

PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES

Sunday, July 25

9:00 am Celebrating Our Elders
10:30 am Mass - Brody Fisher †
1:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:00 pm Franciscans

Monday, July 26

12:00 pm No Mass

Tuesday, July 27

Wednesday, July 28

4:00 pm Olive Branch Gift Shop (4-6 pm)
 5:30 pm Confessions, Chapel
6:30 pm Mass - Trinidad Macairan †
 7:00 pm Adoration (7:00-9:00 pm)

Thursday, July 29

10:30 am Breaking Open the Word, FLC
12:00 pm Mass - Deacon Chuch Nugnolo
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Friday, July 30

12:00 pm Mass - Richard Keeney †

Saturday, July 31

3:00 pm Olive Branch Gift Shop (3-4:45 pm)
 3:30 pm Confessions, Chapel
5:00 pm Mass - Msgr. Chet Michael †

54 DAY NOVENA

**For Our Bishop, Priests and
 Seminarians of our Diocese**

For all of you who took the booklet and are praying for our bishop, priests and seminarians in the diocese of Richmond I hope you had great success in praying the rosary each day. Even if you had days that you did not quite get there do not be discouraged but keep praying as all prayer is good and acceptable to God.

We are almost to the end of our novena, it concludes on August 4, the feast of the patron of parish priests St. John Vianney, with a holy hour and adoration at St. Andrew's in Roanoke. See page four of the bulletin for details.

	July 31 Saturday 5:00 PM	August 1 Sunday 10:30 AM
Altar Servers	Elijah Buchanan	KC Verner
Lectors	Norman Ata Frank Kristoff	Tom Fame Brenda Holtzlander
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Christine Johnson Nathan Johnson Wendy Gilraine	Dave Wyble Sarah Wyar Jan Hoffman
Linen Washer		Teadora Andrade

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 25 - August 1

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11 ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Please pray for our sick, that they may be strengthened by the love of Christ.

Roc Bruzgul	Amelia Gerner	Teresita Journales
Evelyn Burmingham	Bill Guentner	William Lafser
Elijah Buchanan	Karis Guy	Mike Motley
Danny Cobb	Kathy Harvey	Howard & Ann Picard
Ceila Delgado	Megan Hickok	Gary Rowland
Diane Drahos	Thomas Hufford	Mary Rowland
Paul Espelage		Don Stith

A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED once a month for about one and a half hours to set up the bags for St. Francis house and place them in the Commons for pick up. This is a nice, easy and much needed ministry for someone with limited time that would like to be involved in ministry somehow. Please call the office at 387-0491 and ask for Barbara Hairfield.

WOMEN'S CLUB will meet *Tuesday, August 3 at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall* with a pot-luck dinner. So dig out those recipes and bring your favorite dish. Ladies look around at Mass and find someone you don't know and invite them to come. All women of the parish are invited and welcome. Let's have a great turnout for the coming year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Classes for preschool through 12th grade get underway on September 19. We will meet on Sunday mornings: 9am-10:15am for kindergarten-12th grade and 10:30am-11:30am for preschool. Online registration will begin at the end of the month – check your email for more info! Families who have concerns about participating in a classroom setting due to immune compromised children or family members are asked to contact Barbara Hairfield in the church office so we can discuss alternate plans.

HANDING ON THE FAITH Opportunities abound to share the Good News and play a role in handing on the faith. From teaching children and youth, assisting with sacramental preparation, journeying with those interested in becoming Catholic, or serving as a leader or aide for Children's Liturgy of the Word, we are always seeking parishioners who have a desire to share the faith. Please call Barbara Hairfield in the church office to explore how you can make a meaningful contribution to our faith community while strengthening your own relationship with Jesus.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS