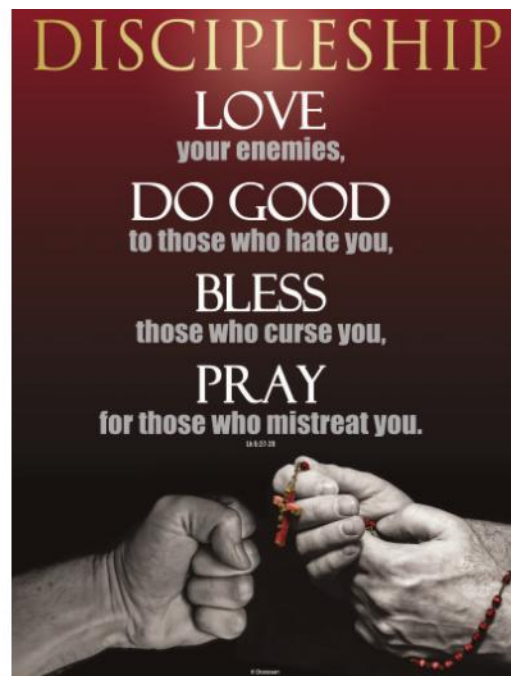
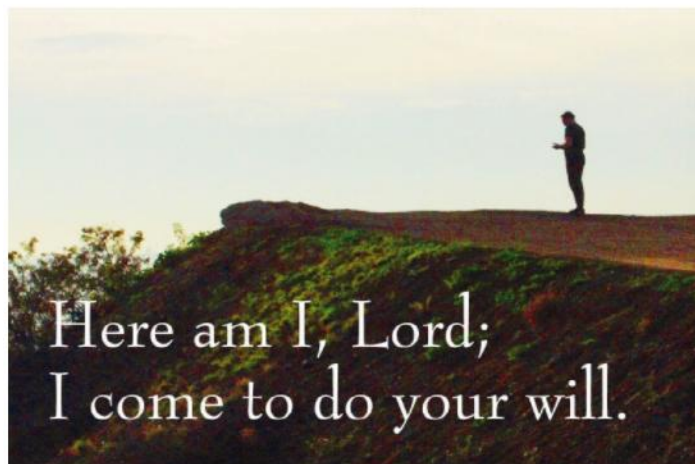


St. Raphael Catholic Church



1513 Dunster Road Rockville, Maryland 20854

January 14, 2024

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1592 Kimblewick Road, Rockville, MD 20854**

**Parish Phone 301-762-2143
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**Rev. Michael Salah, Pastor, ext. 112
Rev. Christian Huebner, Parochial Vicar, 301-762-2143, ext. 150
Email: huebnerc@adw.org
Rev. Thomas Morrow, Retired, ext. 128**

**Deacon Jose Carbonell, ext. 187
Deacon Richard Meyer, 202-365-0913
Deacon Jim O'Brien, obrien3@verizon.net
Deacon Frank Salatto, ext. 149**

**Mary J. Beaudoin, Dir. Of Religious Education, ext. 124
Teri Dwyer, Principal, ext. 121
Julie Cress, School Admissions, ext. 158 or jcress@straphaels.org
Luisa Duarte, Spanish Coordinator, 240-864-2565
Eileen Kutchak, Dir. of Parish Programming, ext. 110
Pietro Lojacono, Assistant for Religious Education, ext. 123
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Krys Psurek, RCIA Coordinator, 240-864-2542
Elaine Salatto, Publications, Welcoming, 240-864-2513**

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 Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

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
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.

The new year is filled with hope and promise as we seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2024, St. Raphael Catholic Church is reaching out to our parishioners.

Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2024 that reflect the steadfast promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift by visiting faith.direct/MD34 or calling 866-507-8757. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,

Father Mike Salah

This year Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass** to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00AM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. **Couples must register with the parish office by Saturday, January 27, 2024 to attend the Mass** and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

Email to: ekutchak@straphaels.org the following information for a certificate and/or to register to attend Mass.

