



# SAINT BEDE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Welcome Home!*

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 | SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



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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**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)**

"Blessed are those who have not seen  
and have believed." - Jn 20:29

**2º DOMINGO DE PASCUA  
(LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA)**

"Dichosos los que creen sin haber visto". - Jn 20, 29

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

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

Concetina Grove



Edward Merkling



## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Laurette Albert  
Mary Andersen  
Andrade Family  
A. Belfiore & Friend  
Margaux Campbell  
Mary G. Curry  
Phyllis Davidson  
Gerald Della Sala  
Kathy Drozdowski  
Jim Ebert  
Amy Formsby  
Colby Frein  
Alfred Guzzi  
Emanuel Halioris  
Michelle Hall  
William Hamblen  
Eleanor Knowles  
Rita Krause  
Claire Lee  
Larry Lobo  
Lobo Family  
Christopher Marcario

Tim Nolan  
Nancy Obadal  
Lynne Rasmussen  
Langdon Richardson  
Clare Robinson  
Ed Schell  
Ed Schmidt  
Maureen Sotis  
Claudette Tallon  
Glen Tuck  
Nancy Vanderhoof  
Sharon Wandtke  
Paul Werder  
Jessy Wheatley  
Harold Wheatley  
Zukowski Family

## OUR TROOPS

Cullen Anderson  
Whit Armbruster  
Kellen Baye  
Ryan Carey  
Brian Connolly  
Adam Dillon  
James Dillon  
Matt Gray  
Patrick Hart  
David Holland  
Sorena Jean  
Thorin Jean

Nicholas Koch  
Michael John Loh  
James M. Ryan  
Alexander Seaberg  
Anders Stanke  
Erica Stanke  
Lee Stephens  
Jasper Swan  
Edward A. Ustaris  
Jonathan Weiler  
Veronica Williams

## SATURDAY, APRIL 26

5:30 pm Parishioners

## SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 am Lewis Dixon †  
Owen J. Flynn †  
Frederick V. Murphy †  
Gualberto Coronado †  
Paul McKosky †  
2:00 pm Migdalia Gonzales †  
Arjelia Linares †  
Margarita Rivera †  
Knights of Columbus  
Intentions  
Robert Mueller  
Jesu William & Raj  
William Samuel

## TUESDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 am Christian Bartholomue †  
Finley Ann Berry †  
Herb Leinberger †

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

## DAILY MASS

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

## DIVINE OFFICE

Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
Tuesday-Friday 8:40 am

## WEEKEND MASS

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

## 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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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 am Warren Miller †  
Thomas Murphy †  
Thomas Reynolds †

## THURSDAY, MAY 1

9:00 am Collins Family  
Eleanor Knowles  
St. Bede Camino Faithful

## FRIDAY, MAY 2

9:00 am Sarah Skelly Keatley †  
George Maiberger †  
Chip Perkins †

## SATURDAY, MAY 3

9:00 am Lancour Family  
Christin Lockhart  
5:30 pm Mary Dolph †  
Warren Miller †

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

ADORATION  
SCHEDULE

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

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

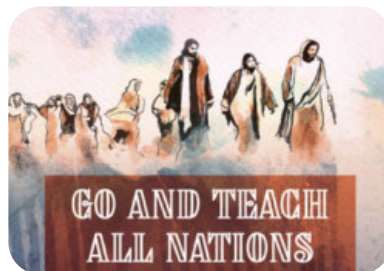
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



### SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

#### First Reading:

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)

#### Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)  
Or: Alleluia

#### Second Reading:

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid." (Rv 1:17)

#### Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-

#### Monday:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

#### Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

#### Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

#### Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

#### Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

#### Saturday:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

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### Happy Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday

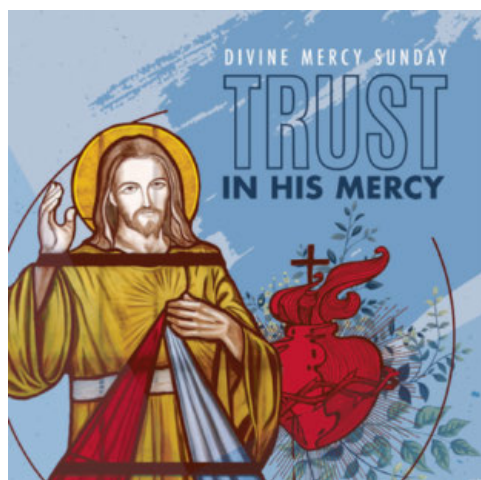
*A Day of Extraordinary Grace  
April 27th, 2025*

### Schedule of Events:

Divine Mercy Film Presentation  
1 to 2:45 p.m. in Kaplan Hall

3:15 Eucharistic Holy Hour in Nave, to include  
the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

4:15 p.m. Refreshments in Commons



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30**

**FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

*"On that day (Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary #699)*

A Plenary Indulgence is offered on the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. Free pamphlet information available in the Commons.

