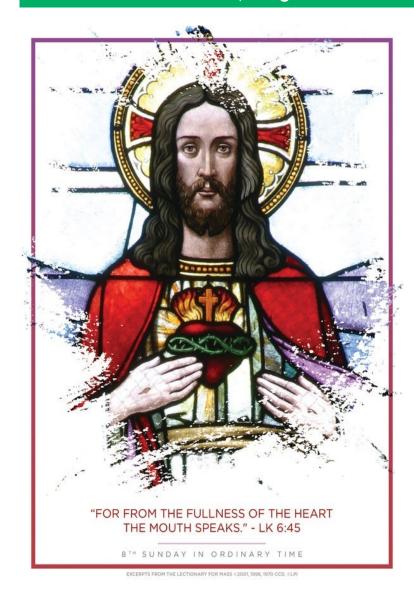
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MARCH 2, 2025 THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE LORD BECAME MY PROTECTOR.
HE BROUGHT ME OUT TO A PLACE OF FREEDOM;
HE SAVED ME BECAUSE HE DELIGHTED IN ME.

First Reading: Sir 27:7

Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

Psalm: 92

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:57

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Lk 6:45

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT JOSEPH

Saturday 4pm (English) & 6:30 pm (Español) Sunday 8am & 11am

SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA

Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday 9:30 am

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Saturday 4pm Sunday 10am

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS Saturday, March 1 St. Joseph (9am) +Joseph St. Joseph (4pm) +Thomas Gallagher by Rob and Louise Stewart San José (6:30pm) ~Será Anunciado St. Mary (5:30pm) ~The People of our Cluster Parishes St. Vincent (4pm) ~St. Vincent Parishioners and Families Sunday, March 2 +Lynne "Tede" Smith St. Joseph (8am) St. Joseph (11am) ~Peace & Justice St. Mary (9:30am) +Shannon McCall by Friends at St. Mary's St. Vincent (10am) Tuesday, March 4 +Juanita Culbert by Jean Melvin St. Joseph (9am) Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday St. Joseph (9am) Liturgy of the Word & Ashes St. Joseph (6pm) +Tom Loughran, Moira & Bob Messier by Anne Marie Loughran St. Vincent (12:05) Liturgy of the Word & Ashes St. Mary (12:05) ~Pro Populo St. Vincent (6pm) +Mr. & Mrs. Edwards by Marijo Heitman Thursday, March 6 St. Joseph (9am) +Jean Muller by the Tromly Family St. Vincent (12:05) +Lauren & Jim Guzda San José (6pm) + Luis Eduardo Acevedo

Friday, March 7
St. Mary (12:05)

ary (12:05) +Dusty Rhodes by M.E.

Saturday, March 8

St. Joseph (9am) +Tom Loughran, Moira & Bob Messier

by Anne Marie Loughran

St. Joseph (4pm) ~Bonnie Pittman San José (6:30pm) ~Será Anunciado

St. Mary (5:30pm) +Emil & Catherine Koelsch by Tom & Wendy

St. Vincent (4pm)

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Parish offices will be closed, Tuesday March 4th due to Staff Lenten Retreat.

Parish Registration: To register in one of our cluster parishes, please pick up a registration form at Mass and turn it in to the parish office, or contact your parish office directly.

Baptism: For infants and children under the age of 7: a pre-baptismal preparation process for parents is required, and the sacrament is celebrated on a scheduled basis. Please contact your Deacon to register for preparation.

OCIA (**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**) The OCIA process is for unbaptized persons, ages 7 and older, and those who were baptized in another Christian tradition. The process is one of conversion and formation and people are welcomed into the process year-round. Contact one of our Deacon's for more information.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at St. Joseph on Wednesdays: 5pm & Saturdays: 3-3:45pm, St. Vincent on Wednesdays: 12:30 & Saturdays: 3:30pm and St. Mary's on Sundays: 8:45-9:15am.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated after masses when requested or by appointment.