- Name, as you would like it to appear on the Anniversary Certificate.
- Number of Years of Marriage you are celebrating.

Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille (retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples.

For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a **weekend on January 26th**, please visit:

www.HelpOurMarriage.org,

call (443) 400-7017,

or email us at: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week Second Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 15

6:30AM Jayme Marooney (d)
9:00AM Eleanor Arnold & Family

Tuesday, January 16

6:30AM Melania & Kazimierz Lejman (d)
9:00AM Barbara Kornrich (d)

Wednesday, January 17

6:30AM Sally Alexander (d)
9:00AM Helen Chan (d)

Thursday, January 18

6:30AM Paul Tylor (d)
9:00AM Katerina Seibert

Friday, January 19

6:30AM Deacon Frank & Elaine Salatto
9:00AM Esther Dahan (d)

Saturday, January 20

9:00AM Ovidia Intriago (d)
5:00PM Fr. Tom Mrs. Dorothy Petrun (d)

Sunday, January 21

7:00AM	Fr. Christian	Mary Whitaker (d)
8:30AM	Fr. Christian	Members of the Parish
10:00AM	Fr. Tom	Barbara Wrazien (d)
11:30AM	Fr. Tom	Barbara Wrazien (d)
1:00PM	Fr. Christian	Jorge Manuel Duarte (d)
6:00PM	Fr. Tom	Chase Pearson

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.

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 January 9.

The next Coffee and Donuts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

after the 8:30, 10, 11:30 AM and 1PM Masses

Please pray for the soul of

Veronica Fechter, mother of Tom Fechter



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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Quo Vadis Excursion and Hike in Prince George's County

- **Sunday, February 25, 2024**, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Open to young men in high school in the Archdiocese of Washington
- A great opportunity to be outdoors and spend time with seminarians and other young men open to the priesthood
- Please check DCPriest.com for more details, as they become available

Registration is required at

<https://dcpriest.org/event/february-2024-quo-vadis-excursion/>

For more information, please contact Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org

Scripture Readings For the Week of January 14, 2024

Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42	
Monday	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6	
Thursday	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr and Saint Sebastian, Martyr
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21	
Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20	

Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant

Tuesday Mornings 10 -12:00 Noon in PARISH LIBRARY
January 16 – March 12, 2024

Tuesday Mornings 10:30 – 12:00 Noon on ZOOM
January 16 – March 12, 2024

The book of Hebrews is like a "Little Catechism" that reveals the rich truths that are foundational to our Catholic Faith. This 8-session study, with Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, helps us to see the astounding generosity of God in the wonders He has given us in the Church.

For further information and to sign up, contact Dorothy Welsh at dwwelsh5@aol.com.

View & order the Study Set (workbook & digital access \$29.95) at

www.ascensionpress.com and they will be sent directly to you.



Holy Mass followed by Healing Prayers



February 6, 7:00 PM

Confessions will continue during Mass and Healing Prayers.

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

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>



**FAMILY
HOLY
HOUR**

To celebrate the Year of Eucharistic Revival, families of all ages are invited to our monthly holy hour on Friday, February 2!

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

"Saving Our Families"

Married Couples One Day Retreat - come with the whole family



Sat., Feb. 10th, 2024
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

- Marriage as the Holy Cause
- Rekindling Wonder
- Our House Our Rules
- Growing Kids in Chastity

St. Raphael Domestic Church & Men's Fellowship, and the KOC Mater Dei Council # 9774 invite you to come and spend the day with the Lord and reflect on the life of your marriage and family.

The day will include: Mass, conferences, conversation, prayer and more. Children's Program & Care is provided (by the Youth Ministry). A Simple Lunch will be served. The event is free to all attending; however, a donation would be greatly appreciated.

To register, please use the QR code or follow the link: <https://kofc9774.org/married-couples-retreat/>.

