

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ.

The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

"Ustedes, en cambio, no dejen que los llamen 'maestros', porque no tienen más que un Maestro y todos ustedes son hermanos. A ningún hombre sobre la tierra lo llamen 'padre', porque el Padre de ustedes es sólo el Padre celestial. No se dejen llamar 'guías', porque el guía de ustedes es solamente Cristo. Que el mayor de entre ustedes sea su servidor". - Mt 23, 8-11

"Unfurl the sails, and let God steer us where He will." - Saint Bede

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Barbara Moore

REST IN PEACE

Lucy Cantonwine Joan Devlin Nona Mincher

PRAYER REQUESTS

May the healing hand of God rest on these people and all others in need.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 am Deceased Members of

the Knights of Columbus †

Virginia Fishburn † 5:30 pm

David Teeuwen † Scott C. Temple †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:30 am **Parishioners** 11:00 am

Richard Ludwiczek † Dr. John B. McGraw †

Eugene Swann †

2:00 pm Hector R. Flores Burgos † 5:00 pm

Carl Anderson † David Martinez † Martin Mashe †

TUESDAY. NOVEMBER 7

Frank Duff. Servant of God † 9:00 am Rose Marie Gonzales †

Estrella Niedermeyer †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00 am Frank Duff & Deceased Members of the Legion of

Mary †

Catherine Magierski †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Fr. B. V. Gretema † 9:00 am

Fr. Antonio Malabad † Fr. Frank Talbot †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 am

Fr. Francis Boateng Rita Reynolds Deacon Bill & Joyce Westerman

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

5:30 pm **Parishioners**

> Subject to change if there is a funeral or if a celebrant is unavailable

MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES

DAILY MASS

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am 9.00 am 1st Saturday

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 8:00 am - 8:45 am Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 8:45 am Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

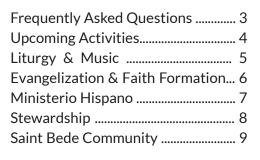
WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm 8:30 am Sunday 11:00 am 2:00 pm (Spanish)

> 5:00 pm Sunday Mass is also

live-streamed at 8:30 am and 2:00 pm

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

Articles should be submitted two weeks prior before the weekend you want it printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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For children receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion, Rita Hipple | rhipple@bedeva.org

For teens preparing for Confirmation, Deacon Grimm | ppalm@bedeva.org

WHOM DO I CONTACT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

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WHOM DO I CONTACT TO GET MARRIED AT SAINT BEDE?

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WHOM DO I CONTACT TO REQUEST SICK, HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITAL VISITS?

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WHOM DO I CONTACT TO RENT KAPLAN PARISH HALL?

Jennifer Murtha | jmurtha@bedeva.org

WHOM DO I CONTACT ABOUT RESERVING A NICHE IN THE COLUMBARIUM?

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WHOM DO I CONTACT FOR SPANISH INQUIRIES?

Alfie Martinez-Coyle | amartinezcoyle@bedeva.org HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:

You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction. (Mal 2:8)

Psalm:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace. (Ps 131)

Second Reading:

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1Thes 2:8)

Gospel:

"Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." (Mt 23:3)

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday:

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday:

Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday:

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday:

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

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learn how to make war.

Isaiah 2:4



Thea Bowman's Journey to Sainthood

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA, was an African American Catholic Franciscan sister who used her powerful gifts to educate and challenge the church and society to grow in racial inclusivity.

She used her skills of preaching, music and teaching to move many Catholics to begin to confront their own racism while she urged her African American brothers and sisters to claim their gifts and share their "fully functioning" personhood. Sister Thea worked tirelessly to proclaim this message until her untimely death from breast cancer in 1990.

This film was produced by the Catholic Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi in support of the Cause for Canonization for Sister Thea.

Sunday Matinee

Join the Faith and Racial Awareness Ministry for a special showing of this inspiring film.

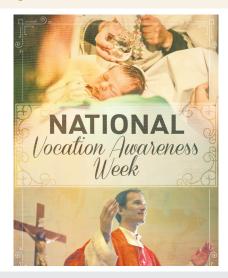
November 12 3:30-4:30 p.m.

