

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

7 February 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

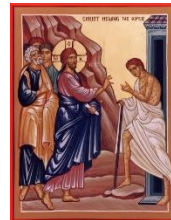
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Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Mark 1:40-45



**SIGN UP TO ATTEND MASS
THROUGH OUR WEBSITE
(WWW.STJOHNEVAN.COM)
OR JOIN US FROM YOUR
HOME BY LIVESTREAM**

CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST / MASS:

Occasionally due to funerals or other unforeseen and extraordinary events, even sometimes at the very last minute, the schedule may have to be modified. Please contact the parish office to make certain.

Weekday & weekend Masses are recorded and available on the parish website after.

Tuesday—Friday: 9:00 AM (L) livestreamed
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (L)
Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Ash Wednesday: 9:00 AM

Parish Staff

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IN ANTICIPATION OF OUR EVENTUAL MOVE to 301 Sheppard Court, we are looking for volunteers for a new Ministry of Digital Communications to assist with website management and live-streaming. If interested or for more information, contact the Pastor.



... IN THE NAME OF
Jesus the LORD. AMEN.

Private Prayer in church:

Arrange with the Parish Office in advance.

Eucharistic Adoration:

One hour after the Friday 9:00 AM Mass. First come to Mass. No one may be admitted after Mass since there is no opportunity to sanitize the church in between.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30—4:30 PM in the patio under the wing of church; or as always by appointment. Call Fr. Rolo for an appointment at a different time.

Pastoral Care: Please contact the Parish Office if you are aware of parishioners who are in the hospital or are sick, frail, or grieving at home, or in an area rehab, convalescent, or retirement facility.

The Prayer Tree:

Call (540) 949-7611 or (540) 221-4162 for special prayer requests

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**We strive to Proclaim the Gospel & to Love One Another
... RIGHT HERE ... RIGHT NOW.**

CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS: 344 Maple Avenue, Waynesboro VA 22980

WEBSITE: www.stjohnevan.com

OFFICE: (540) 949-6145 M-F / 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PASTOR & STAFF BY PHONE OR EMAIL ONLY.

FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY AFTER OFFICE HOURS CALL: (540) 324-3146

PARISH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: In the event of inclement weather during the week, we follow the Waynesboro School System closings. If the city schools are closed due to the weather, the Parish Office will also be closed.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

"Everyone is searching for You." If your search for the Lord is leading you to a vocation to the priesthood, contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

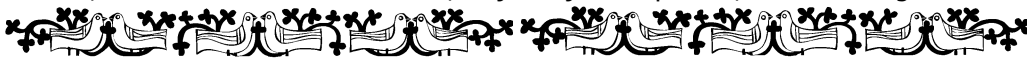
FEBRUARY 6 SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 7 SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 8 MONDAY	FEBRUARY 9 TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 10 WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 11 THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 12 FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 13 SATURDAY
5:00 PM † Peggy Perkins 	8:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM † Virginia Trykowski		9:00 AM Nor, Phil, & Joshua Zablocki HAITI † Emily Evans	9:00 AM † Peggy Perkins 	9:00 AM † Evelyn Miller HAITI † John Young	9:00 AM † Alice Polintan HAITI † Peggy Perkins	5:00 PM † Joe Molony
3:30—4:30 PM, CH PATIO Confessions	10:00—11:00 AM Virtual Breaking Open the Word	7:00 PM Virtual Haiti Ministry meeting	6:00—7:30 PM, FR Scouts		6:00 PM Virtual Baptism Prep 7:00—8:00 PM, FR Cub Scouts	10:00—11:00 AM, CH Eucharistic Adoration 	3:30—4:30 PM, CH PATIO Confessions

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Debbie Batsel, Guy Batsel, Lisa Birchler, Lois Castle, Cindy Edwards, Eric Gunderson, Rita Handley, Kevin Humphreys, Maggie Loh, Anne Mahoney, Donald Narducci, Cathy Normann, Lynn Rhein, Kathleen Snead, Elizabeth Welch, Cindy Williams; **DECEASED:** Gayle Rodgers;

IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Sr. Airman Michael Brown USAF, Sgt. John Burns, LCDR Christopher Farkas USN, Sgt. David Grennan US Army, Maj. David Hildebrand US Army, Sgt. Christopher Kennedy, Jimmy Negrete, Maj. Shawn Pardee, LCDR Megan Piotrowski USN, LCDR David Piotrowski USNR, Maj. Benjamin Sprouse, and all who go unnamed.

