



# SAINT BEDE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Welcome Home!*



Welcome to Saint Bede Catholic Church, whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, or interested in discovering more about the Catholic Church, we're happy to have you here.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:34

**23ER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

"¡Effetá!" (que quiere decir "¡Abrete!"). - Mc 7, 34

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*"Christ is the Morning Star, who opens everlasting day." - Saint Bede*



## SANCTUARY CANDLE



Graham Briggs

John Dutton  
Leo Anthony Fowler

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Andrew Adere	Naphor Family
Sally Antonliny	Corita O'Brien
Tony Antonliny	Frank Pappacoda
Marilyn Arca	Lisa Porto
Lupita Ayala	Michael Randall
Jerry Baum	Langdon Richardson
James Bodnar	Kenny Rood
Betty Bongiovi	Patty Rood
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Cynthia Esher	Ed Schmidt
Chris Evenson	Paul Schmidt
Charles Falls	Kathy Sol
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Richard George	Szasz Family
Joe Gordineer	Alex Thompson
Sonny Halvors	Scott Thompson
Michelle Hall	Macia Thrush
Richard Hamon	Maureen Tuite
Warren Keene	Barbara Wall
Karen Kessler	Sharon Wandtke
Claire Lee	Colin Watson
Melanie Letobarone	Paul Werder & Family
Lawrence Lobo	Theresa Williams
Cathy Luksic	
Margie Lynch	
Barbara Moon	
Robert Mosby	
Rose Murphy	
Tom Naphor, Sr.	



## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 am Gualberto Coronado †  
5:30 pm Margaret & Carmen Antonelli †  
Richard Brennan †

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 am Suzanne Carr †  
Andrea Henna & unborn  
daughter, Carmela Young †  
11:00 am Frank Lehner †  
Garry Riemersma Sr. †  
Garry Riemersma Jr. †  
Milton Vasquez Mendoza †  
Yoselin Arriola Muscoso †  
2:00 pm Parishioners  
5:00 pm Parishioners

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 am Jacqueline Fetner †  
Lucy Szrama †  
Ed Yaugo †

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 am Melanie Letobarone

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 am John F. Bellio †  
Jeffrey Kuhlman †  
Paul Roy †

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 am Kevin McCurley †  
Dick Newman †  
Oliver Shepard †

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5:30 pm Parishioners

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

## DAILY MASS

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



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

## WEEKEND MASS

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



Monday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Friday 9:45 am - 11:00 am



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

## OUR TROOPS

Cullen Anderson	Nicholas Koch
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

## Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

## Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that He promised to those who love Him? (Jas 2:5)

## Gospel:

"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

## Sunday:

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

## Monday:

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

## Tuesday:

1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

## Wednesday:

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

## Thursday:

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

## Friday:

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

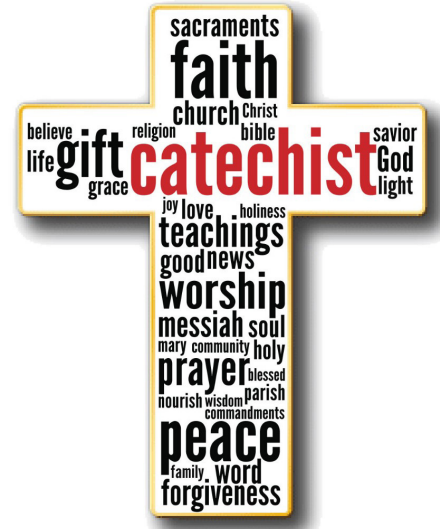
## Saturday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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## HOLY HOUR

FOR ALL OUR CATECHISTS AS OUR NEW FORMATION YEAR BEGINS



## Upper Room 2.0

Monthly Praise & Worship Holy Hour at Saint Bede Catholic Church!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Praise and Worship Music  
Testimonials from parishioners  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Prayer Teams

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

September	11th
October	9th
November	13th
December	11th

## BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

During holidays, deadlines will be earlier. Please check with communications for any questions you may have.