St. Bede Parish Office Youth Ministry Room

Free!

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 5 - 11



GOSPEL MEDITATION

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven'?" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

NOVEMBER 8 - 9AM COLUMBARIUM

The month of November is the traditional season for Catholics to prayerfully remember all those who have gone before us "marked by the sign of faith." The Legion of Mary would like to invite you to join us in praying the Rosary at the Saint Bede Columbarium after the 9:00 am Mass on November 8th for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

A NOVENA TO CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 26

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 26, 2023.



November 17-25, the nine days preceding the

Solemnity, let us offer our prayers to Christ the King for the freedom of the Church.

VISITING CEMETARY

In the coming month of November we are all encouraged to visit the graves of loved ones. We decorate these graves because we believe that in Baptism they have died with Christ and thus Christ will raise them up. We may place an evergreen wreath as a reminder of the ancient crown of victory over death and of the eternal life promised to us in Baptism.

BOOK OF THE DEAD

The Book of the Dead will be displayed throughout the month next to the Baptismal Font. It is through Baptism that all Christians die with Christ and are raised in Him. All are invited to inscribe the names of those who have died so that our parish may remember them. A poster, displayed as a Wall of Memory, reminds us of those parishioners who have gone to meet the Lord in the past year.

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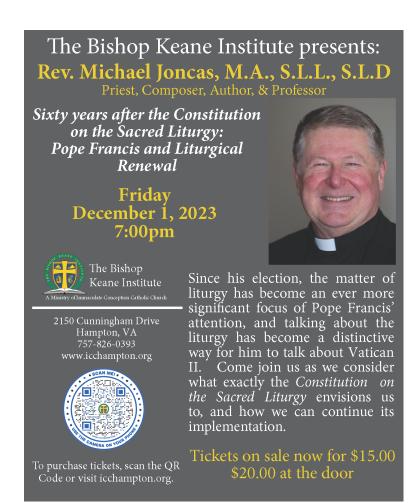


DO YOU LOVE **WORKING WITH OUR** YOUNGER **PARISHIONERS?**

We are looking for a few nursery workers to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings for the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses.

If you or someone you know are interested in this (very) part-time job, please contact:

Michelle Tomshack at mtomshack@bedeva.org or call 757-229-3631 ext. 2309 for more details.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you or someone you know is a baptized, practicing Catholic but still need to be confirmed, please contact Michelle Tomshack at mtomshack@bedeva.org or call 757-229-3631 ext. 2309 if you are interested in being confirmed.

Confirmation classes are forming soon and we would love to help you complete your Sacraments of Initiation.





UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

NOVEMBER 7 Young Adult Bible Study

No Trivia Thursday, Nobember 9

Young Adult Ministry is for young adults ages 18-39. Please email **Daniel Mehr** with any questions.



¡Muchas felicidades a todos nuestros adultos que recibieron los Sacramentos de Eucaristía y Confirmación!

"Cuando recibimos al Espíritu Santo en nuestros corazones, Cristo mismo se hace presente y toma forma en nuestras vidas. A través nuestro y de nuestras acciones, será Él el que ore y perdone, dé esperanzas y consuele, sirva a nuestros hermanos con necesidades y ayude a expandir la comunión y la paz." - Papa Francisco, 2014

LIBRO DE LOS DIFUNTOS

El Libro de los Difuntos estará junto a la Fuente Bautismal durante el mes de noviembre. Es a través del Bautismo que todos los cristianos morimos con Cristo y somos resucitados en Él. Todos están invitados a anotar los nombres de sus seres queridos difuntos para que nuestra parroquia pueda recordarlos.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

"El que se enaltece será humillado, y el que se humilla será enaltecido" (Mateo 23,12). De ahí viene el consejo de Jesús de no imitar a los maestros de la ley, quienes solían poner cargas muy pesadas a la gente y ellos no hacían nada por llevarlas a cabo. Cuando se emprende algún proyecto, ya sea en familia o comunidad, se supone que el líder debe de poner el ejemplo al realizar las tareas, sean grandes o pequeñas. Se trata de servir siempre con alegría y buen ejemplo: "El más grande entre ustedes se hará el servidor de todos" (Mateo 23,11). Sin buscar honores ni complacencias con nosotros mismos. ¿Qué te parece? Serás capaz de ser humilde y servir a los que te rodean con ese amor que Jesús nos muestra en el Evangelio de hoy.

