

St. Raphael Catholic Church

St. Raphael Parish Picnic

Children's Activities
Moon Bounce
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Popcorn

Sunday, September 24
12:30–4:00PM

Rain or Shine!!

BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE.
nut-free preferred

Hot Dogs
Hamburgers
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Soda & Beer

We hope to see you on the 24th!

See inside!!
Don't miss the new
Family Holy Hour—details on page 5
Anima Christi Prayer—page 3

Sodality—All Parishioners Welcome!
Please join Sodality on
Wednesday, September 20
parish library
7 - 9 PM
for our first meeting of the year.
The speaker will be
Fr. Christian Huebner on Prayer.
Rosary recited. Refreshments provided.

1513 Dunster Road Rockville, Maryland 20854

September 17, 2023

Please mail correspondence to the Parish Office
1592 Kimblewick Road, Rockville, MD 20854

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Parish Fax 301-762-0719
Website www.straphaels.org

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New Parishioners: A warm welcome to St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Blue registration cards are available on the wall rack in the main entrance of the church or you may register online at: <https://straphaels.org/parish-registration-form>

The **Parish Ministry List** can be found on our website,

St. Vincent de Paul/St. Raphael Conference
Intake Number: 240-447-7027

For Life Affirming Resources:
<https://adw.org/about-us/resources/pregnant-need-help/>
Healing after abortion? Project Rachel 301-853-4565

Abuse isn't love. Help is available 24/7 on the National Domestic

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, (children), 11:30AM,
1:00PM (español), 6:00PM (youth)

Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 9:00AM
Saturday: 9:00 AM

Penance : Tuesday: 7:00 - 7:30 PM and
Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday: 6:45 PM
Parish Library, September 21, Thursday: 9:30 AM

Benediction: Tuesday, following novena 7:45 PM
Thursday, 7:15PM

Miraculous Medal Novena: Tuesday, 7:30PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Tuesday, following Novena
Thursday, 7:00PM

Sacrament of Baptism: Parish Registration and a Baptism class is required. Please contact Eileen Kutchak, 240-864-2510, to register and plan to attend the class while awaiting the birth or adoption of your child.

Sacrament of Matrimony: In accord with the regulations of the Archdiocese of Washington, couples must contact a priest and begin preparation at least six months prior to the wedding. Parish registration and active participation for the minimum of three months is required before preparation may begin. Living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to the future marriage. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the preparation time.

What does it mean to be an active Catholic? Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have children baptized, or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating they are parishioners and active, practicing Catholics. To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to a stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. We encourage all parishioners to become active in one of the parish organizations. In a community as large as St. Raphael, one means of verifying participation is through the regular use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish, or are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation, and you will not be noted as "inactive" on our parish roster.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
will be held in the
Parish Library

Thursday, September 21



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week Twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, September 18

6:30AM Tim & Maria Kelley Family
9:00AM Teri Dwyer

Tuesday, September 19

6:30AM Mary Catherine McGinty (d)
9:00AM Molly Bugge

Wednesday, September 20

6:30AM Raymond Klimkosky (d)
9:00AM Hugo Dalarcao (d)

Thursday, September 21

6:30AM Marie Fulginiti (d)
9:00AM Judy Kettl

Friday, September 22

6:30AM Gloria Dunne (d)
9:00AM Melissa Kelly

Saturday, September 23

9:00AM Edward Murphy (d)
5:00PM Fr. Mike Arturo Guerra (d)

Sunday, September 24

7:00AM	Fr. Tom	Rick & Raquel Anderson
8:30AM	Fr. Mike	Jeannie Etzel (d)
10:00AM	Fr. Mike	James DePiero (d)
11:30AM	Fr. Tom	Paul Saah (d)
1:00PM	Fr. Christian	Members of the Parish
6:00PM	Fr. Christian	Paul Pini (d)

The priest schedule is subject to change.

Live-streamed Masses:

There will be daily live-streamed Masses,
Sunday English and Spanish Masses.
Go to website: www.straphaels.org and click the link
to YouTube Channel.