Christian Formation

Family Faith Formation will meet March 2 at SVDP from 1-2:30pm

Teens will also meet at SVDP from 2-3:30pm – teen parents are asked to stay

Confirmation Preparation will be Tuesday, March 11 at SJ beginning at 5pm

School of Prayer: Our Catholic Faith is full of rich and diverse ways to pray and connect with God. A School of Prayer will be held at **Saint Vincent de Paul on Monday nights from 7pm-8:30pm.** Each week we will learn about a different prayer method and practice praying together. Topics include praying at Adoration, the Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mental Prayer, Prophesy and Personal Intercession, Physical Healing, and Interior Healing.

Coffee with Clergy: Join Fr. Dillon for a cup of coffee at this informal event to learn about topics of your choice and to pick a priest's brain about any subject you want. This event will be held at **Buckroe Coffee** on the following Thursdays from 10-11am: Mar. 6, Mar. 13, and Mar. 27.

LENT

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Fasting is a form of penance and abstinence is a form of self discipline, both of which help us turn away from sin and toward Christ. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Lenten Book Study: Thursday, March 6th at 7pm in St. Joseph's Cordier Hall. To prepare for our Lenten book study, please purchase a copy of **Wilderness Within** by Sister Josephine Garrett. You can find the book through **AMAZON** or **AVE MARIA PRESS.**

Lenten Penance Service: SJ-6:45pm March 20

Lenten Mission: SJ- M-W March 24-26th- 6pm Dinner (Potluck), 7pm -8:15pm Talk

Lenten Retreat: SV-April 5th 10am-2pm

OCIA:

- Rite of Calling to Continued Conversion on March 9th
- Penitential Rite March 16th
- April 2nd First Confessions for OCIA

Ash Wednesday

SJ 9am: Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

SM 12:05pm: Mass with ashes

SV 12:05pm: Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

SJ 5pm: Adoration/Confession, SJ 6pm: Mass with ashes

SV 6pm: Mass with ashes



Saint Joseph, Pray for us

February 16, 2025 **OFFERTORY:** \$3,102.037 E-Giving: \$5,275.00 Parish Charities \$639.00 Catholic Virginian \$15.00 **Building Fund** \$515.00 **Initial Offering** \$8.00 **Donuts** \$52.75 Candles \$15.00



Attendance:

Saturday 4pm: 112 6:30pm: 61 Sunday 8am: 94 11am: 145

Weekly budgeted offertory \$11,000

This week's 2nd collection: **Gen. Op. Shortfall**Next week's 2nd collection: **No Second Collection**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Each Friday evening during Lent we will have Soup Suppers at 5:45pm to 6:45pm followed by bilingual Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Below is a list of the generous ministry groups who have volunteered to provide us with nourishment of the body as we prepare for nourishment of the soul!

Mar 7 - Parish Pastoral Council
Mar 14 - Health Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry
Mar 21 - Respect Life Ministry
Mar 28 - Hispanic Ministry
Apr 4 - Knights of Columbus 511
Apr 11 - Music Ministry
Thank you to everyone who took part in making this possible!



Food Pantry and Breakfast Ministry: In January we handed out over **240 Breakfasts and 87 Food Pantry Bags!** We appreciate all the generous donors and volunteers who make services to our patrons and friends possible! Your efforts were bountiful and we served many in need this winter season. Thank you for helping us serve over 100 local friends and families a week! No gesture is too small and it takes the whole community to serve so well... THANK YOU for your continuous charity and service!

Health Ministry Highlight: We have many new and like new medical use items on hand that have been passed along to our community. Many of these items may not be covered for others by Medical Insurance and may come in great assistance. If you or someone you know have a special need please be sure to check with Linda Boone or Susan Locke in the main office.

Care-A-Van is a Free Mobil Health Clinic available to uninsured adults and children which is available at Saint Joseph every 3rd Tuesday of each month. More details can be requested by contacting the Main Office.

Save the Date: Health Ministry is hosting a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on Sunday March 9, 2025, from 8:30am – 1:30pm. Please be on the lookout for more details and signups to come!

The Funeral Reception Committee is off to a great start! Anyone who would like to be part of a rotational dish and dessert contact list OR a widow and widower's group should please contact Melanie @ mplue@peninsulacluster.org or by calling the main office.