"Nosotros, discípulos de Jesús, no debemos busca títulos de honor, de autoridad o de supremacía. Yo les digo que a mí personalmente me duele ver a personas que psicológicamente viven corriendo detrás de la vanidad y condecoraciones. Nosotros, discípulos de Jesús, no debemos hace esto, ya que entre nosotros debe haber una actitud sencilla y fraterna" (Papa Francisco 11-05-2017). Gracias, Papa Francisco, por ubicarnos en lo que es verdaderamente importante. Gracias, por prevenirnos ante la tentación de la vanagloria y de los primeros lugares. Aunque no es malo que nos den las gracias por lo que hacemos, el sentido es que seamos humildes y agradecidos.



ORAR POR LOS ENFERMOS

Deseamos orar por los enfermos de la comunidad. Llame a la Oficina al 757 229 3631 para añadirlos a lista de enfermos.

VISITAS PASTORALES

Si usted conoce a alguien que está confinado a su hogar u hospitalizado, y desea recibir la visita de un Sacerdote o recibir la Sagrada Comunión, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial. Estaremos encantados de programar una visita.

VISITAS A LOS CEMENTERIOS

Es una honrosa costumbre, en el mes de noviembre, visitar las tumbas de nuestros seres queridos. Podemos rezar en el lugar donde se encuentran sus restos, santificados por los sacramentos que han recibido en vida y en espera ahora de la Resurrección, y dejar allí alguna muestra de afecto, como flores, para adornar la tumba. Si las tumbas de nuestros queridos no están cerca, como quiera podemos visitar un cementerio, como el Columbario de Saint Bede que es un cementerio de nichos, y ofrecer allí nuestras oraciones por nuestros seres queridos y los que allí descansan.

REGÍSTRATE EN LA IGLESIA

Es importante estar inscrito (matriculado) en la parroquia Saint Bede, especialmente si desea recibir sacramentos o visitas pastorales para usted o su familia.

Llame a la Iglesia para inscribirse o puede hacerlo en línea en https://bedeva.org/feligreses-y-visitantes.

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

This is our **Annual Parish Stewardship Appeal** Commitment weekend. Hopefully you have had a chance to reflect on the letter from our Pastor and have prayed about your commitment for the coming year. We look forward to receiving your response. We ask you to commit to prayer, formation, service and financial support of the parish. We have been sharing parts of the **Romero Prayer** as a way for us to look at who we are and what we do. Here is another excerpt:

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,

knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything,

and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something,

and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

The Romero Prayer talks about planting seeds and laying foundations. Our Gospel this week reminds us of our call to serve. Service is at the heart of stewardship and that's why we ask you to commit to serving in the parish and community. The gospel notes "For they preach but they do not practice" and "They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them."

Do we expect certain things from the church and yet fail to provide assistance? We have more than 50 ministries here and over 8,000 registered parishioners. Only about 700 parishioners are really active in those ministries. This is the time when we pray, commit, and respond to the needs of our church.

Thank you for your commitment to stewardship of the parish.

The greatest among you must be your servant.
Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.
Mt 23:11-12

VETERANS DAY - NOVEMBER 11



STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES AND REMINDERS:

ANNUAL PARISH STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ONLINE

Complete your Annual Parish Appeal commitment online: Simply scan this code with your smartphone camera to go directly to our parish commitment page.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL PLANNING

Every year, we see many of our long-time parishioners who die without receiving the full rites of the Catholic Church. Many don't even have a Mass of Christian burial.

