th Sunday n Ordinary Time Luke 10:38-42**

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, “What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste.” The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week’s gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the “one necessary thing.” He praises her for she “has chosen the better part” (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the “better part” of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/  
Lk 10:38-42  
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/  
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24,  
25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/  
Mt 20:20-28  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30  
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/  
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20, 2025

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene  
Wednesday: St. Bridget, Religious  
Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest  
Friday: St. James, Apostle  
Saturday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

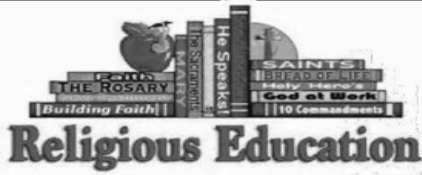
**Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm**

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](mailto:dminor92@gmail.com)



# FAITH FORMATION



## Religious Education

CCD

every Sunday at  
9:30AM, Sts Peter

&  
St.

Paul. Meet in  
Francis

### ADULT FOR- MATION CHRIS- TIAN EDUCATION

Includes OCIA, offering  
instruction to unbaptized and non-  
Catholic persons with an interest in being

CCD and OCIA are on  
Summer Break.  
Registration will resume in  
August. Enjoy the Summer!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Catechist Gathering

July 30, 2025

6:30pm

Saints Peter and Paul

Interested and wanting to know more?  
Join us as a new, potential, or returning  
catechist. We will come together to  
pray, share ideas, and grow together in  
faith.

Helping our youngest parishioners grow  
in their faith.



"Let the children come to me, and to not prevent  
them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such  
as these." (Matthew 19:13)

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.

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

GOD CREATED WORK FOR EACH OF US TO  
DO, AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO IT. BUT  
MARTHA WAS UPSET BECAUSE SHE  
FORGOT TO STOP AND MAKE TIME FOR  
JESUS. MARY HAD THE RIGHT IDEA. SHE  
TOOK A BREAK FROM HER WORK TO  
LISTEN TO JESUS. TIME WITH JESUS IS  
PRECIOUS, SO WE NEED TO MAKE TIME TO  
REST AND ENJOY HIS LOVE.

### PRAYER

*Dear God, thank you for reminding me to stop and  
enjoy time with you.*

### PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

journey woman listening Martha chosen  
village Mary serving anxious better

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### MISSION

Ask your family to join you in reading the Bible  
or praying at meal time.

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: JULY 19 - JULY 27

\*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	7/19	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	7/20	9am*	Mari Lou Page	D	
Sunday	7/20	11am	Jean Pilk	D	Frank Pilk
Tuesday	7/22	12Noon			
Wednesday	7/23	9am	James Kinney	D	Rose Meyer
Thursday	7/24	9am			
Friday	7/25	9am	Enid Cervino	D	The Barberio Family
Saturday	7/26	5pm	Bob Burger	D	Burger & Kenny families
Sunday	7/27	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	7/27	11am	John & Marie LaRocca	D	Mary & Steven 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, Carl Alexandre Luxhoj, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlrow, 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, 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**

You now can request Masses for your loves ones, living or deceased for 2026 (as well as the remainder of 2025).

Stop by the Parish Office to request Mass Intentions  
Suggested donation - \$10 per Mass

### 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, Deb DiGeronimo-DiPalo, Jim Dooley, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, the Fellins, Patty Frawley, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Marie Knighting, Jim Kraemer, George Kuhlrow, Judi Kuhlrow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Judie Lancaster, 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. Peggy Thomas, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters, Walter Welham

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

### BREAD & WINE

Donor:

In Memory of:

### FLOWERS

Donor:

In Memory of:

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:

In Memory of:



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in July and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on September 6 and 7, please notify the office by Friday, August 23, 2025.**

Please join the **Flower Guild**.