# 04 LITURGY & MUSIC

Sunday, April 27, 2025 | Sunday of Divine Mercy



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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness. ©LPi

## OBSERVANCES FOR

THE WEEK OF  
APRIL 27, 2025

### SUNDAY:

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

### MONDAY:

St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

### TUESDAY:

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

### WEDNESDAY:

St. Pius V, Pope

### THURSDAY:

St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer

### FRIDAY:

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

### SATURDAY:

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### FIRST READING:

In the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection, the Apostles performed "many signs and wonders," healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits. Is there something in your life that needs healing?

### SECOND READING:

John is initially frightened at the strange vision of Jesus, but Jesus reassures him, "Do not be afraid." How does Jesus calm your fears?

### GOSPEL:

The resurrected Jesus' first words to his disciples are "Peace be with you." How could you be a peacemaker this week with a family member or neighbor?

## ACCESSIBILITY & SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES

Please feel free to ask our ushers for assistance with any of the available resources for wheelchair access, sensory bags, or hearing coil system to make your Mass experience more enjoyable.



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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### MINI REFLECTION:

It does sound unbelievable, the story of the Resurrection. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. Take Thomas' example: stay close to the people you trust. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you.

### WONDER, DON'T WANDER

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It does sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

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

### SIN

#### QUESTION:

If Jesus destroyed sin, why are sins still with us?

#### ANSWER:

We are the children of God, heirs of the Father's work, which is life. The struggle is between good and evil and the greatest weapon of evil is death. It is final — the end of hope and all possibility of change. Jesus must destroy death so that life, eternal life, might be possible. That is why Jesus dies: to take on sin's weapon and destroy it by his resurrection. It was not to satisfy God's sense of justice, but to meet sin on its own terms and defeat it.

Since we are heirs and coworkers with God, ours is the struggle with the remnants of evil, its last desperate attempt to overcome good. Like Jesus, we are about the Father's business in our daily life, carrying the message of salvation to everyone. We are strengthened in our struggle and come to realize the great gift of life with which we are graced. It is our hope that one day we will rejoice with the Father in a job well done!





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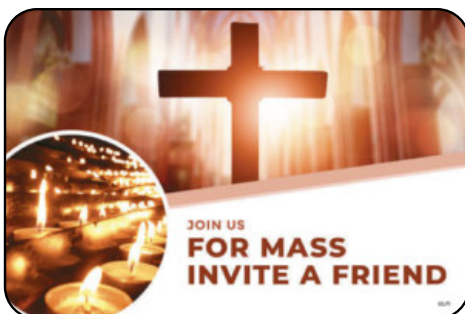
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## PRAYER OF DIVINE MERCY

- O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!
- O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!
- O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us!

Amen.



# Easter Blessings!

**REMAINING ATRIUM SESSIONS**

<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> <b>APRIL 30</b> <b>MAY 7, 14, 21</b> <b>3:30PM - 5:30PM</b>	<b>FRIDAYS</b> <b>MAY 2, 16, 30</b> <b>10:00AM-12:00 PM</b>
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**COME JOIN the FUN!**

Registration is open!!

2025 VBS

**ROAD TRIP**

ON THE GO WITH GOD

# THANK YOU CATECHISTS!

**MAY 30 6 PM KAPLAN PARISH HALL**

Please join us for fellowship and food to **THANK YOU** for your dedication for sharing your faith with our parishioners, youth, and children.

We will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, and the fixings. Please feel free to bring your families and a dish or dessert to share.

\*We will have activities for everyone!  
\*Don't miss the chance to win a raffle basket!