Do you have a written plan for your funeral? Who knows about it? What are the rites of the church when you are near death? What about burial, what are the options?

Join Deacon Ed Handel, Director of Cemeteries and Funeral Services for the Diocese, for an informational session on Catholic Funeral Planning.

There will be two opportunities

November 15- 10:00 am in the Walsh Room

6:00 pm on the ministry level of the parish offices.

Please RSVP to Sam Samorian ssamorian@bedeva.org or 757-229-3631 ext. 2315.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 10

Newcomers Annual Dinner

NOVEMBER 15

Catholic Funeral Planning- 10 am and 6 pm

COMING IN JANUARY - STAY TUNED!



SAINT BEDE COMMUNITY PAGE

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SAINT BEDE HAITI MINISTRY

NOVEMBER 5 - 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Saint Bede Haiti Ministry continues to support St. Joseph, our twin parish, two schools, Goyane Primary School and Little Butterly Preschool in Thomonde, Haiti. This is made possible by the generous donation of our Saint Bede parishioners.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the Commons after the 8:30 am and 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, November 5.



HAITI MINISTRY

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SR THEA BOWMAN

For more information please contact Tom Mahoney, Haiti Ministry Chair via email at Mahoney tom@hotmail.com



BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

NOVEMBER (4/5) & (11/12)- COMMONS TABLE

During the month of November, parishes throughout Virginia commemorate Black Catholic History Month, and seek to highlight the many contributions of Black Catholics to our universal Church.

Our small but mighty group, the Faith and Racial Awareness Ministry, has prepared a table display that will

be in the Commons for the weekends of November 4/5 and 11/12, featuring a number of ways that people can learn more. The six Black Americans on the road to sainthood will be prominently featured, with posters of the six displayed

This year, we will be hosting a showing of the film **Going Home Like a Shooting Sta**r, which explores the life of one of these candidates, Sr. Thea Bowman.

Lots of good ideas and images can be found on the website of our diocesan group, Virginia Catholics for Racial Justice https://vcri.net/black-catholic-history/.

Rita Murphy, on behalf of the Saint Bede Faith and Racial Awareness Ministry

CYBERCRIME EMAIL ALERT

Cybercrime is hitting dioceses nationwide. If you receive an email that shows the pastor or parish priest as the sender requesting your response, or directly requesting you to purchase gift cards, rest assured it is a scam.

If you are uncertain, parishioners should contact the parish office to verify the legitimacy.



All cybercrime should be reported to the FBI at the link below:

https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx

It is up to the victim of the cyber-crime to file the complaint.

KAPLAN PARISH HALL

Are you looking to plan an event in Kaplan Parish Hall for a corporate meeting or social event?

Kaplan Parish Hall can function as primary meeting space for a large group with ministry room usage as breakout space.

You do not need to be a parishioner to rent at Saint Bede.

Wedding receptions, socials, memorial receptions and special events can be scheduled in Kaplan Parish Hall.

If you have need of a more intimate space, the Zahn Lobby can be rented for a private dinner, cocktail reception, small wedding or memorial reception. Seating capacity is appox. 40, pending room arrangements.

An event space is determined based on the anticipated guest count for the event.

Call or email Jennifer Murthal Ext. 2305 or jmurtha@bedeva.org

To schedule a site tour and discuss your planning needs and rental costs.

YOUNG AT HEART

NOVEMBER 14 - 11:30 AM

Widows, Men, Women, Couples, why not take time out to build other relationships with our St. Bede Young at Heart members.

Come and have lunch with us on Tuesday, November 14th @ 11:30 at Capital Pancake House, Capital Landing Rd.

Please call Nancy Vanderhoof @ 757-298-4105 by November 6th, if you are interested in going.

LINEN MINISTRY

The Linen Ministry is in need of a few new members. We wash and press the linens used during Mass. You would be a part of a group and your turn would be approximately every 6 weeks. The Linen Ministry at the Shrine is also in need of help.

If you are interested, please contact Kathie Ballentine at kngballentine@ gmail.com or call 757-503-1848