Contact the office with questions at 434-589-5201

# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Sts Peter &amp; Paul Pew Count Sat. - 122   Sun. - 188</b>	<b>07/05 &amp; 07/06</b>
Offertory	<b>\$ 4,028</b>
E-Giving	<b>\$ 2,277</b>
Debt Reduction	<b>\$ 2,472</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,777</b>

<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>07/06</b>
Offertory	<b>\$ 991</b>
M&R	<b>\$ 130</b>

## Devotions, Explained! St. Bridget Prayers

The St. Bridget Prayers evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

St. Bridget of Sweden (d. 1373) was a noblewoman of the Middle Ages whose renowned mysticism centered on the passion of Christ. A mother of eight and an attendant at the royal court in Sweden, as a widow she founded the Order of the Most Holy Savior, advocated for reform in the church and for the return of the Pope to Rome from France.

The St. Bridget Prayers refer to 15 prayers attributed to Bridget which evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

For many years, these prayers were associated with divine promises, though in 1954 the Catholic Church declared that it could not be said that these promises were of supernatural origin. The prayers themselves remain beloved and popular devotions to Christ's passion.

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

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is**

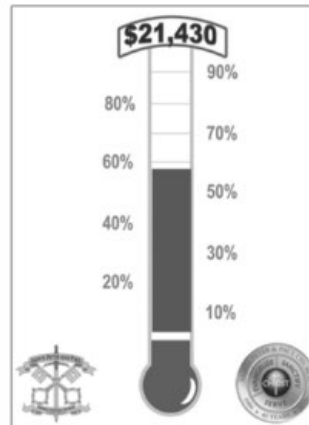
**AUGUST 2 & 3.**

***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 [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org) or call the Office and we will help you.

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



### Diocesan Appeal 2025

#### Progress Chart

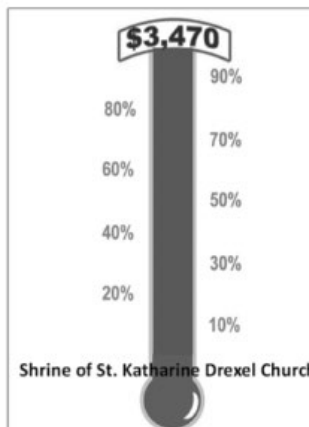
Total Raised

**\$ 12,486 (58%)**

# of donors: 55

**As of:**

**07/10/2025**



Saint Joseph's

### Diocesan Appeal 2025

#### Progress Chart

Total Raised

**\$ 4,496 (130%)**

# of donors: 16

**As of:**

**6/17/2025**

Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel Church

Sts. Peter and Paul next monthly Bake Sale is **August 2 & 3** after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

ROOM SCHEDULE	Sat	19-Jul	Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
	Sun	20-Jul	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	11:00a	Church
	Mon	21-Jul			
	Tues	22-Jul	Mass	12:00p	Church
			Al-Anon	7:00p	St. Michael
	Wed	23-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Scouts	6:30	E/f
	Thurs	24-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Cursillo	6:00p	123
	Fri	25-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Adoration	9:30a	Church
			Benediction	3:00p	Church
	Sat	26-Jul	Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
			KoC 30th Anniversary Dinner	6:30p	E/F
	Sun	27-Jul	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
			Potluck Luncheon	12:00a	Commons
	Room Ledger:			<b>F</b> - St. Francis (Hall) <b>E</b> - St. Elizabeth (Hall) <b>R</b> - St. Raphael (Church) <b>M</b> - St. Michael (Church) <b>C</b> - Commons (Church)	

## SAVE THE DATE -- JULY 26

The Knights of Columbus are holding a 30th Anniversary Council Dinner on July 26th to honor the five original members who still are parishioners here of the original 30 who formed the Council in 1995. This also will be the KoC annual awards dinner and the entire parish is invited.

The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children under 12. Sign-up sheets are in The Commons after every Mass.

**Join us for the celebration with these five special members.**

The next Men's Cursillo Weekend will be held Thursday, September 11th (7:00pm) through Sunday, September 14th (5:00pm), 2025, at the Blessings Lodge on the campus of Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA.

The Theme of the Weekend is "Here I Am, Lord". A Cursillo is a 3-day encounter to enrich your Spirituality and raise awareness of Christ in every moment of your life. Pope Francis made a Cursillo and recognizes how "Cursillos help people encounter Jesus, helping them understand that living in the Grace of God is beautiful." Cursillo recognizes we aren't meant to walk this journey of life alone. Come walk this journey alongside other Catholic men of all ages and be filled with the JOY Christ offers each one of us.

Our own Russ Jennings will lead the weekend as Rector. Applications and more about Cursillo are available at [www.valleycursillo.com](http://www.valleycursillo.com) or Contact Ellie Henrietta for more information and applications at (434) 981-3551. Application deadline is August 21st .



# Catholic Q & A

## Question:

July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene. I've heard a lot of stories about her, but who was she really?

## Answer:

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the woman who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.

## What is a Catechist?

The word catechist comes from a Greek word meaning "to echo". Catechists echo the Word of God to the children of our parishes. Catechists come from all walks of life and all ages: women, men, confirmed teenagers, parents, grandparents, singles, and religious. Catechists are not expert teachers or brilliant theologians. They are ordinary people, just like you, who generously volunteer their time to share our Catholic faith, values, and traditions with our youngest generation of Christians and to walk beside/bear witness to them. They are positive role models who help children grow in faith, spirituality and their relationship with God. Their gift of time and talents has tremendous value... because through their words, actions, and expression of love for their students, the message of Jesus Christ continues to spread throughout the world.

### Is God Calling You to Be a Catechist? Do you:

- Love God and want to know Him better?
- Love children and enjoy working with them?
- Want to share God's love with others?
- Want to be a good role model for children
- Want to share your faith more and help others grow in their own faith?
- Want to help children develop a relationship with God through Jesus Christ?

### Your "yes" answer to any of the questions above may mean that God is calling you to be a Catechist!

The Faith Formation Program is always in need of volunteer catechists/co-catechists, classroom assistants to help spread the Good News and to share the Catholic faith with all our parish children.

Our best source of volunteers comes from parents and grandparents, as well as older youth/teens, who wish to support the program in this special way. All adults who have completed (or are willing to complete) the Diocesan Safe Environment training (Virtus), and a background screening, as well as high school youth, are invited to apply.

If you are interested in becoming a catechist, please contact Celeste Shapiola at [religioused@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:religioused@saintspeterpaul.org).



## Sts. Peter and Paul

### 40th Anniversary News



Save the dates – August 1 & 2. You won't want to miss our surprise speaker. Exciting details to follow.

Additional important dates:

- High Tea Fundraiser - September 6
- Fall Fest/Trunk or treat - October 24
- Lessons & Carols/Live Nativity - December 13

Sts. Peter and Paul 40th Anniversary Monogrammed shirts can be ordered through our religious gift store.

Submit your favorite recipes now for the Sts. Peter and Paul 40th Anniversary Cookbook. Directions and online submittal forms can be found online in the weekly Blast announcement, and the parish website. Paper forms are located in the parish office.

### Your Help is Needed: Volunteer Drivers for Good Shepherd Ministry

Extend a hand and make a difference! The Good Shepherd Ministry is seeking kind-hearted individuals to step forward and help in a meaningful way. We need volunteers who can occasionally assist with driving fellow Parishioners, who are unable to drive, to their medical appointments. This small act of service can have a profound impact on someone's life. If you want to learn more and think you can help, please call the office (434-589-5201).

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Where did Mary and Joseph take young Jesus to hide him from King Herod?

Answer: Egypt

## 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

Large selection of Religious Cards  
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.



July 27

### "I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER". (Pope Saint John Paul II)

Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. Upcoming experiences are noted below:

- September 12-14, 2025 - Richmond VA
- October 24-26, 2025 - Jessup MD
- November 7-9, 2025 - Rehoboth Beach DE
- February 13-15, 2026 - Waynesboro VA
- March 6-8, 2026 - Hampton VA

For more information please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Be Ready for God to “Stop By”

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called “stopping by.” They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. “I was just in the neighborhood,” they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

“Crazy,” you might exclaim. “People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?” Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 20, 2025**

*“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.”*

**(Luke 10:41-42)**

Consider prioritizing time with God, following Mary's example. Are you being called to dedicate your life to prayer and service in the Church as a consecrated religious?