Please pray for the soul of

Italo Gargano, father of Laura Christiana,
Gloria Horcasitas
Pedro Pascual Fera,
John Richard Miller



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Rite of Christian Initiation, RCIA



We are in the RCIA Inquiry Stage. If you are thinking about joining the Catholic Church, or just looking for meaning in life, please join our meetings

Sundays in the youth center after the 8:30AM Mass. We will move from inquiry to catechism at the end of September 2023.

You can join RCIA at any time! To learn more about it, please call Kryz Psurek, 240-864-2542 and leave a message or email rcia@straphaels.org. You can also check the latest RCIA announcements and schedule at St. Raphael web site www.straphaels.org, Faith Formation, RCIA.



Mark Your Calendar
The first Coffee and Donuts
is coming October 1
in the Trumpet Room
after the 8:30, 10, 11:30 AM
and 1PM Masses

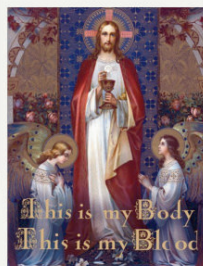
Holy Mass

followed by
Healing Prayers

OCTOBER 3, 7:00 PM

Confessions will continue during Mass
and Healing Prayers.

The Novena prayers are not recited on
Mass and Healing Prayer Tuesdays.



Bulletin notices are due in writing ON THURSDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE THE published date. Notices may be emailed to: esalatto@straphaels.org. This bulletin was transmitted September 12.

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Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, embolden me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me.

Never permit me to be parted from you. From the evil Enemy defend me.

At the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you,
that with your Saints I may praise you for age upon age.

Amen.



<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/anima-christi>

- The Anima Christi will be prayed after each Mass beginning the weekend of September 23/24.
- For your convenience, the prayer will be posted in the bulletin and worship aids each week.

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 17, 2023

Sunday **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday **Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**
1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday **Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, Companions, Martyrs**
1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday **Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday
1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday **Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Potomac Community Resources is an award-winning nonprofit serving teens and adults with developmental differences. PCR was established in 1994 at Our Lady of Mercy parish. For information about its mission and programs, please visit www.pcr-inc.org.

PCR's 26th Annual Patricia Sullivan Benefit will be held Saturday evening, October 21st at the Bethesda North Marriott.

We will be honoring the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington as Outstanding Community Partner, along with our dedicated volunteers, staff and members. Cardinal Gregory will be Honorary Chair of the Benefit.

If you are approached by someone in church or parking lot in need of help, please hand them a bulletin with below information. The SVdP intake number is also on bulletin front cover.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Raphael Catholic Church Conference
1513 Dunster Road
Rockville MD 20854
240-447-7027 - Intake

If you are in need of financial help (for utilities, housing, food or other needs) please call the phone number above. If no one answers, leave a message, giving your name and phone number, repeating the phone number a second time.

You will receive a call from one of our members within 24 hours. If you don't receive a return call in 24 hours, please call again to make sure the message wasn't missed.

Youth Ministry

Annie McHugh, 240-864-2519

High School Youth

Why God? – September 17

Why do we believe in God? Is it rational to believe in Him? If there is no God, then what's the point of religion? Join YG as we address the question upon which everything else rests, "Does God exist and how can we know this through reason?" All high schoolers are invited to join us from 7-9PM in the Youth Center for pizza, friends, and conversation!

Why God 2.0? – September 24

Join Youth Group as we look inside the human heart to find the natural longings and tendencies which point to the reality of God's existence. We'll discuss how common morality and natural law demonstrate a longing for happiness are evidence of a Creator calling out. All high schoolers are welcome from 7-9PM in the Youth Center, all newcomers welcome!

For more information on programs, or to be added to a youth ministry listserve, please contact Mike McHugh at mmchugh@straphaels.org



Father John and Father Martin, two of our newest Archdiocesan priest brothers enjoying time together at St. Raphael.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council serves the St. Raphael community by advising the Pastor on matters of concern to parishioners. If you would like the Council to consider a parishioner issue, please feel free to send an email message to: parishcouncil@straphaels.org.



FAMILY HOLY HOUR

To celebrate the Year of Eucharistic Revival,
families of all ages are invited to our new Family
Holy Hour on the first Friday of each month,
beginning on October 6th.