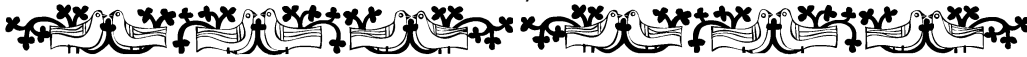


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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 8 — FEBRUARY 13, 2021 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 • Genesis 1:1—19 • Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35 • Mark 6:53-56
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 • Genesis 1:20—2:4a • Psalm 8:4-9 • Mark 7:1—13
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 • Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17 • Psalm 104:1-2, 27-30 • Mark 7:14—23
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • Genesis 2:18—25 • Psalm 128:1-5 • Mark 7:24-30
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 • Genesis 3:1—8 • Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7 • Mark 7:31—37
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 • Genesis 3:9—24 • Psalm 90:2-6, 12-13 • Mark 8:1—10



FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE.

This year for Lent not only can you give something up, but you can use the money you save to help others out. The money you spend on your morning latte or biscuit can simply and easily be given to the fund of your choosing when you use our Online Giving. It's so easy simply visit St. John's website at www.stjohnewan.com and click on the Online Giving icon at the bottom of the home page. You can choose to sign up to use it often or click Quick Give for a one time offering. Thank you for your generosity.



Online Giving

SHINE LIKE STARS: 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND COFFEE TABLE BOOK.

If you are looking for a fantastic gift for someone special or maybe yourself, pick up a copy or two of the limited edition commemorative book marking the 200th Anniversary of the Richmond Diocese. This condensed history of the Diocese of Richmond, a hard cover limited edition compilation lavishly illustrated with over 1,000 photographs and illustrations which include interactive pockets and flaps await you!



Shine Like Stars is the most comprehensive history of the Diocese of Richmond ever printed. Its depth of research and discovery spans more than 400 years of the Catholic faith in Virginia. One of our parishioners stated: "The book of the history of our diocese is fascinating. I had always thought that Arlington came first. I have learned so much and am about half way thru." The books are available for only \$38. A donation of \$20 will help us clear them out of the parish office as we prepare to move to the new church. Contact Jennifer at the Parish Office if you are interested.



Rosa Parks

JUSTICE CHALLENGE: On February 4th we celebrated the birthday of Rosa Parks, a woman of courage (and in her words, "a tired woman") who chose to take a stand against segregation by refusing to move to the back of the bus. Rosa Parks is a stellar example of wisdom, which can only come with age and experience. There is a tradition in the African American community of honoring the oldest person present at prayer or worship by inviting that elder to sit in a place of honor. The presider or lector then asks their permission to lead the community in prayer or to proclaim the Word. Your challenge this week is to honor an elder in your life—a grandparent, a senior citizen who lives next door, or a "Rosa Parks" type of person in the parish or community. Invite this person to share some wisdom with your family through storytelling or simple conversation. Let the person's 70, 80, or 90 years of faithful living give your family insights into what God calls all of us to do. Then go out and do it!

2021 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CALENDAR may be picked up after Mass at the main entrance of church or you may contact the Parish Office to make alternate arrangements.



EXPECTANT MOTHERS. Please pray with us for expectant mothers (connotes eagerness and anticipation). Call Carolyn Lacy (540) 949-7611, or Peggy McGough (540) 337-3536 to share their names with those who pray.

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE. In a recent statement from Bishop Michael F. Burbidge (Arlington) and Bishop Barry C. Knestout (Richmond) on Virginia House of Delegates' passage of abortion expansion legislation:

"Today, the House of Delegates made the tragic decision to expand drastically abortion coverage in Virginia's health benefits exchange. This legislation is identical to the bill the Senate passed that permits plans participating in the exchange to cover abortion for any reason, funded in significant part with Virginians' tax dollars. Taxes pay for managing the exchange, and for subsidizing health plans of tens of thousands of low- and middle-income Virginians using the exchange to provide healthcare for themselves and their families.