Talk to your priest or reach out to:

Office of Vocations  
804.359.5661

Or via email:  
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### SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL



**2ND & Last  
Wednesday  
of the month  
10:00 am, Commons**  
Cynthia Nicholson will talk  
about the Parish Pilgrimage  
to Lourdes for the July 30  
Social.

### 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:

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### BIBLE STUDY (ON SUMMER BREAK)

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

20 de julio de 2025

## XVI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En este domingo, la liturgia de la Palabra nos invita a escuchar cuidadosamente la forma de recibir a los huéspedes. En la primera lectura, Abraham recibe al Señor con gran entusiasmo y le prepara un gran banquete. Dios se detiene, conversa con él y le hace la promesa de que, a su vuelta, Sara, su mujer, tendrá un hijo. “Dentro de un año volveré por aquí, y entonces Sara, tu mujer, tendrá un hijo” (Génesis 18:10). “El Señor siempre nos sorprende: cuando empezamos a escucharlo realmente, las nubes se desvanecen, las dudas dan paso a la verdad, los miedos a la serenidad y las diferentes situaciones de la vida encuentran su lugar que les corresponde. El Señor siempre, cuando viene, arregla las cosas, incluso para nosotros” (Papa Francisco).



San Agustín lo expresa de la siguiente manera en su Sermón 255: “Esta dulcísima tarea había escogido para sí María, que se mantenía inactiva; a la vez aprendía y alababa. En cambio, Marta estaba ocupada en muchas cosas. Lo que hacía era ciertamente necesario, pero pasajero: cosas para el camino, aún no las propias de la vida futura; se ocupaba del viaje, aún no de lo que iba a poseer. Había recibido, en efecto, al Señor y a cuantos iban con él”. Y continúa, diciendo, explicando el texto de este domingo: “Se dignó ser recibido como huésped no por necesidad, sino por benevolencia. ¿Qué dará Dios a los que lo sirven, lo adoran, creen en él, en él ponen su esperanza y a él aman?”

### LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA - RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

A medida que envejezco, lo que realmente me importa cambia. Recuerdo estar en la preparatoria y tener que usar ciertas marcas y mirarme de cierta manera. ¡Ahora, muchos días simplemente me pongo lo que está limpio! Solía coleccionar ciertas cosas que ya no parecen preocuparme mucho ahora. Quería ciertas cosas para mis hijos, y ahora estoy feliz si ellos son felices, sin importar lo que pase. He cambiado las posturas políticas un par de veces. Incluso sigo a diferentes equipos deportivos hoy que cuando era más joven. El tiempo, las circunstancias, la sabiduría e incluso la desilusión juegan un papel en mi actitud siempre cambiante hacia lo que realmente importa en la vida.

Todo ha cambiado excepto mi fe. Mi fe es la única constante en mi vida. Es lo más preciado de todos los regalos que Dios me ha dado. La vida no ha sido una constante alta, y ha habido varios valles bajos en el camino. Ha sido mi fe la que me ha visto a través de todos los tiempos, buenos y malos. Si algo ha cambiado, es que Jesús me importa más hoy que ayer.



¿Qué es lo que realmente importa para ti? ¿Qué es lo principal en tu vida? He visto a discípulos que una vez fueron fuertes colocar a la política, la riqueza, la carrera y la familia por delante de Jesús con el tiempo. Todas esas cosas son atractivas, pero son cosas que cambian. Incluso tu familia crece y cambia a medida que pasan los años, al igual que tu relación con ellos. Lo único que no cambia es Dios. Dios es el mismo ayer, hoy y siempre. Puede traer una gran

paz a tu vida cuando lo que te importa es lo único que permanece constante. Lo primero es, mantener lo principal en primer lugar. Esa cosa principal es Jesús.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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