6:00-7:00pm: Praise and Worship Eucharistic
Adoration/Confessions in the church.

7:00-8:00pm: Fellowship in parish courtyard, hot cider,
cocoa, firepit!

Contact Mike and Annie McHugh for more details at
mmchugh@straphaels.org & amchugh@straphaels.org

EPIC: The Early Church

Tuesday Mornings 10 -12:00 Noon in PARISH LIBRARY
September 12 – November 14

Tuesday Mornings 10:30 – 12:00 Noon on ZOOM
September 12 – November 14

Thursday Evenings 7:30 – 9:00 PM on ZOOM
September 14 – November 16

For further information and to sign up, contact Dorothy Welsh
at dwwelsh5@aol.com
(for Tuesday classes) or Terry Salsgiver at
tsalsgiver@comcast.net (for Thursday class).



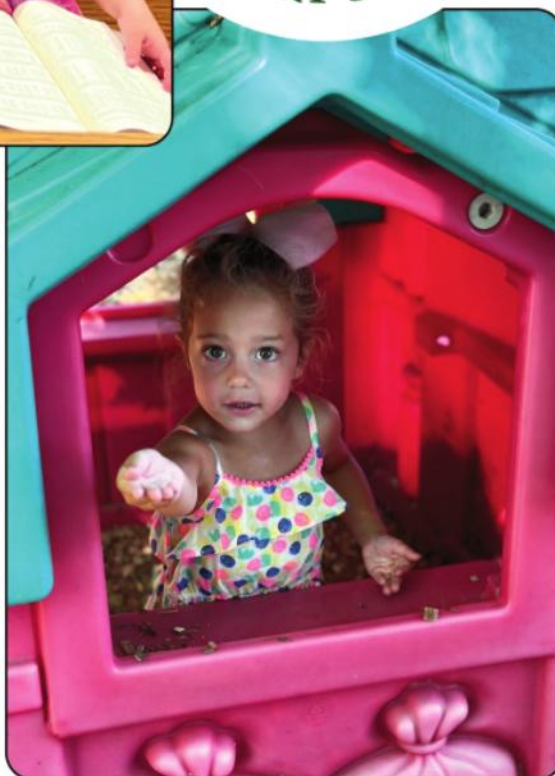
walking with purpose

We are meeting on Thursday mornings from 9:45-
11:30AM, Youth Center. Child Care is available off-site.
Contact Janice Frankford at jwfrankford@yahoo.com or
206-661-2972, Kathy Lising at 301-525-8678 or
straphaelwwwp@gmail.com

School News

SEPTMBER 17, 2023

A peek behind our classroom doors



Our smallest students celebrated the start of school with Opening Mass, visited their classrooms with their parents, played on the playground and caught up with their friends. They are now ready for a great year!

www.straphaelschoolmd.org | www.srnsm.org |    @SRSRockville



15th Annual St. Raphael Golf Classic



- Register
- Sponsor
- Volunteer

Event details at www.straphaelschoolmd.org



Fore!

Don't miss
the yummy
Golf Classic
bake sale at
Masses on
**Sunday,
Sept. 17!**

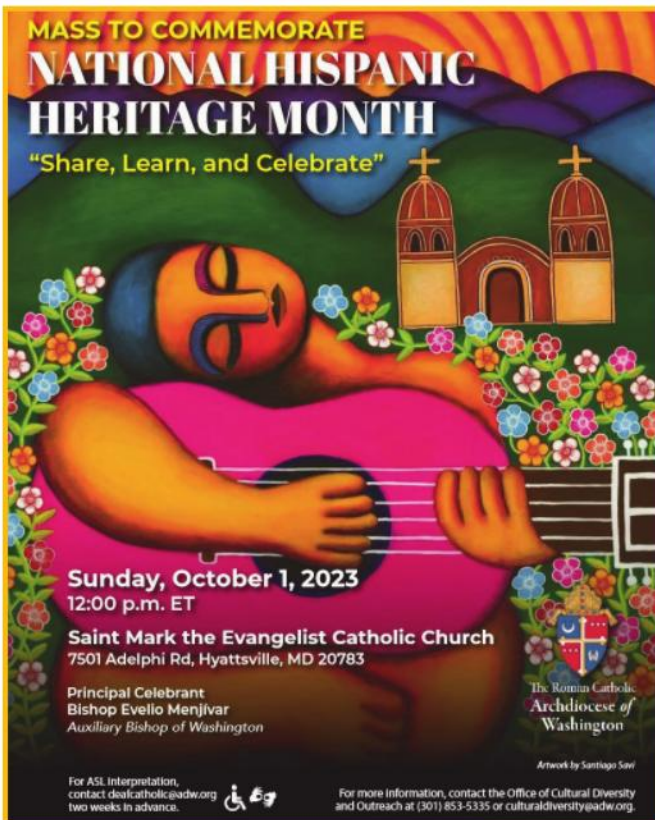
Prayer Vigil to Witness to the Sanctity of Human Life and End Abortion