Light of Hope Intercessory Prayer Ministry: SJ prayer intercessory group will greet, get to know, and pray for and with our regular patrons of Tuesday morning Food Pantry and Breakfast Ministry services. All interested parties should contact Bobbye Sinclair at 305-527-6716 or Melanie Plue in the office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Please join us every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month at 10am in the Little White House. We have a lot of fun, offering handiwork to prayer, and look forward to seeing you then!

Coffee and Donuts: Join us immediately following Sunday 11am Mass for Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall. Hospitality is a cooperative effort to build our community and strengthen the bonds of our Parish family. We thank those who contribute to this effort through contributions and clean-up efforts! Please consider signing up to host on the sheet posted in Cordier Hall. All are always welcome.

Saint Vincent de Paul, Pray for us

February 16, 2025 **OFFERTORY:** \$2,474.00 E-Giving \$1,120.00 **Back Door Ministry** \$20.00 Scholarship Fund \$501.00 Church Maintenance \$35.00



Attendance: Saturday: 75 Sunday: 77

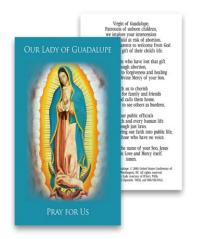
Weekly budgeted offertory \$6,080

This week's 2nd collection: Back Door Ministries Next week's 2nd collection: Catholic Virginian

Comedy Knight: Father Lloyd F. Stephenson Saint Vincent de Paul Council #362 is hosting a night of comedy on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 7pm at Cozy's Comedy Club, 9700 Warwick Blvd, Newport News, VA. For your comedic enjoyment, we'll have two acts! Tickets are \$20.00 and can be obtained from any Knight.

In Need of Ushers and Greeters: Volunteering as an usher is a wonderful way Ushers & Greeters to meet fellow parishioners and it involves minimal time commitment. We are in need of additional ushers on Sunday morning. If you are interested, please stop by and sign up with the ushers in the back of the church. Thank you for considering helping with this important ministry.





The Respect Life Ministry is coordinating the upcoming Spring 40 Days for Life, March 5- April 13 and will have an information table at each of the parishes -- (Suzie Ellis is Respect Life Representative at St. Vincent, Carolyn Moore at St. Joseph and Kathy Akridge at St. Mary.)

Prayer cards, (see attached prayer card), have been purchased by Respect Life Ministry through the USCCB/ respectlife.org., and will be handed out after the Masses the weekend of March 1st and 2nd and daily Masses Thursday, February 27th thru Sat. March 1st. Respect Life Members will be available to help with prayer vigil sign-ups and answer questions about 40 Days for Life after each of the Masses.

To help offset the costs of devotionals, prayer cards and other items purchased by the Respect Life Ministry, donation boxes will be at each parish. Thank you for your participation and support of this important ministry.

PORT Homeless Shelter: PORT is an ecumenical effort by Newport News churches to house and provide meals for homeless guests during the winter. Our parish serves at other churches making dinner, assembling bagged breakfasts, and assisting with guest check-in and check-out.

Our 4th PORT opportunity is Saturday, 3/28/25 at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church. To cover our shifts, we need many Volunteers and food items for our meals. This is a wonderful opportunity for high school students, young adults, retired folks and fun to do together as a family! If you can help, please sign up at: https://signup.com/go/aQfnetL

If you'd prefer to give a donation to cover food costs, we have a NEW tab on the We Share site just for PORT! https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/b73837ac-d77c-4cb8-8342-19afee547828

If you have questions or would like to receive emails about our opportunities, please email Mary Belbin at maryandscott@cox.net.

Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Pray for us

This week's 2nd Collection: Support our Schools Next week's 2nd Collection: Building Fuind

Average Budgeted Offertory is \$3,033 per weekend.

February 16, 2025 Attendance: Saturday: 43 Sunday: 155

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OFFERTORY:	Basket	E-Give
1st Collection	\$1,826.00	\$1,858.13
Support Our Schools	\$20.00	\$155.00
Building Fund	\$135.00	\$190.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 0	\$20.00
Parish Charities	\$592.00	\$20.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 0	\$35.00
Slate Roof	\$100.00	\$O
Flowers	\$ 0	\$25.00





Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. During Lent, we will hold Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 6pm followed by a Soup Supper. If you would like to host a Supper, (no meat please) please sign-up in the vestibule. You can host alone or groups are welcome!