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## OBSERVANCES FOR

### THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 SUNDAY:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MONDAY:

St. Peter Claver, Priest

### TUESDAY:

None

### WEDNESDAY:

Patriot Day

### THURSDAY:

The Most Holy Name of Mary

### FRIDAY:

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

### SATURDAY:

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Be opened!" said Christ two thousand years ago, as He placed His finger in the ear of the deaf man. "Be opened!" He says to us today, laying His hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ's invitation to become a new creation.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love. ©LPI

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### FIRST READING:

The prophet Isaiah encouraged the Israelites to be strong in their conviction that God was coming to heal them and renew creation itself. Who could you encourage to be firm in their faith this week?

### SECOND READING:

James taught believers to make no distinctions between the rich and the poor in their community gatherings. How do you think showing no partiality helps a community grow in faith?

### GOSPEL:

We hear today how the people of the Decapolis were astonished at Jesus's healing of the deaf and mute. What parts of your life need healing?



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Caterina Volpicelli (1839-1894) left a life of elegant Neapolitan society to serve the Lord.

She adhered to the Apostleship of Prayer, dedicating each day to the Sacred Heart. Her order, the Servants of the Sacred Heart, opened an orphanage, a lending library, and nursed cholera victims.



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### BE OPENED

There are several moments throughout the calendar year when we are tricked into thinking we can reinvent ourselves.

One of them is New Year's Day. The barista at my coffee shop told me that they sell more decaf coffee in January than in the entirety of the remaining year, because everyone is swearing off caffeine. By February, she said, the trend subsides: folks have realized they're not actually superheroes just because the last digit of the year has increased by one.

The beginning of a new school year is another of those moments. Every pencil is freshly sharpened, and every lesson plan is painstakingly plotted. Our heads are full of what we plan to do this year, how we plan to do it, who we plan to become.

But by May, the wind is out of our sails. We've learned the concepts, we've used up the pencils, yes — but we've remembered that underneath it all we're basically the same people, with the same shortcomings and the same obstacles as we always were. The only difference in September was we had new planners.

The truth is that we cannot reinvent ourselves. We can't change ourselves at all, not on New Year's Day or the first day of school or on our 40th birthday or after quitting a bad habit. We are what we are: blind in some ways, deaf in others, crippled in still more, moving through life with uncertainty, stumbling in the dark.

People don't change. Not without miracles.

But being a Christian means believing in miracles and being ready for them at any moment — in January or in September, in the middle of a hopeless week or at the end of a bad day, when you feel strong and when you don't, when you want to be better and when you feel too tired to try.

No, we can't change ourselves, but we can be changed. There is one who can change us if we will let Him. He is waiting — now, tomorrow, yesterday, next week. The time is always right for a miracle.

"He put His finger into the man's ears ... and said to him, 'Ephphatha!' — that is, 'Be opened!' — And immediately the man's ears were opened ..." Mark 7:34-35

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

#### QUESTION:

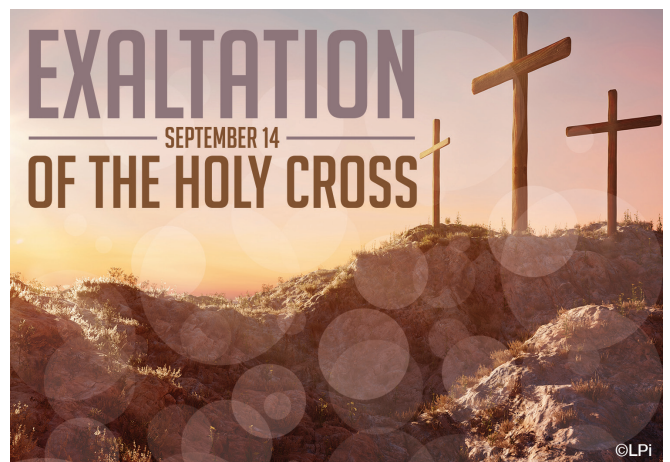
What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

#### ANSWER:

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a woman traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by His total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.



