

July 27, 2025

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



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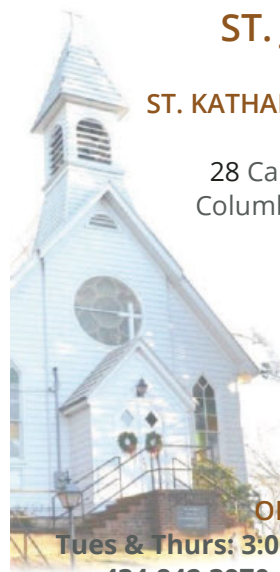
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OUR VISION

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
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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:

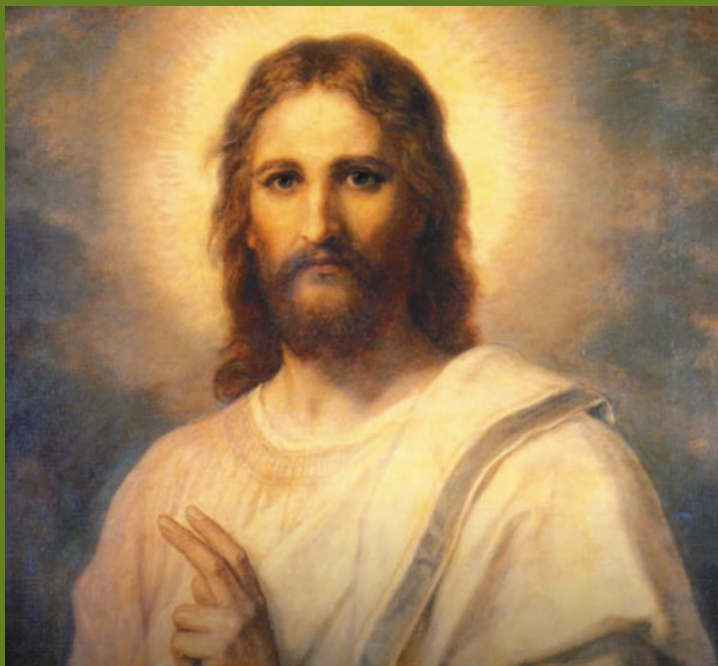
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

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Wednesdays-1 week in advance of
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office@saintspeterpaul.org

Whether you are a visitor,
new to our parish,
interested in becoming
Catholic, seeking to
return to the practice of
your faith, or an active
member of our parish,
we are pleased that
you have come.

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!

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434.589.5201

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**4309 Thomas Jefferson
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"Email Blast" on Friday afternoon.
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ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 27, 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 11:1-13

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

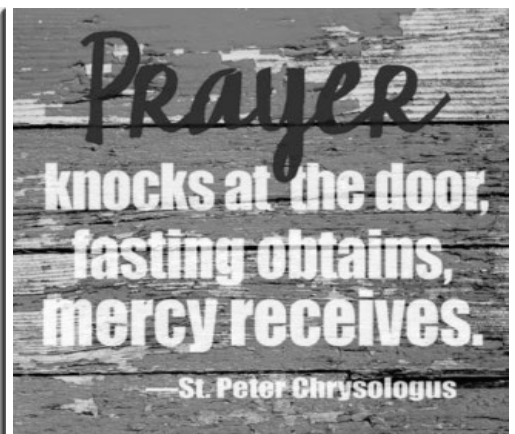
We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail. — Father John Muir

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/
Lk 11:1-13
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/
Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/
Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27, 2025

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

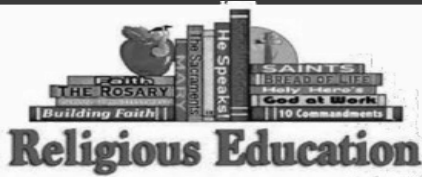
Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

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



FAITH FORMATION



Religious Education

CCD

every Sunday at

9:30AM, Sts Peter

Paul. Meet in

Francis

&
St.

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

ADULT FOR- MATION CHRIS- TIAN EDUCATION

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

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 for
registration and prep information.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PRAY? ALL YOU
NEED TO DO IS TALK TO GOD. HE IS YOUR
LOVING FATHER. TELL HIM HOW YOU
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE HIM HAPPY. ASK
HIM TO GIVE YOU THINGS YOU REALLY
NEED. ASK HIM TO HELP YOU FORGIVE
OTHER PEOPLE, JUST LIKE HE FORGIVES
YOU. GOD LOVES YOU, SO TALK TO HIM
OFTEN.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you loving me and listening to me.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not ashamed to keep on asking.



MISSION

Make time to pray every day this week.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: JULY 26 - AUGUST 3

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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
Tuesday	7/29	12Noon			
Wednesday	7/30	9am			
Thursday	7/31	9am			
Friday	8/1	9am			
1st Saturday	8/2	10am	Jonathan Duran & Luigi	D	Elizabeth Kosierowski
Saturday	8/2	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	8/3	9am*	Leslie Ferguson and William Rogan	I	Patricia
Sunday	8/3	11am	Barbara Totaro	D	The Totaro Children

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

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, 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.

Please join the **Flower Guild**.