Seeking Additional Cantors and Choir Members: If you enjoy singing joyfully to the Lord, and would like to join our music ministry, please see a choir member or our Music Minister Danny after mass! You do not have to be a soloist to join. You can just sing along with the group. Instrumentalists are also welcome!

Sunday Socials: Join us immediately following Sunday Mass for Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall. Hospitality is a cooperative effort to build our community and strengthen the bonds of our Parish family. Please consider signing up to host on the sheet posted in hall. All are always welcome!

Interested in becoming an Altar server? Please contact Deacon Mike.

We are most in need of Saturday Evening Vigil Servers.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Ash Wednesday Ashes

Question:

Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer:

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "out of the dust of the ground" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

CLUSTER

Join the **Respect Life Ministry** as we pray and fast 40 Days for Life! Our peaceful prayer vigil begins **Wednesday**, **March 5th and ends with our closing prayer rally on Sunday, April 13th, 2:30– 4pm.** Please sign up online through our prayer vigil calendar, www.4odaysforlife.com/en/newportnews or on the signup sheet at your parish for the day and time that works best for you. We will help you find a prayer partner! 23601 Contacts: Carolyn Moore carolyn-bm8@gmail.com or Mike maraojo1@yahoo.com. Stop by our 40 Days for Life table more information.

March Nocturnal Adoration at St. Clare of Assisi Retreat Center begins Thursday, March 6th, at 10pm. There will be rotating hours throughout the night, beginning on the hour, with the last hour being from 5-6am. The office of the Blessed Sacrament is recited during the hour. As Lent starts, it is a great time to come spend an hour of Adoration with the Blessed Lord.

Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a campaign inviting Catholics to model civility and love for neighbor throughout the year. *Civilize It: A Better Kind Of Politics* is a response to Pope Francis' invitation to seek the truth, build bridges, and find solutions together that promote the common good. Join us by taking the pledge and finding resources at <u>Civilizelt.org</u>.



"May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart."

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor

15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31 **Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2

Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25 **Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15 **Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32 **Next Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see

5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13





St. Joseph: Don Boyce, Joe Boyce, David Braunbeck, Roxanne Brown, Jeremiah C. Burke, Wynette Burke, James Burns, Dean Charles, Steven Charles, Tina Cole, Brian Emmons, Leonard Filipkowski, Skip Fontz, Catherine Freel, James Freel, Mr. & Mrs. Stacy Hauskenecht, Rita Haynes, Mark Harmer, Cindy Hoffler, Cindy Jo, Sharon Jones, Ellie Kalski, Art Kelly, Michelle & Paul Kirkland, Annette Lyons, Mona Mazonkey, Eugenia Perugi, Bonnie Pittman, John Ruth, Barbara Scheuren, Delores Shackley, James & Pamela Shoffber, Margaret Silvia, Loretta Thompson, Gary Vonderhaar, Eugenia Walters, Carol Williams, Danielle Winters, AC White

<u>St. Mary</u>: Larry Berger, Noreen Casey, Tina Cole, Melynda Golla, Dave Jennings, Art Johnston, Tom Koelsch, Joe Leffson, Kate Luke, Bill Meidenbauer, Aaron Michalski, Gail Najarian, Tony O'Connell, Jennifer Oliver, A.P, Milia Panaccione, Steven Swyers

St. Vincent: Irene Aleandro, Anthony Bland, Juanita Brown, Jim Buckman, Ralph Bunch, Myasia Butler, Tina Cole, Judy Drew, Charles Farquhar, Pam Haas, Doris Inman, Michael J. Link, Grayson Mineck, Bambi Mohammed, Brenda Orie, Vincent Paige, Pat Patterson, Angela Reilly, Lanny Smith, Mary Stephenson, Franziska Steverson, Tondalaya Thomas, Dillion Witherspoon

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"and please rememberdon't forget to pray for me". ~Pope Francis



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