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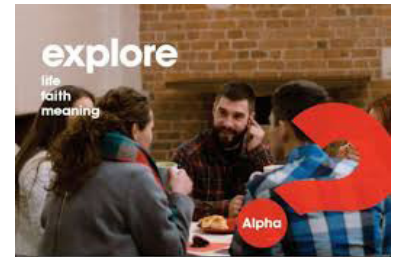


## ALPHA

MEET: KAPLAN PARISH HALL  
EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30PM

SIGN UP ON THE SAINT BEDE WEBSITE  
[WWW.BEDEVA.ORG/ALPHA](http://WWW.BEDEVA.ORG/ALPHA)

There's still time to sign up for the Alpha course.



Alpha is a weekly course that invites people to personally encounter Jesus Christ and be transformed into His missionary disciples. Each week individuals gather for dinner and fellowship and there is a theme that corresponds with a short video followed by time to explore life's questions and connect with others. Every parishioner is encouraged to consider inviting a neighbor, a co-worker, a friend, a family member, and/or someone else you know in the community who may benefit from the Alpha course.

If you are a parishioner who also wants to ask questions, grow in your faith, and meet others, Alpha is for you too. Alpha meets in Kaplan Parish Hall every Thursday at 6:30pm. Sign up on the Saint Bede website [www.bedevas.org/alpha](http://www.bedevas.org/alpha).



## ADULT MINISTRY

## SEPTEMBER

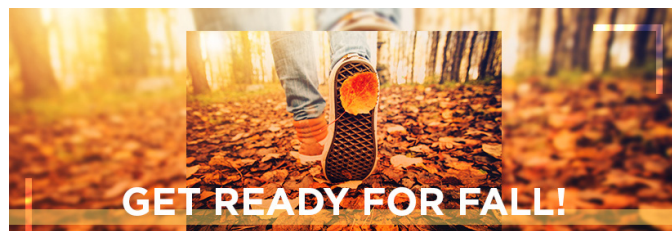
Sept. 11th - 20 week "Acts of the Apostles"  
Sept. 17th - Walking with Purpose (women's bible studies)  
Sept. 26th - 7 week "David the King"

## OCTOBER

Oct. 7th - 10 week "Epic" Church History  
Oct. 8th - 22 week "Bible Time Line"

Prayer For  
Grandparents

Dear God,  
What a grace to live in a world of  
all ages and stages.  
Bless our grandparents, today  
and always.  
Thank You for their experiences,  
wisdom, and insight.  
Thank You for the gifts they bring  
the Church.  
Thank You for the lessons they  
teach the next generations.  
Amen.





## YOUTH MINISTRY

CATHOLIC DAY AT BUSCH GARDENS  
OCTOBER 5, 2024



Families, youth ministries, and young adult groups from around the diocese are invited to Busch Gardens for a day of fun and fellowship. The day includes discounted admission to the park, Sunday Vigil Mass, and dinner as a diocese. We will meet as a parish for Mass at 3:15 pm and eat dinner together right after Mass.

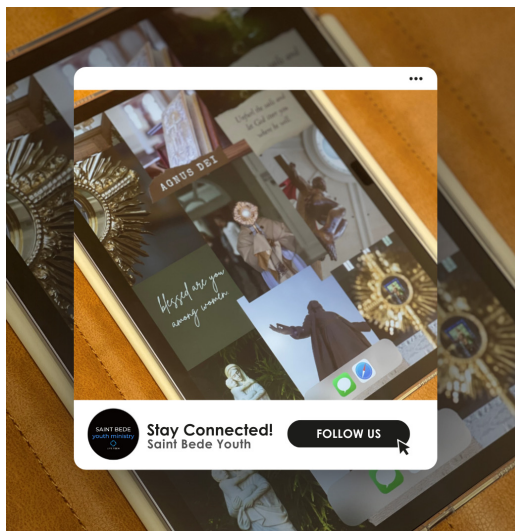
Feel free to stay for Howl-O-Scream or leave right after dinner. If you do not have a pass, you can purchase group rate tickets for \$53/person through the Office for Evangelization website <https://ofe.regfox.com/2024-virginia-catholic-day-at-busch-gardens>. Arrive and leave with your own group/family. We will need to register as a parish for the buffet, please let Brittney know you are planning to go to Catholic Day at Busch Gardens no later than

September 8th to include you in the count for dinner. The cost for the buffet is \$26/person. Contact Brittney at [bkinstetter@bedeva.org](mailto:bkinstetter@bedeva.org) with any questions.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE!!

FEBRUARY 7-9

Location is at the Marriot Conference Center. Open to all high school grades 9-12. More information and how to register will come out closer to the date.



## CONNECT WITH US!

We are back on social media! Be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram! Search for Saint Bede Youth on Facebook and Instagram.

Encourage your teens to follow to stay up to date on prayer, service, and community opportunities coming up.

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Clase es pre-requisito para escoger la fecha  
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### FORMACIÓN EN LA FE/ CATECISMO -GRADOS PREK3 A 8 GRADOS - VIERNES @ 6PM

Ileana Garcia (910) 689-5603

### PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL (RECONCILIACIÓN, COMUNIÓN, CONFIRMACIÓN)

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### GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CON ESPIRITUALIDAD CARISMÁTICA, SÁBADOS @ 7PM EN LA IGLESIA

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## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

### 23º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



Se imaginan que, en la familia, papá y mamá con sus hijos, lo hicieran todo bien. Que los servidores públicos se esmeraran por el bien social y comunitario, en fin, que cada uno de nosotros nos preocupáramos por el bien de la otra persona.

Les aseguro que el mundo sería diferente. No habría tanto problema familiar, ni tanta violencia en las calles de las ciudades, ni en el mundo. La Palabra de Dios nos dice hoy que la gente se expresaba de Jesús de la mejor manera y comentaban entre ellos lo siguiente: “Todo lo ha hecho bien; hace oír a los sordos y hablar a los mudos” (Marcos 7:37). Muchas veces, por evitar problemas, preferimos hacernos los desentendidos, fingiendo que no vemos y no podemos hablar. “No te metas en problemas, mejor no digas nada de lo que viste”. Y así aceptamos la violencia familiar, los robos y las mentiras entre la familia y la sociedad.

Con esas actitudes, nunca llegaremos a un diálogo que permita conocer las situaciones que vive nuestro prójimo y comprender con la mente y el corazón lo que está pasando a nuestro alrededor, y lo más importante dejar que la persona sienta que nos importa. También nos puede pasar lo mismo cada domingo que asistimos a Misa, que, por estar distraídos en otros pensamientos y otras situaciones, evitamos escuchar la voz de Dios. Porque Dios nos habla de mil formas en nuestra vida. Un modo especial en el que Dios nos habla es por medio de la oración. ¿Lo escuchamos?

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## CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL - HORAS Y SACERDOTES

### CONFESIONES:

MARTES Y VIERNES - 8AM

MIÉRCOLES - 7PM

SÁBADOS - 3:30PM

Si desea saber cuál sacerdote estará ofreciendo el sacramento en cada ocasión, vaya a Misas y Confesiones en la página principal de <https://www.bedeva.org/>

## INSCRÍBANSE

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>.





## ANUNCIOS

### GRUPO DE JÓVENES - GRADOS 9 - 12

AHORA SE REUNIRÁ LOS DOMINGOS A LAS 3:15PM,  
COMENZANDO EL 15 SEPTIEMBRE.

Primera Junta de Preparación Confirmación de Jóvenes, lunes 16 de sept 7pm. Inscriba sus hijos lo antes posible. No podemos recibir niños que no estén inscritos.

¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con Brittney Kinstetter  
bkinstetter@bedeva.org o con Linda 757 871 4949.

# ¡CAMBIO DE HORA!

### GRADOS PREK4 - 8

# ¡YA COMENZAMOS!

Viernes a las 6pm --  
Formación en la Fe  
(Catecismo), Nivel de  
Ministerio. martes, 10 sept  
6pm - Primera Junta  
Preparación para Confesión  
y Comunión - Grados 2 al 4

Todavía tiene oportunidad de inscribir a sus hijos para sacramentos en este año de preparación. No podemos recibir niños que no estén inscritos.  
¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con Ileana 910 689 5603 o con Linda 757 871 4949.

### SEPT 8 - DESPUÉS DE LA MISA CELEBRACIÓN DEL CUMPLEAÑOS DE LA VIRGEN MARÍA



### LEGIÓN DE MARÍA – PRESÍDIUM REINA DE LA PAZ

ACTIVIDADES EN SEPTIEMBRE

15 sept - 1pm Coronilla Nuestra Señora de los Siete. En la Capilla

29 sept 1pm Coronilla San Miguel Arcángel. En la Capilla



### CONSAGRACIÓN TOTAL A JESÚS POR MARÍA



Después de 33 días de preparación, algunos de nuestros feligreses, harán o renovarán la promesa de Consagración Total a Jesús por María. ¡Acompáñeles en este importante paso de su vida espiritual!

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

## STEWARDSHIP IN THE WORKPLACE

We usually think of stewardship as only applying to our life within the church but it really is part of everything we do whether at home, in the community, at work and in the Church. Since we are called to serve through stewardship, how does that play out in our work-life? Do we do our best? Are we grateful for the work we have? Do we use our talents to give glory to God in all that we do and provide an example to others?

No matter how difficult or stressful, do we bring a sense of calm and peace? How we act, speak and do our jobs reflects how we are using the gifts God has given to us. We have many opportunities to evangelize and live our call to stewardship, even in the workplace. The example we give, not always in words, can provide a light for others who may be yearning for something more- that relationship with Christ.

## STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Brothers and sisters:

Show no partiality as you adhere to  
the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes  
comes into your assembly,

and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in,  
and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes  
and say, "Sit here, please,"

while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my  
feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves  
and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world  
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom  
that he promised to those who love him?

Jas 2:1-5



## STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES AND REMINDERS:

## ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

We have been blessed to install a number of new altar servers who will begin service later this month. One of the traditional pathways to the priesthood and religious life is through service at the altar. Several of our current priests in the diocese and some currently in formation came through the server ranks. Many of you have commented on the vestments the servers are now wearing. After testing some changes with our senior servers (those 14-17 years old), we have now rolled out the vestments to our entire server corps. You will notice that the young men wear a cassock and surplice and young ladies in an alb and scapular. These are similar to the vestments worn by those who are living their vocational call in the priesthood or religious life. For many altar servers, especially younger ones, wearing vestments can be an important educational experience. It teaches them about the responsibilities they bear in assisting with the liturgy and about the wider traditions of the church. Through their roles, servers learn about liturgical practices, ritual importance, and the discipline needed for their duties.



If you have an opportunity, thank these young people and the adults directing them, for serving at the Lord's table.

For those who missed our last training, we will have another training in October or November, so stay tuned!





## YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 10 - LUNCHEON AT SAL'S BY VICTOR



If you are 55 years of age or older, you are invited to join the Saint Bede Catholic Church Young at Heart Ministry.

We meet for lunch and fellowship once per month from September to June on the second Tuesday of each month (except January). Fellowship starts at 11:15 A.M. and continues through lunch.

The meetings are at local restaurants and/or Kaplan Parish Hall. The lunches are normally provided for a flat fee of \$16 and there is an annual dues charge of \$15.

New members are invited to make a reservation by calling 757-645-3099 or send an email to carolhend@gmail.com.



## PHOTOS FROM THE SAINT BEDE FILIPINO-AMERICAN MINISTRY



## JOY MINISTERS NEEDED!!

The JOY Ministry is looking for volunteers to visit and bring the Eucharist to the sick, elderly and the homebound. Volunteers will minister to members of our community at senior living communities, home visits and at Sentara and Doctors Hospital.

Personal time commitment generally consists of:

- The commitment for home visits is twice a month
- The commitment for Senior Living Communities is once a month
- The commitment for hospital visits is once a month.

The ministry strengthens our faith, and gives us an awareness of how the Lord cares for the sick through the reception of the Eucharist. We love to bring comfort, hope, and solidarity of faith to those we visit. Serving the community in the JOY Ministry is a very rewarding experience.

If you feel called to bringing Jesus into the lives of others, contact Deacon Bill Westerman, email: [wwesterman@bedeva.org](mailto:wwesterman@bedeva.org); Janet Primm, email: [jprimm1234@hotmail.com](mailto:jprimm1234@hotmail.com); or Bob Roettger, email: [rroettger71@gmail.com](mailto:rroettger71@gmail.com).



## SAINT BEDE COUNCIL 6828 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL HOLD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The weekend of September 7-8 after all Masses.

Please find a Knight in the commons after Mass or contact Chris Harvey at 701-340-9314 or [charveyfive76@gmail.com](mailto:charveyfive76@gmail.com)

# 12 STAFF / FAQ'S

Sunday, September 8, 2024 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### WHO DO I CONTACT ABOUT RESERVING A NICHE IN THE COLUMBARIUM?

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### WHO DO I CONTACT FOR SPANISH INQUIRIES?

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## FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE

### CUSTODIAN - FULL TIME (8AM-4PM)

For a complete job description, visit <https://bedeva.org/team>. Those interested, please send your resume, along with a Diocesan Application, to Bob Locke via email: [blocke@bedeva.org](mailto:blocke@bedeva.org).





**CELEBRATING  
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**  
START TIME: 12:00 PM

**SAINT BEDE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
3686 IRONBOUND RD, WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23188

**FIESTA ON THE PIAZZA**





- FOOD
- GAMES
- PIÑATAS
- MUSIC
- SURPRISES

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## JOB POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Thank you for walking alongside COFM to provide shelter to folks who have nowhere else to turn during the cold nights of the year.

As we gear up for this season, we wanted to share with the congregation that we are looking for Shelter Managers for all 3 shifts.

Please visit the link below to apply for our Frequently Needed Shelter Positions.

[HTTPS://COFM.INFO/JOB/](https://cofm.info/jobs/)

## SINGERS AND RINGERS NEEDED!!!



Named for the patron saint of music, the Saint Cecilia Choir is open to all voices grade 9 or older. The music sung ranges in style from Gregorian chant to the best of modern choral literature. This vested choir sings

every Sunday at the 8:30am Mass. Rehearsals are Thursdays 6-8pm in the church nave and warm-up on Sunday mornings at 8:00am in the church undercroft.

Named after the patron saint of Handbell Ringers, the Saint Dunstan Ringers is open to high school students, college students, and adults. This vested choir rings our four octaves of Malmark handbells and four octaves of handchimes. The ringers rehearse on Tuesdays 6:45pm - 8:15pm in the church and play every other Sunday at the 8:30am Mass.



Contact our music/liturgy office, 757-229-7723, for more information.



ABUNDANT LIFE PARTNERS  
*Counseling and Holistic Health*

## Dinner Dates & Dialogue

Nourishing Connections

**September 12th, October 10th, November 14th**

**6-8pm**



### Looking to connect with your Partner in a better way?

Abundant Life Partners is presenting a new community Initiative called Dinner Dates and Dialogue to support relationship growth and connection. We will gather at a local restaurant, where counselors will share tips and advice on nurturing relationships.

\*Event is free but the meal not included. Please register online space is limited! \*

Learn more:  
Visit our website or give us a call!

📞 757-603-4603

🌐 [abundantlifepartners.com](http://abundantlifepartners.com)

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