

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

21 February 2021

First Sunday of Lent



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

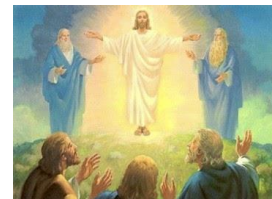
28 February 2021

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a-13, 15-18

Psalm 116:10, 15-19

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2—10



**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

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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.



"CHRIST SUFFERED FOR SINS ONCE FOR ALL, THE RIGHTEOUS FOR THE UNRIGHTEOUS, IN ORDER TO BRING YOU TO GOD." Is He prompting you to suffer with Him, bringing others to God as a priest? Contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

FEBRUARY 20 SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 21 SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 22 MONDAY	FEBRUARY 23 TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 24 WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 25 THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 26 FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 27 SATURDAY
5:00 PM † Jimmy Cook	8:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM † Carol Pardee	 CHAIR OF - ST. PETER -	9:00 AM † Jean & Ernest Stumps	9:00 AM † Elizabeth Koehler	9:00 AM † Irene Hordubay	9:00 AM † Frank Purstell	5:00 PM † Rena Mitchell
3:30—4:30 PM, CH PATIO Confessions	10:00—11:00 AM Virtual Breaking Open the Word		6:00—7:30 PM, FR Scouts 7:00 PM, AT PANERA BREAD Respect Life		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: Janine Blanchet, Lisa Birchler, Marian Calder, Eric Gunderson, Rita Handley, Judy Hull, Maggie Loh, Anne Mahoney, Donald Narducci, Kathleen Snead, Kim Van Nguyen, Leo Still, Karen Valente; Elizabeth Welch, Cindy Williams; **DECEASED:** Cindy Edwards;

IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Sr. Airman Michael Brown USAF, Sgt. John Burns, LCDR Christopher Farkas USN, 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 22 — FEBRUARY 27, 2021 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 • 1 Peter 5:1-4 • Psalm 23:1-6 • Matthew 16:13-19

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 • Isaiah 55:10-11 • Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19 • Matthew 6:7—15

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 • Jonah 3:1—10 • Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 • Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 • Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 • Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8 • Matthew 7:7-12

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 • Ezekiel 18:21—28 • Psalm 130:1—8 • Matthew 5:20—26

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 • Deuteronomy 26:16-19 • Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 • Matthew 5:43-48



FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE.

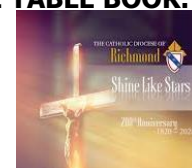
This year for Lent not only can you give something up, but you can use the money you save to help others out. The money you spend on your morning latte or biscuit can simply and easily be given to the fund you choose when you use our Online Giving. It's so easy. Simply visit St. John's website at www.stjohnnevan.com and click on the Online Giving icon at either the top or 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.



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.



2021 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CALENDAR may be picked up at the main entrance of church. Or stop by the Parish Office porch on Wednesday and Thursday this week between 9:00 AM—3:00 PM.

LITTLE BOOKS can be ordered directly from the website at littlebooks.org. They are available in paper and e-book formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to www.littlebooks.org/app.



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. A Zoom link is available on the parish website. Meeting ID: 856 3042 0095 Password: Ministry

HAITI MINISTRY. We invite you to join us in a prayer of solidarity for Fr. Augustin and the people of St. Louis King of France Parish in Pointe-a-Raquette on the Island of LaGonave, Haiti. We are praying the Rosary together, but separately, in our homes on Monday, February 22 at 7:00 PM. If you are unable to join us at that time, we ask that you choose a time during the week of February 21 to pray the rosary for peace and justice in the country, for adequate food and other basic needs for safe living, good health and access to care when needed. Thank you for joining us in this individual but group prayer. May God bless you! Bon Dye Beni Ou.



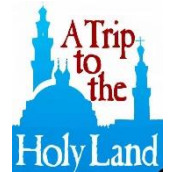
DIOCESAN FUEL AND HUNGER GRANT. The Diocesan Office of Propagation of the Faith has awarded St. John the Evangelist parish a Fuel and Hunger Grant of \$2,500 for fiscal 2020/2021. These funds are available through the generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal by the people of the diocese. Thank you for your continued commitment and support, and thanks to the members of St. John's Food Pantry ministry who assisted with the grant application.

GRIEFSHARE is a seminar series that features Christian experts on grief and recovery topics, as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussions of the materials presented during the video. The seminars are designed for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, recently or in the not so recent past. We begin the next 13-week cycle of seminars on Monday evening, March 1, 2021. Meetings take place at Panera Bread in Waynesboro from 6:30 PM—8:15 PM in the Meeting Room. Masks are required and you will be required to socially distance so you can be assured of a safe environment. Please contact Janine Blanchet (540) 221-2854 or Renee Beverlin (540) 256-7066 if you have any questions or you would like more information about the GriefShare seminar.