Questions: please call Federico Sologuren, 202-438-5071. Whatever the form of response: please give your names, phone number & email, and number & ages of children attending.



High School Youth

Theology of the Body Series – 1/16 – 4/19

All high school teens are invited for a Going Deeper series on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. This 12-week program will meet each Tuesday evening, 7:30-8:45pm and explore the meaning of the body, chastity, sexuality, dating, marriage and more. Please contact Annie McHugh at amchugh@straphaels.org to sign up! Cost is \$15.00.

It's Science – 1/14

In our 2nd night on abortion, we'll look more deeply at the pre-born human and embryology to demonstrate how the moment of conception is the most rational and scientifically endorsed time to grant life rights! We'll also look at some of the tough cases such as rape/health of the mother that are tough to articulate a pro-life message. 7-9pm in the Youth Center!

March for Life – 1/19

Join St. Raphael's YG in standing up for the rights of the unborn at the National March for Life! We'll be attending a youth rally/mass beforehand, followed by the National March on the mall. Email Mike McHugh at mmchugh@straphaels.org for more details.

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

Rockville Catholic Summer Program

The Rockville Catholic Summer Program is the area's best option for summer camp in terms of both quality of programming and affordability! Registration for the 2024 season of RCSP opens in February! Visit our webpage, www.rockvillecatholicsummer.com for more information on how to sign up! New families are encouraged to fill out our new family form to get on the email list. Contact Mike McHugh at rockvillecatholicsummer@gmail.com with any questions.

The Way Retreat

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a retreat for survivors.

The Archdiocese will offer a men's retreat January 26 -28 2024, and a women's retreat on April 26-28, 2024.

Each retreat is an occasion for survivors of all forms of abuse (physical, emotional, and/or sexual) to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information, go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>.

To register, email mcdonald@adw.org.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2024

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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 particular issue, please feel free to send an email message to: parishcouncil@straphaels.org.

If you are approached by someone in church or parking lot in need of help, please hand them a bulletin. 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 or someone you come in contact with 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.

**All are invited to the
Parish Library on
January 24, 7:00PM
to hear**

**Andrew Rivas
Manager for Public Policy and Advocacy for
the Archdiocese of Washington**

Mr. Rivas will be discussing the Maryland proposed legislation to make Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS) legal, as well as the abortion amendment slated to be on the November 2024 election ballot.

The Respect for Life Committee invites you to learn more about what we believe as Catholics regarding Physician Assisted Suicide and Abortion

"As Catholic leaders and moral teachers, we believe that life is the most basic gift of a loving God--a gift over which we have stewardship but not absolute dominion. Our tradition, declaring a moral obligation to care for our own life and health and to seek such care from others, recognizes that we are not morally obligated to use all available medical procedures in every set of circumstances. But that tradition clearly and strongly affirms that as a responsible steward of life one must never directly intend to cause one's own death, or the death of an innocent victim, by action or omission. As the Second Vatican Council declared, "euthanasia and willful suicide" are "offenses against life itself" which "poison civilization"; they "debase the perpetrators more than the victims and militate against the honor of the creator" (*Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, n.27)."

To learn more go to:
<https://www.usccb.org/prolife/assisted-suicide-euthanasia>



WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER AS
BROTHERS OR PERISH TOGETHER AS FOOLS
Martin Luther King Jr.

National March for Life Information – Friday, January 19

Members of the parish who wish to attend the Annual National March for Life are invited to meet after the 9 am Mass on Friday January 19 to arrange for carpooling to the Rockville Metro station or downtown as desired. We plan on leaving by 10 am. The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country witnessing to the sanctity of human life. For more information and a detailed list of events at the March this year see <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>.

**National Prayer Vigil for Life
Thursday - Friday, January 19-20**

For information on this year's National Prayer Vigil for Life 2024 events, including prayer vigil, and opening and closing masses at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. see <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/national-prayer-vigil-life-schedule>. Please note that The 5:00–8:00 PM prayer events on January 18 and the 8:00-9:00 AM Mass on January 19 will be televised by [EWTN](https://www.usccb.org/prolife/national-prayer-vigil-life-schedule) and livestreamed on [https://www.nationalshrine.org/event/2024-national-prayer-vigil-for-life/](https://www.usccb.org/prolife/national-prayer-vigil-life-schedule)
<https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/>

Adoration for Life on January 19

In addition, we will have adoration in the Church on Friday, January 19th after the 9:00 AM Mass for those who wish to support the March by praying a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

9 Days for Life Novena from January 16 - 24, 2024

Like last year, we will be praying the USCCB Novena for Life in the Church at the conclusion of every daily Mass from January 16 -24. For more details on the Novena and to print your own copy, please see the USSCB website. <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

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For men who are parishioners in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington and interested in learning more about the diaconate, please attend one of the "come and see" events to be presented by the Office of Diaconate Formation during January-March, 2024.

We are listing Montgomery County Come and See events this week.

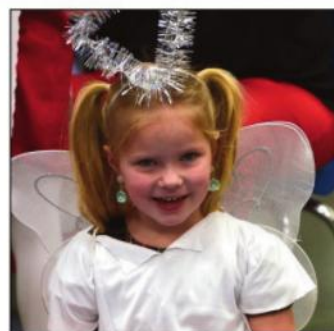
- **Thursday, February 8, 2024, 7-9 PM: Our Lady of the Visitation, Darnestown, MD (Upper Montgomery County West Deanery)**
- **Sunday, February 11, 2024, after the 10 am English language Mass: St. Philip the Apostle, Camp Springs, MD (Lower Prince George' County Deanery)**

If you wish to attend one of the scheduled sessions, please contact Ms. Diane Biggs in the Diaconate Offices at 301-853-5345 or at biggsd@adw.org. Potential applicants can refer to the Office of Diaconate Formation website at <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program/> for details on the selection procedures and current timeline, as well as an inquiry form, or email Deacon Charles Huber, Assistant Director of Formation, at HuberC@adw.org with any questions.

School News

JANUARY 14, 2024

A peek behind our classroom doors



Merry and Bright! 🎵

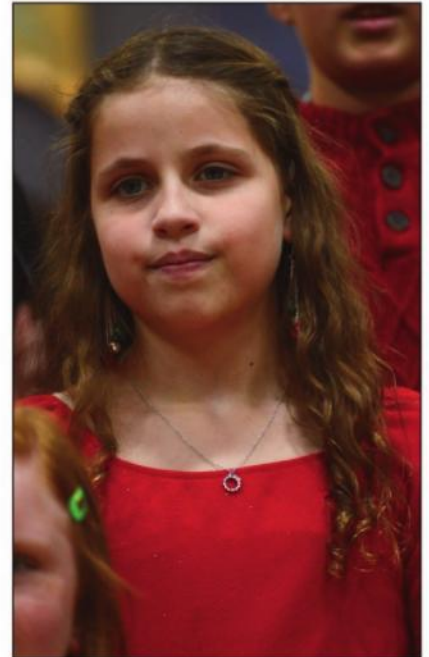


From preschool through eighth grade, our singers and musicians capture the spirit of the season through their performances in our annual Christmas pageants.



Photos by Laura Magafan and Tom Carrington

www.straphaelschoolmd.org | www.srnsmd.org | [f](#) [t](#) [i](#) @SRSRockville



For more
photos
(and
videos!)
from our
Christmas
pageants,
visit our
Facebook
Page

2024-25 Nursery School registration is now open!

Registration for St. Raphael Nursery School 2024-25 is now open. The link can be found at www.srnsm.org.

SRNS offers programs for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, and 4-Plus. For questions, contact Julie Cress at jcress@straphaels.org or (301) 762-2143.





Thank you for your **Christmas Flower Donations.**

In memory of following:

Mary & Neil Ahern
Cecilia Amas
Jane Taspese Anderson
Florence Arella
Dorothy DeClementi
Theresa Ingardia
Rose Trotta
Luis Felipe Castillo Bello
Lucila Santos
Antonio Jatje
Enrique Jatje
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M/M Yeun Tim Lee
Ruby & David Lee
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Margery Prokos
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Dario Canal
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Charles Carr
Oswaldo Castro
Michael Connell
Louise Cox
Tina Cron
Patrick Dragga
Robert Fontana
Paul Fontelo
George & Margaret Funmi
Patrick Gower
Scott Graham
Elizabeth Guevara
Deborah Hathway
Graciela Heintz
Colin Heitzmann
Michael Herman
Richard Kaps
Gerard Kashatus
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Beata Kozak
Judith Kuntz
Sandra Leffew
Mark Li
Jason Lising
Katie Mahan
Christine Maloney
Jo Anne Marrone
Christopher Martin
Richard Meyer
John Mietus
Robert Molyneaux
Gary Muratore
Gerard Murphy
David Oberst
Anthony Pappano
Maureen Potter
Bob Quackenbush
Cristina Radi
Angela Ray
Jack Roe
Guillermo Rueda
Therese Shell
Mary Silva
Joan Sinfuego
David Singleton
Ronald Smith
Ann Staron
Carolyn Tabb
Alan Tablada
Ramona Thompson
Carolyn Tyc
Patricia Watts
Joan Young
Felipe Zamalloa



Religious Education

Mary Beaudoin, 202-294-7697

A Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. *John 17:21*) *The WPCU begins on January 18 and ends on January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.*

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Religious Education Classes

St. Raphael 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.

Find the SRRE webpage at <https://www.straphaels.org/religious-education>

The SRRE Office coordinates sacrament preparation for all children ages 7-18. This includes Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. For more information on our faith formation and sacrament preparation programs, please contact Mary Beaudoin.

SRRE Calendar

Find the SRRE Calendar at our webpage:

<https://www.straphaels.org/religious-education> (scroll down)

Here are a few highlights:

- No classes on January 14-15
- Sunday, February 11, classes at 4:30-5:45 PM
- No classes on February 18-19
- Spring Break during Holy Week and Easter Week, March 24-25, and March 31-April 1
- End-of-the-Year Social on May 13

First Reconciliation Get-Ready Morning – January 20

Families with children preparing for First Eucharist in April and May are completing the *God's Gift Reconciliation* workbook (younger children) or the first eight chapters of *God's Gift Reconciliation and Eucharist* and worksheets (older children), and memorizing the Prayer of the Penitent (Act of Contrition).

Our First Reconciliation Get-Ready Morning will be held on Saturday, January 20, 9:30-11:30 AM in the Trumpet Room

First Penance/Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 31, at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, February 3, at 10:30 AM

Confirmation Year I and Year II Notes

Confirmation Year 1 students are starting their Confirmation Service Projects. Focusing on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and/or the 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, young people complete ten or more hours of service in their parish, neighborhood, and/or broader community. They then write a reflection paper describing how this service is rooted in their baptismal call to follow Jesus. The completed Confirmation Service Project is due September 1, 2024.

Candidates for Confirmation in May 2024 (Confirmation Year 2) are working on their Saint Project and prayerfully identifying a Confirmation sponsor. The Saint Project and Confirmation Sponsor Certificate are due January 26.

We are pleased that Bishop Evelio Menjivar will be coming to St. Raphael for Confirmation on Saturday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Find Confirmation preparation forms at <https://www.straphaels.org/confirmation-1>

Why Do We Go to Mass

We ask a variation of that question every time we arrive at our parish parking lot, usually sweaty and disheveled from wrangling four (soon to be five) children into the van. A mini call-to-action and reminder of why Mass is important, they respond in chorus as we've taught them:

"To say thank you to God!" (And hopefully to behave well enough for donuts afterward).

The point of Mass is not for our entertainment or time to mingle with friends, but to give our highest worth (literally "worship") to God. Jesus wants to nourish us through both Scripture and the Eucharist, the "Source and Summit" of our faith.

In every Mass Jesus comes to us in the smallest, most humblest of ways, with the ultimate goal of providing us with the nourishment we need for this earthly journey. Bethlehem, where Christ was born as a defenseless baby, means "City of Bread," and the manger, the trough in which he was laid, is where the animals literally fed. From the Manna in the desert through the yearly Passover celebration held by the Jewish people, to the Last Supper of Jesus and His disciples, the Eucharist was foreshadowed all along.

God longs to feed us with Himself—the very Bread of Life!
-Bobby Angel, <https://catholic-link.org/>

Come and See

Today we continue Year B in the cycle of Sunday readings with the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Remember to make time to reflect on the [Scripture readings](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011424.cfm) with your family: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011424.cfm>
Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3–10, 19 (revelation to Samuel); 1 Corinthians 6:13–15, 17–20 (against sexual immorality); John 1:35–42 (the first disciples)

Key Passage: They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.

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

- Adults: What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?
- Kids: What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

Synod on Synodality

Over three weeks in October, Catholic clergy and laypeople gathered in Rome for an assembly, which was part of the multiyear Synod on Synodality. Below is an excerpt from the synthesis report from that gathering. The report is entitled *A Synodal Church on Mission* and Part 3 is "Entering the Community of Faith." Below is an excerpt.

Before any distinction of charisms and ministries, "we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body" (1Cor. 12:13). Therefore, among all the baptised, there is a genuine equality of dignity and a common responsibility for mission, according to the vocation of each. By the anointing of the Spirit, who "teaches all things" (1Jn 2:27), all believers possess an instinct for the truth of the Gospel, the *sensus fidei*. This consists in a certain connaturality with divine realities and the aptitude to grasp what conforms to the truth of faith intuitively. Synodal processes enhance this gift, allowing the existence of that consensus of the faithful (*consensus fidelium*) to be confirmed. This process provides a sure criterion for determining whether a particular doctrine or practice belongs to the Apostolic faith.

Link to Synthesis Report: <https://www.synod.va/en/synodal-process/the-universal-phase/documents.html>

Marriage Moments

MLK Day - What does it mean to be equal? Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day. Trading places can bring new appreciation for each other. Even if the job doesn't get done as well, it can provide a laugh.

Parenting Pointers

Here we are in the middle of winter in the Northern Hemisphere. Are you getting tired of it? Find something fun for your family to do together. Play a new game. Draw cartoons of each other. Dress up in costumes. Be silly together. Let your kids lead.

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



Laudate Deum

On October 4, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis released a new apostolic exhortation on the climate crisis. *Laudate Deum* is addressed to "all people of good will." Below is an excerpt.

Rethinking our use of power - continued

26. This itself excludes the idea that the human being is extraneous, a foreign element capable only of harming the environment. Human beings must be recognized as a part of nature. Human life, intelligence and freedom are elements of the nature that enriches our planet, part of its internal workings and its equilibrium.

27. For this reason, a healthy ecology is also the result of interaction between human beings and the environment, as occurs in the indigenous cultures and has occurred for centuries in different regions of the earth. Human groupings have often "created" an environment, reshaping it in some way without destroying it or endangering it. The great present-day problem is that the technocratic paradigm has destroyed that healthy and harmonious relationship. In any event, the indispensable need to move beyond that paradigm, so damaging and destructive, will not be found in a denial of the human being, but include the interaction of natural systems "with social systems."

28. We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. For our power has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realized that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival. Today it is worth repeating the ironic comment of Solovyov about an "age which was so advanced as to be actually the last one." We need lucidity and honesty in order to recognize in time that our power and the progress we are producing are turning against us.

Find the full *Laudate Deum* document online at the Vatican website.



Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/pope-francis-prayer-peace>





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