# *Easter Vigil*

We congratulate the following people who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19, 2025:

Leonardo Manzano Aragón	Debra Brothers
Christopher Cárcamo	Diego Cárcamo
Patricio Cárcamo	Victor Armando Cárcamo
Victor Cárcamo	Jacob Davis
Haley Delair	Kendall Delair
Ángel Díaz Moreno	Erin Enzor
Robert Enzor	Kaya Lancaster
Neftali Mena Lima	McKenna Mahoney
David McFadden	Charles Navin
Colin Navin	Edgar Orozco
Hailey Pottinger	Samantha Pottinger
Christopher Quintanilla	Gumerindo Pérez Ramírez

From the William and Mary Catholic Campus Ministry

Haleyon Kerrigan	Connor Lee
Charlotte Robinson	Caleb Ruger
Phillip Vayntrub	Peyton Zarzycki

We congratulate the following young child who received the Sacrament of Baptism: Zoe Navin



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### BAUTISMOS (NIÑOS MENORES DE 7 AÑOS)

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)

Niños de 7 a 18 años (Bautizados)  
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### MATRIMONIOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

LLAME POR LO MENOS 9 MESES ANTES DE LA FECHA  
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### GRUPO DE FE ADULTOS – MEDITANDO EN EL EVANGELIO, MARTES - 7PM POR ZOOM

Ileana & Omar Garcia (910) 689-5603

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

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### LEGIÓN DE MARÍA, PRESÍDIUM REINA DE LA PAZ JUEVES @ 6PM EN LA IGLESIA

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Elda Jacobo

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## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

### LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Hch 5, 12-16/Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24 (1)/Ap 1, 9-11. 12-13. 17-19/Jn 20, 19-31



Hoy es Domingo de la Misericordia; celebramos la gran misericordia de Dios al darnos a su Hijo para que nos salvara por medio de su vida, pasión, muerte y resurrección. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en su numeral 1225, nos lo explica de la siguiente manera: **“La sangre y el agua que brotaron del costado traspasado de Jesús crucificado (ver Juan 19:34) son figuras del Bautismo y de la Eucaristía, sacramento de vida nueva (ver**

**1 Juan 5:6-8): desde entonces, es posible ‘nacer del agua y del Espíritu’ para entrar en el Reino de Dios (ver Juan 3:5).** Con la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección, se derramó su Misericordia. Por eso, hoy cantemos, llenos de alegría y esperanza, el Salmo 117: ¡La misericordia del Señor es eterna. ¡Aleluya!

Señor, para dar un sincero testimonio de tu resurrección, enséñame a ser dócil como Tú lo fuiste en tu vida terrena, y principalmente en la cruz. Encontrarnos y reconciliarnos es el mensaje que el Evangelio nos trae en este segundo Domingo de Pascua. Nos narra, también, la falta de fe de Tomás, de su incredulidad al recibir la noticia de que el Señor había resucitado. Tuvo que verlo y tocarlo para comprender toda la misericordia de Dios viva en Jesús: **“Señor mío y Dios mío” (Juan 20:28).** Y ahora, nosotros tenemos la dicha de creer sin ver. Y Jesús nos llama dichosos por eso. Pero, a la vez, debemos de madurar en la fe y eso se logra pidiendo al Espíritu Santo que nos ayude a comprender los misterios del Jesús glorioso que serán lo definitivo para todos.

## 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>.

### HORAS Y SACERDOTES EN ESPAÑOL

MARTES / 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/>







**MAYO**  
**Mes de la Virgen María**

**Novena a la Virgen de Fátima**  
La Legión de María, Presidium Reina de la Paz, le invita a la Novena a la Virgen de Fátima en los hogares de miembros. Comienza primera semana de mayo. Más detalles o para recibir a la Virgen en su casa, llame a Elda 757 503 4954.

**Coronación de la Virgen**  
11 de mayo en la Misa en español  
Traiga sus flores.

**GRADOS PRE-K4 AL 8**

Últimas dos Juntas del Año

viernes, abril 25 y mayo 2 a las 6pm - Nivel de Ministerio



**Preparación para Primera Comunión**  
**REPASOS**, 23 y 29 de abril a las 6pm-  
Nivel de Ministerio

**ENSAYO**, 3 de mayo a la 1:30pm - En la Iglesia

**MISA DE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN**, 4 de mayo a las 2pm. **Acompañe a nuestros niños al recibir a Jesús en la Comunión por primera vez.**

¿Preguntas? Ileana 910 689 5603 o Linda 757 871 4949.



**RESERVE LA FECHA**  
**RETIRO CARISMÁTICO**  
Camino a Pentecostés  
**SÁBADO, 24 DE MAYO**  
Iglesia Católica Saint Bede  
3686 Ironbound Rd, Williamsburg, VA

Contacto: Hugo 757-816-7190  
Auspiciado por Renovación Carismática Católica  
La Fuerza del Espíritu Santo - Iglesia Católica Saint Bede

**SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS – YA**


**BAUTIZADOS** - Clase de Sacramentos para Adultos comenzando el 27 de abril de 12:30 - 1:30pm.

¿Recibió el Bautismo, pero le falta algún sacramento y desea recibirlo?



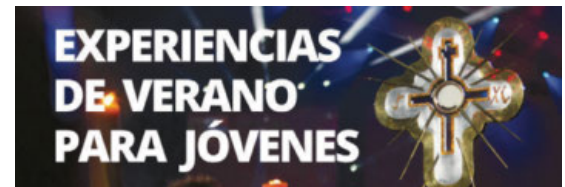

Llene la planilla, anótese en la lista y le contactaremos cuando ya se aproxime la fecha.

Inscripciones usando el código QR o vaya a: <https://tinyurl.com/Sacramentos-Adultos>



Clase de Preparación de Bautismo para Niños Menores de 7 años  
30 de abril @ 6pm, Nivel de Ministerio

Clase es para Padres y Padrinos.  
Inscríbase para la clase en:  
<http://tinyurl.com/yc6pr2hw>  
O usando el código QR



**Inscriba a sus Hijos en**  
**<https://bedeva.org/summer>**

**Habrá oportunidades para recaudar fondos**

**PARA NIÑOS PREK4 AL 6TO GRADO (EN SEPT)**

**INSCRIPCIONES CIERRAN EL 4 DE MAYO**

Adolescentes que participen de voluntarios en Vacation Bible recibirán horas de voluntarios para la escuela.

**VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL 2025**



23- 27 de junio  
9am -12pm

**¡INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS!**  
**Para Niños y Voluntarios**



<https://bedeva.org/vbs-registration>

**Mission Trip Diocesano, junio 21-27**  
**De Grado 9 (en sept) - Grado 12 (en sept) y**  
graduados en 2025. Inscripciones cierran 30 de abril

**Steubenville/ Atlanta Conferencia de Jóvenes, julio 11 - 13 de Grado 9 (en sept) - Grado 12 (en sept) y**  
graduados en 2025. **Con Padre Rafael Rivas!**  
Inscripciones cierran el 31 de mayo

**Camp Hidden Lake, agosto 3 - 9**  
**De Grados 6 (en sept) - Grado 9 (en sept)**  
Inscripciones cierran 30 de abril

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



As noted in ***Stewardship Success*** by Eric and Lisa McArdle, one of the four pillars of stewardship is Hospitality.

Have you noticed at Saint Bede that we attempt to have someone greet everyone when they arrive?

This is one of the first steps to welcoming as Christ exhorts us in Mt 25:35, "*when I was a stranger, you welcomed me*".

How do you feel when you go someplace and people know you, welcome you, and say hello? With more than 2,800 people coming through our doors each weekend, it's easy to get lost or worse, ignored.

Church is not a place where we should be "unwelcoming". These are our brothers and sisters committed to the same Lord. Even though we may look different, speak different, dress different, we are all still part of the mystical body of Christ.

We have over 40 ministries here that provide for the spiritual and material needs of people in our community and beyond. Our Greeters are the front line in Hospitality you see when you come to Mass.

Next time, stop and visit and say hello to someone you ***know but don't know***, it will make your day and theirs. Hospitality is more than greeting and saying hello.

## STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Many signs and wonders were done among the people  
at the hands of the apostles.

They were all together in Solomon's portico.

None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed  
them.

Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord,  
great numbers of men and women, were added to them.

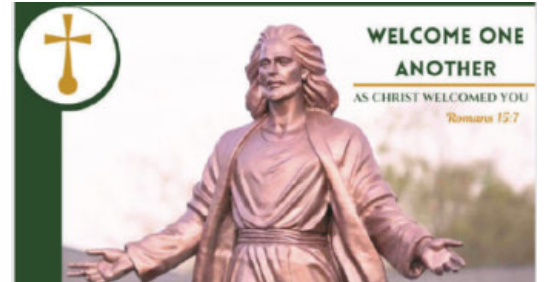
Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets  
and laid them on cots and mats  
so that when Peter came by,  
at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them.