JUSTICE CHALLENGE: We are entering the first full week of our Lenten journey—a journey to the cross and then to resurrection. We know we can't go straight to resurrection. As with Jesus, the sacrifice of the cross is a necessary part of our journey. Your challenge this week, but really for all of Lent, is to think of someone in the world who is experiencing the weight of their own cross. It might be the cross of hunger, of human trafficking, of living in a war-torn village or city, or of being denied freedom of expression. Even though you don't know this person's name, imagine how this person looks, how old they might be, and even where they live. Then choose something to give up this Lent, something which may cause a bit of suffering and sacrifice on your part, to stand in solidarity with the brother or sister whose pain is—and should be—our pain. Offer up your sacrifice on their behalf. Every day, as members of our one human family, say a prayer for this person. Use the time or the money you would have spent on whatever you give up to support an organization in your parish or in our universal Catholic Church which works to end injustice for those who suffer. Some possible choices include your local St. Vincent de Paul chapter, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities, or Catholic Relief Services. *@Center for Ministry Development. Published by the Pastoral Center / PastoralCenter.com. All rights reserved.*

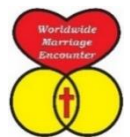
DIRECTORY PICTURES. If you were able to get your pictures taken last year for the new Parish Directory, you may pick them up at the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday between 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. Please call Jennifer at the Parish Office first so she can arrange a safe porch pick-up time for you. Thank you for being a part of our directory. Stay posted for updates if you still need your pictures taken.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE. We are going to the Holy Land to walk where Jesus walked! Join the pilgrims of St. John when we travel for 12 days to some of the most sacred sites of our faith. Scripture will come alive as you experience the "Fifth Gospel." A pilgrimage is an ancient spiritual exercise and our parish pilgrimage will be a time of prayer, reflection, faith sharing, and fun experiences visiting the areas around the Sea of Galilee including the Mount of Beatitudes, Cana, Nazareth, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi, and Magdala. We will renew our Baptismal promises at the Jordan River and visit Jericho and Bethany. Over several days in Jerusalem, we will experience the sacred spaces of Jesus' last days and resurrection. Details including prices are on the parish website and registrations will open after Easter. For additional information, join our Zoom meeting for an overview and question/answer opportunity on Sunday, February 21 at 7:00 PM. The link is also on the parish website. (<https://zoom.us/j/93686796766>)



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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. As we journey during this Lenten Season, let us take time to reflect on our marriage. What can we do to make our marriage even better? Learn how on an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend from the safety of your home on 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.



"SHARING OUR STORY: THE HISTORY OF AN ENDURING FAITH," a Virtual Event featuring the Most Reverend Wilton Cardinal Gregory 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.



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!

HOW THE PHILIPPINES BECAME CATHOLIC. When the Spanish explorers arrived in the Philippines in 1521, more than 100 ethno-linguistic 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!



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 21, 2021 • 1st Sunday of Lent • Mark 1:12-15

Believing in the Good News

Mark's account of Jesus being tempted in the desert is very short, only two sentences long. However, it is just as clear from this telling of the story as it is in the longer versions that Jesus leaves the desert with a strong message.

Jesus' words, "repent, and believe in the good news," need to be elaborated on if we want to understand what Jesus is asking of us. "Repent" means more than counting up our sins and saying we are sorry. To repent means to take a serious look at not just what we have done, but the person we have become.

Jesus is asking us to pay attention to how we are living our lives. How do we see ourselves? What are we all about? Why do we go to work, clean the house or shuffle the kids to scouts and soccer? What is our purpose?

In this world, we are often identified by what we do and what we have. We are a success if we have a good job, make a lot of money, have a house full of things. Jesus asks us to see ourselves in a different way. He asks us to see ourselves as God created us—a much-loved child, uniquely gifted, created to love as God loves. God considers us a success if—with Jesus' help—we become the person we were created to be, bringing God's love to the world.

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments; they were part of God's covenant with the chosen people.

In the new covenant Jesus tells us we are God's children. He lets us know that we are expected to do more than just follow God's law. Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, a new attitude to life. As God's children we are not only rooted in the Commandments; we are expected to carry Jesus' light and his loving, forgiving attitude to the world. That is the gospel Jesus proclaimed. This is the Good News.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about what the world would be like if all Christians lived as God wants them to live.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What can you do to create greater peace and harmony in our home? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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