Now that *Roe v. Wade* has been overturned, your **prayers** are **needed** more than ever. Montgomery County officials are actively promoting and supporting abortions. Women (and former abortionists) report that **prayers** and **the presence of peaceful, pro-life witnesses** at abortion clinics **dissuaded** them **from** having an **abortion**.

The Fall 2023, 40 Days Bethesda, 40 days for Life campaign will begin on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 and run through Sunday, November 5, 2023. **St. Raphael's is supporting the campaign** by praying a rosary on the public sidewalk in front of the CARE Abortion Clinic at the Wildwood Medical Center, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, in Bethesda, **each Saturday from 10 -11 AM**. The first Saturday of each month year-round is also the Witness for Life prayer vigil for all 40 Days for Life participants at the same location and time. For more information, see <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/bethesda>.

For security reasons, please do not go alone, but always bring a friend with you. Please meet in the vestibule after the 9 am Mass on Saturdays, if you have questions or need help with directions. *What could be more important than protecting the lives of innocent babies and their mothers from the devastating effects of abortion? If you won't protect them, who will?*

**MASS TO COMMEMORATE
NATIONAL HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH**
"Share, Learn, and Celebrate"



Sunday, October 1, 2023
12:00 p.m. ET

Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
7501 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20783

Principal Celebrant
Bishop Evello Menjivar
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington

The Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of
Washington

Artwork by Santiago Saez

For ASL Interpretation,
contact deafcatholic@adw.org
two weeks in advance.

For more information, contact the Office of Cultural Diversity
and Outreach at (301) 853-5335 or culturaldiversity@adw.org.

Together
WE CAN END ALZHEIMER'S



The Village
at
Rockville
A National Lutheran Community

FIRST ANNUAL ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS WALK
JOIN US AS WE BRING AN ALZHEIMER'S WALK TO ROCKVILLE

Saturday, October 7, 2023
The Village at Rockville
Health Center
9701 Veirs Drive, Rockville, MD 20850
Registration starts at 9 a.m.
The walk will begin at 10 a.m.

Team name: The Village at Rockville

Many opportunities to volunteer, donate,
walk or be a cheerleader!
Sponsorship opportunities on reverse.
RSVP or request information at 301-354-8486.


Scan
QR
code to
donate!



Register online at www.thevillageatrockville.org/walk

Please join
the Women's Ministry

**Women's Night
of Reflection**
with
Father Mark Ivany
Director of Priest Vocations, St. John Paul II Seminary



Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Mother of Priests
Tuesday, October 10, 7 - 8 pm

Saint Andrew Apostle Catholic Church
11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902

The reflection will be offered during Eucharistic Adoration and
the opportunity for confession will be available.
No registration required.

Having unresolved feelings about your abortion or use of
the abortion pill? You don't feel forgiven?
Do feelings of guilt, shame, regret, and sadness return?

**Come to an Entering Canaan
Day of Prayer and Healing**

October 14, 2023
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ET

Location and participation are confidential
due to the personal nature of this experience.

Suggested donation: \$40.00 (financial assistance available)

For more information, contact Project Rachel Ministry
at 301-982-2008 or hope@adw.org.



Healing is Possible
PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

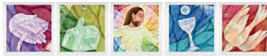
The Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Washington

Religious Education
Mary Beaudoin, 202-294-7697

Children's Liturgy of the Word Has Resumed!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) has returned at the 10:00 AM Mass and 1:00 PM (Spanish) Masses. We ask parents to encourage their children, ages 4-10, to participate in CLW each Sunday. Parents can come and see too.

CLW is a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word in language that children can readily understand. During the Liturgy of the Word, adult leaders take children to a separate space where they share the Sunday readings and an interactive homily. They pray the Creed and intercessions, then they return to church at the Preparation of Gifts for the rest of Mass.



SRRE Classes Have Begun!

St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE) has begun. And our first Family Catechesis seasonal session will be held today!

Parents, if you have not yet registered your children and teens for SRRE and sacrament prep, please do so TODAY. Please note that families must complete the registration form each year.

Find the registration link at <https://www.straphaels.org/religious-education>.

SRRE offers ongoing faith formation for all children and teens, as well as preparation for sacraments. Each year of faith formation is designed to deepen relationships with Jesus and his Church through focus on what we believe, why we celebrate the sacraments, how we pray, and how we live. If your family was not part of SRRE last year, please contact Mary Beaudoin to be included in email communications.

SRRE class schedule:

Sundays, 7:05-8:20 PM – grades 2-8
Mondays, 4:30-5:45 PM– grades kindergarten-grade 4
Mondays, 7:00-8:15 PM– grades 1-12 [no catechist yet for grades 3 or 5]
*Family Catechesis – sessions on six Sundays at 4:30-5:45 PM

Religious Education Calendar: <https://www.straphaels.org/religious-education> (Scroll down; use arrows to find upcoming months.)

*Our Family Catechesis program helps parents grow in their own faith while they guide their children in core faith formation. Parents teach their children each week's lesson at home. Then all families come together for seasonal sessions with hands-on activities focused on faith topics. Families need to commit to spending an hour each week on faith formation with their child at home and to attend the six seasonal sessions.

Tuition

One child - \$155
Two children - \$230
Three or more children - \$280

Sacramental Fees:

First Eucharist in Spring 2024 - \$75
Confirmation in Spring 2024 - \$75

Tuition support is available. Please contact Mary Beaudoin to arrange an assistance plan.

Catechists and Class Aides Needed!

In the ministry of catechesis we share the Good News with the youngest generation of Catholics, so that they too will experience the light of Christ shining in the many dark places of life.

You are invited to become involved in this ministry as a catechist, co-catechist, or class aide. To learn more about becoming part of our catechetical team, please contact Mary Beaudoin.

Needed:

Sunday night (7:05-8:20 PM)

Class Aide for grade 3
Substitutes

Monday afternoon (4:30-5:45 PM)

Class Aides
Substitutes

Monday night (7:00-8:15 PM)
Catechist for grade 3
Catechist for grade 5

SRRE Class Aides: Adults and Teens

We are in need of class aides to assist our catechists. Serving as a class aide is a great way for parents (and other adults) to be part of the SRRE team while their child is in class, and to gain experience for the ministry of catechesis. By serving as class aides, middle school and high school students can earn service hours and learn about teaching and catechesis.

This year SRRE is offering teen class aides three volunteer term options: 9 week fall, 9 week winter, and 9 week spring. Please contact Ms. Mary Beaudoin for details.



Sacrament Preparation for School Age Children

In our parish, preparation for a sacrament is a process that usually encompasses about two years. Typically, baptized children begin their preparation for First Penance and First Eucharist in the first grade and receive these sacraments at the end of second grade. In general, preparation for Confirmation begins in seventh grade, and Confirmation is celebrated in the eighth grade. Children ages seven and up who have not been baptized are invited to take part in RCIA adapted for children. Children who are older than 1st grade who wish to prepare for Eucharist, and children older than 7th grade who wish to prepare for Confirmation are incorporated into our Religious Education classes and sacrament preparation process. Children in Catholic schools need to register with their parish Religious Education office so that they receive information about important meetings. Please contact Mary Beaudoin in the Religious Education Office to discuss your child's preparation for sacraments.