A large number of people from the towns  
in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered,  
bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits,  
and they were all cured.

**Acts 5: 12-16**

STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES  
AND REMINDERS:

## WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES!

OUR SEMI-ANNUAL WELCOME  
DINNER WILL BE FRIDAY, MAY 16 AT  
6:00 PM IN KAPLAN PARISH HALL.

All new Families since December of 2024 are encouraged to attend. Invitations will be emailed to new families but feel free to RSVP to [ssamorian@bedeva.org](mailto:ssamorian@bedeva.org) if you are able to attend.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE AT THE LORD'S  
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We are looking for adults and young people to serve our parish, priests, and deacons at the Altar.

We are hosting a training for new Adult Acolytes (over 18), Senior Servers (14-18 yrs old), and Altar Servers (9 yrs old and over) on **Saturday, May 10 from 10:00- 11:15 am.**

Please email [ssamorian@bedeva.org](mailto:ssamorian@bedeva.org) to express your interest.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAY 10/11**  
Haiti Weekend

**MAY 16**  
Newcomers Semi Annual Dinner



## HAITI MINISTRY

The annual Haiti Ministry Parish collection will be on Sunday, May 11, 2025.

*To celebrate, the Haiti Ministry will be hosting a gathering in Kaplan Parish Hall on Saturday, May 10, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.*

Please plan to join the Haiti Ministry members for a lite lunch, and a robust program to include a raffle and a presentation from Fr. Bertrand, Pastor, of our twin parish.

The lunch will be free, goodwill donations accepted. Make your reservation today - there is a signup sheet in the commons.

## ROSARY DEVOTION

**FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH  
ALL ARE INVITED SATURDAY, MAY 3**

Following the 9 am Mass in the Nave to pray the Rosary led by the members of the Legion of Mary and Knights of Columbus.

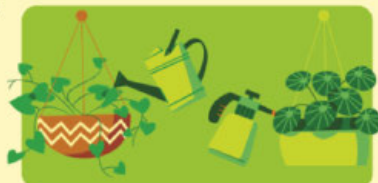


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## JUBILEE 2025 YEAR OF HOPE

Looking to the future with hope also entails having enthusiasm for life and a readiness to share it. Sadly, in many situations this is lacking. A first effect of this is the loss of the desire to transmit life. A number of countries are experiencing an alarming decline in the birthrate as a result of today's frenetic pace, fears about the future, the lack of job security and adequate social policies, and social models whose agenda is dictated by the quest for profit rather than concern for relationships. In certain quarters, the tendency "to blame population growth, instead of extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the [real] issues". Openness to life and responsible parenthood is the design that the Creator has implanted in the hearts and bodies of men and women, a mission that the Lord has entrusted to spouses and to their love. It is urgent that responsible legislation on the part of states be accompanied by the firm support of communities of believers and the entire civil community in all its components. For the desire of young people to give birth to new sons and daughters as a sign of the fruitfulness of their love ensures a future for every society. This is a matter of hope: it is born of hope and it generates hope. Consequently, the Christian community should be at the forefront in pointing out the need for a social covenant to support and foster hope, one that is inclusive and not ideological, working for a future filled with the laughter of babies and children, in order to fill the empty cradles in so many parts of our world. All of us, however, need to recover the joy of living, since men and women, created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26), cannot rest content with getting along one day at a time, settling for the here and now and seeking fulfilment in material realities alone. This leads to a narrow individualism and the loss of hope; it gives rise to a sadness that lodges in the heart and brings forth fruits of discontent and intolerance.



**Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, #9**



## BROWN SCAPULAR PRESENTATION SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 - PRESENTATION



Are you interested in knowing more about the Brown Scapular? Are you familiar with the Brown Scapular? Why should I wear one? Where can I receive one? All these questions and much more will be discussed and

answered at a presentation on Saturday, May 3, 2025. The Fatima Rosary will be prayed after the 9:00 AM Mass that day.

**The Brown Scapular presentation will begin at approximately 10:30 AM.**

Please join Deacon Francis Roettinger and Deacon Bill Westerman as they offer you the details and benefits of wearing a Brown Scapular.

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