Replacing the current life-saving restrictions on abortion with a policy of abortion coverage without limits in our state exchange is drastic, dangerous and will result in the tragic end to more unborn lives. Though this bill has passed, advocacy against future threats to life and dignity is essential. Therefore, we encourage all to continue in the active participation of the faithful in our two dioceses in this advocacy. If you have not already done so, please visit vacatholic.org to join the Virginia Catholic Conference's email network to receive critical alerts and updates.

As the U.S. bishops' *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* statement highlights, 'The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do' (no. 13). Every day, without discouragement, may we each continue to advocate with relentless determination for life and dignity. Our baptism calls us to do no less."

Pregnant and need help? Find pregnancy resources within the Diocese of Richmond.



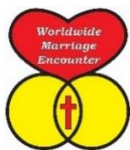
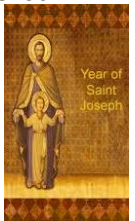
MUSIC MINISTRY invites you to join us Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM for communal singing as we pray the music for the upcoming weekend. Zoom Meeting ID: 856 3042 0095 Password: Ministry

HAITI MINISTRY. Anyone interested in learning more about our Haiti ministry and the current situation in Haiti is invited to join our next virtual ministry meeting, on Monday, February 8 at 7:00 PM at <https://zoom.us/j/97180985816>. Cindy Corell, local woman and a Presbyterian mission co-worker based in Haiti since 2013, will be our guest. She will share information on current conditions and answer questions. Thank you for your continued support. May God bless you for your generosity.



LET'S STAY IN TOUCH WITH FLOCKNOTE! Text **SJECC** to **84576**. The service is free for your use. No downloads, no password to remember in order to participate. Just take a few minutes to sign up, and you're on your way to receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that **YOU** choose. Your personal information remains confidential.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The start of 2021 feels a lot like a continuation of 2020, but fear not – the sun continues to rise every morning and break through the clouds, and the Lord is faithful and continues to be with us! Pope Francis has proclaimed 2021 the "Year of Saint Joseph," the spouse of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Saint Joseph lived through a time of uncertainty as well, including fleeing to Egypt when his homeland was unsafe for his family. Let us look to his courageous example this year and learn to listen to the voice of God the way he did. One way to connect is to pray the Litany of Saint Joseph, click [HERE](#) to find it on USCCB's website.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. "He cured many who were sick with various diseases." Is your marriage suffering from a lack of communication or kindnesses? Are you looking for a way to bring your marriage back to its fullness? Jesus can cure all! The next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends from the safety of your home are February 22—March 15 in VIRTUAL, NC and April 15—May 6 in VIRTUAL 3RE. Visit <http://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> for more information or contact Mark & Cathy Stangler, Virginia Encounter, Worldwide Marriage Encounter at (703) 378-4150, or local couple Kevin & Angie McFarling at (540) 569-6041.



THEOLOGY ON TAP. Looking for a place to grab a beer, hang out with friends, and hear someone speak about some Church related topic? If so, then come to Theology on Tap. TOT typically takes place at night in a bar, restaurant, or brewery, however during COVID-19: The Richmond-area Theology on Tap group holds their event online right now over Zoom, and it is open to the whole diocese. Check out their [Facebook page](#).

VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS, via Zoom with Fr. Joe Goldsmith, pastor at Sacred Heart in Prince George is bringing that art of slow cooking back with monthly cooking classes for young adults! February 5 is Savory & Sweet Crepes. If you would like to register for the next one click [HERE](#) or email Katie at kyankoski@richmonddiocese.org.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE will be presented virtually February 19-21. Registration is open, visit www.cdrcmf.org/2021-national-catholic-mens-conference/.



NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST for Children ages 3 through 8. All Entries must be postmarked by March 19, 2021. Visit www.comcenter.com/christisalive for complete rules. If your child is interested in participating in the Christ is Alive! National Essay Contest please contact Jennifer at the Parish Office.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

February 7, 2021 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:29-39

Taming Our Demons

After leaving the synagogue, Jesus enters Peter's house and cures his mother-in-law. The town begins to gather at the door bringing their sick and possessed. Jesus cured many of them. He leaves with his disciples and travels to the nearby villages to preach and cast out demons.

I believe that most of us have some sort of demon inside us. Something we would really like to change about ourselves, but just can't. I'm not talking about superficial things like the size of our nose or hips. It's an inside thing—some bad habit or personal sin that usually ends up hurting the people closest to us or even ourselves.

It could be something like losing your temper, not thinking before you speak or not speaking when you should. It might even be some sort of addiction. With me it was letting my anger loose in unhealthy ways, usually by yelling at the people I loved most.

When my children were little, my husband traveled. I was lucky enough to be a stay-at-home mom, but I got to stay home with five kids under ten. I loved my children; there is no question that I would have died for them. But whenever I thought of Paul's message in 1 Corinthians 13, "love is patient; love is kind... it is slow to anger..." I cringed. That was not me. I woke every morning and said to myself, "I will get through this day without yelling. I will try harder, work harder; I can change."

The truth was I couldn't change, not by myself that is. It wasn't until I could say, "I cannot do this God, please help me," that I could begin to tame my demon. My morning prayer became, "Lord, fill me with your love and strength so that I can get

through breakfast without yelling." And then, "Get me to lunchtime, Lord."

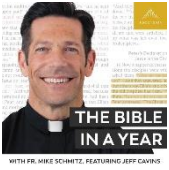
I finally discovered that the love Paul was talking about in 1 Corinthians was something stronger than even a mother's love; it was God's love. The great thing is that with God's help (and sometimes some professional help) we can all conquer our own worst demons. We just have to ask.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Discuss what we mean when we talk about good and bad habits. Ask each person to name a bad habit they have, and then have each person tell the others what good habits they see in them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is your own personal demon? Are you ready to ask God to give you his love and strength to overcome it? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?



THE BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST with Fr. Mike Schmitz featuring Jeff Cavins is the #1 downloaded podcast on iTunes this year! The Bible in a Year Podcast guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you. The episodes are 20-25 minutes long. Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word! Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

"SHARING OUR STORY: THE HISTORY OF AN ENDURING FAITH," a Virtual Event featuring the Most Reverend Wilton Cardinal Gregory (on February 13 & 27) will be held each Saturday in February at 4:00 PM. This in-depth education experience for Black History Month strives to inspire the Christian faithful through the witness of our Catholic candidates for sainthood. You will learn how they triumphed over tragedies and learn how you can do the same. This is a free event. Register by clicking [HERE](#). For questions contact (804) 622-5241 or ethnicministries@richmonddiocese.org.

HOW THE PHILIPPINES BECAME CATHOLIC. When the Spaniards arrived in the Philippines in 1521, more than 100 ethnolinguistic groups already occupied the archipelago of more than 7,000 islands. While they did not exist as one country, the islands were nevertheless connected to each other via trade routes and slave-raiding that included other territories in the region. Trade, in fact, existed before the 10th century. The islands also teemed with religious diversity. The Ifugao in northern Luzon, the Tagalog in southern Luzon, the Visayan in the central islands, and the various indigenous communities in Mindanao each had their own cosmology, code of ethics, and mode of worship. Muslim communities were also scattered around the islands, including Manila. To learn more: call (804) 359-5661 or email ethnicministries@richmonddiocese.org. On Saturday, April 24 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, the Filipino community will be celebrating 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines. There will be a mass to commemorate this anniversary followed by fellowship. More information to come!



THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH. February is when CCC focus' on their Counseling Services. They understand the importance of positive mental health and provide counseling for adults, children, couples, and families. Whether through individual counseling or group counseling, our trained counselors assist with a variety of issues such as depression, anxiety, grief, anger management, domestic violence, marital problems, adolescent self-esteem and self-harm, and trauma. And most of these services are available remotely, meaning all you need is a phone or computer. For more information visit www.cccofva.org/counselingservices.