Contact the office with questions at 434-589-5201

BREAD & WINE

Donor: Debra & Anthony Faul

In Memory of: David Clark, Mary Elizabeth Allison



FLOWERS

Donor: Debra & Anthony Faul

In Memory of: David Clark, Mary Elizabeth Allison



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor: Debra & Anthony Faul

In Memory of: David Clark, Mary Elizabeth Allison



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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sts Peter & Paul Pew Count Sat. - 124 Sun. - 173	07/05 & 07/13
Offertory	\$ 2,913
E-Giving	\$ 2,277
Catholic Virginian	\$ 415
Total	\$ 5,605

St. Joseph's	07/13
Offertory	\$ 690
M&R	\$ 2

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph's and Sts. Peter & Paul

Thank you so much for helping send us to the diocesan work camp in Bristol, VA. It would not have been possible without your generous support, prayers and time.

It was a beautiful and eye-opening experience; both physically and spiritually. We were able to attend daily Mass and fellowship. We also helped with various projects from building stairs to working on replacing a deck.

Thank you again!



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.



If you have not yet switched over to Give Central, you can visit www.givecentral.org or call the Office and we will help you.

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

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking candidates for several positions noted below.

For the Office of Development - the Catholic Community Foundation:

- **Administrative Coordinator** – Executive and Board Affairs <https://bit.ly/3Ukw8Qk>
- **Marketing and Communications Manager** <https://bit.ly/3Ukw8Qk>
- **Parish Fundraising and Stewardship Officer** <https://bit.ly/46N1wyu>

For the Office of Finance:

- **Internal Audit Manager** <https://bit.ly/4dfR0kq>

For the Office of Evangelization:

- **Program and Marriage Preparation Coordinator** <https://bit.ly/4cNBz2S>

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

Sacred Heart Center, in Richmond Virginia, is seeking an **Executive Director**. For the full ad and how to apply please copy and paste <https://warrenwhitney.isolvedhire.com/jobs/1546029>

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ROOM SCHEDULE	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	12:00p	Commons
	Mon	28-Jul			
	Tues	29-Jul	Mass -- NOTE THE TIME CHANGE	9:00a	Church
			Al-Anon	7:00p	St. Michael
	Wed	30-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Senior Coffee Social	10:00a	Commons
			Scouts	6:30p	E/f
	Thurs	31-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Cursillo	6:00p	123
	Fri	1-Aug	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Parish Mission	7:00p	Church
	Sat	2-Aug	Confessions	9:00a	Church
			1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
			Parish Mission	11:00a	Church
			Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
			Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	Church
	Sun	3-Aug	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	11:00a	Church
			Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	Commons
			Parish Mission	12:30p	Commons
	Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall) E - St. Elizabeth (Hall) R - St. Raphael (Church) M - St. Michael (Church) C - Commons (Church)		

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 or Contact Ellie Henrietta for more information and applications at (434) 981-3551. Application deadline is August 21st .

Catholic Q & A

Question:

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer:

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

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.

Sts. Peter and Paul

40th Anniversary News



Our guest speaker at the Parish Mission on August 1 (at 7:00pm) & 2 (11:00am with brunch) will be Matt Swaim, producer/host of the Son Rise Morning Show at Sacred Heart Radio/EWTN, an author, and the producer of EWTN's popular Monday night show, The Journey Home. Matt speak on the "Science of Conversion, the Observable Patterns-What Works and What Doesn't."

Additional important dates:

- High Tea Social/Fundraiser - September 6. Tickets are limited to 48 guests (\$20 each or sponsor a table for \$120) and will go on sale after all Masses starting on July 26.
- 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).

STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

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.



TODAY

"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, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 27, 2025**

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you."

(Luke 11:9)

If you feel God is calling you to a vocation, ask for His guidance in prayer. *Lord I will go where you want me to go, I will be who you want me to be. I will do what you want me to do. Just make it my will, and make it clear to me.*

Talk to your priest or reach out to:

Office of Vocations
804.359.5661

Or via email:
vocations@richmonddiocese.org



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.

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¿Te has preguntado alguna vez cuál es la mejor manera de hacer oración? Quizá la respuesta sea "de muchas maneras". A lo mejor explicarás las diferentes formas de hacer oración. Cada persona tiene su experiencia de oración. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en su número 2564, nos ayuda a comprender mejor lo que es orar: “La oración cristiana es una relación de Alianza entre Dios y el hombre en Cristo. Es la acción de Dios y del hombre; brota del Espíritu Santo y de nosotros, dirigidas por completo al Padre, en unión con la voluntad humana del Hijo de Dios hecho hombre.”

Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús, en sus manuscritos autobiográficos, decía sobre su experiencia de oración (C25 r.): “Para mí, la oración es un impulso del corazón, una sencilla mirada hacia el cielo, un grito de agradecimiento y de amor tanto desde dentro de la prueba como desde dentro de la alegría.”

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en su número 2759, nos enseña: “Estando él [Jesús] en cierto lugar, cuando terminó, le dijo uno de sus discípulos: ‘Maestro, enséñanos a orar, como enseñó Juan a sus discípulos’” (Lucas 11:1). En respuesta a esta petición, el Señor confía a sus discípulos y a su Iglesia la oración cristiana fundamental. San Lucas da de ella un texto breve (con cinco peticiones [Lucas 11:2-4]). San Mateo nos transmite una versión más desarrollada (con siete peticiones [Mateo 6:9-13]). La tradición de la Iglesia ha conservado el texto de San Mateo. El Padrenuestro es fundamental para todo cristiano. Recémoslo siempre con fe.

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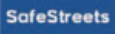


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