Eucharistic Adoration for All!

The National Eucharistic Revival in the United States is now in its second, or parish, year.

When Pope Francis met with the organizers of the National Eucharistic Congress in June, he said:

It is my hope, then, that the Eucharistic Congress will inspire Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at the Lord's great gift of himself and to spend time with him in the celebration of the Holy Mass and in personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

[TeachingCatholicKids.com](http://www.teachingcatholickids.com) offers ideas on how to "do" Eucharistic Adoration with kids. Here is an excerpt:

If you're intimidated by the idea of bringing younger children (or even teens) into a quiet Eucharistic adoration chapel...or even to pray before the tabernacle...then take heart: Many parents are already taking their children along to Eucharistic adoration, with good results.

Read the entire article [here: https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/eucharistic-adoration/](https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/eucharistic-adoration/) Children and teens enjoy "making a visit" to the Blessed Sacrament. It can be a welcome refuge of silence and a nudge to contemplative prayer.

Forgiveness and Mercy

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Remember to make time to reflect on the [Scripture readings](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091723.cfm) with your family: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091723.cfm>

Key Passage: Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:21-22)

... and then have a family sharing time on the questions below:

- ▶ Adults: When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?
- ▶ Kids: When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

A Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War

Lord God,
No one is a stranger to you
And no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war,
Those separated from their loved ones,
Young people who are lost,
And those who have left home or who have run away from home.
Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be,
And help us always to show your kindness
to strangers and to all in need.

- Author Unknown

Marriage Moments

Last week, I urged married couples to take a "criticism break." But sometimes hurts or problems need to be aired. Was it hard to refrain from criticizing? If the complaint still bugs you agree to a calm time to share it, then pair it with an appreciation.

Parenting Pointers

"Forgive your neighbor's injustice;" (Sirach 28:2)
Sometimes our neighbors hurt us. Children especially can get angry with a playmate or adult. Is there someone you have difficulty loving? Model for your child a forgiving heart.

Living *Laudato Si'* - Eco-Tips

Planet Earth supports our lives. We must take care of it. In Pope Francis' encyclical, LAUDATO SI', he calls not only on Catholics, but all humanity to care more vigorously for creation.

NATURE

EASY: Take a hike in the woods. Listen to the subtle sounds of nature. How many can you identify?

CHALLENGING: In addition to a hike in the woods, "hike" through the poorest neighborhood of your city/town. Listen to the sounds. Are they any different?

*Marriage Moments, Parenting Pointers, and Eco-Tips by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net



Christus Vivit To Young People and to the Entire People of God

Christus vivit (Christ is alive) is a post-synodal apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, written in response to the Fifteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, on young people, faith, and vocational discernment. That synod was held in October 2018. This week we continue Chapter Six: Young People with Roots.

Dreams and visions - continued


195. That is why it is a good thing to let older people tell their long stories, which sometimes seem legendary or fanciful – they are the dreams of old people – yet are often full of rich experiences, of eloquent symbols, of hidden messages. These stories take time to tell, and we should be prepared to listen patiently and let them sink in, even though they are much longer than what we are used to in social media. We have to realize that the wisdom needed for life bursts the confines of our present-day media resources.

196. In the book *Sharing the Wisdom of Time*, I expressed some thoughts in the form of questions. "What do I ask of the elders among whom I count myself? I call us to be memory keepers. We grandfathers and grandmothers need to form a choir. I envision elders as a permanent choir of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise support the larger community that works and struggles in the field of life." It is a beautiful thing when "young men and maidens together, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord" (Ps 148:12-13).

197. What can we elderly persons give to the young? "We can remind today's young people, who have their own blend of heroic ambitions and insecurities, that a life without love is an arid life." What can we tell them? "We can tell fearful young people that anxiety about the future can be overcome." What can we teach them? "We can teach those young people, sometimes so focused on themselves, that there is more joy in giving than in receiving, and that love is not only shown in words, but also in actions."

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY THE 24TH.**

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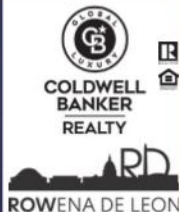
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