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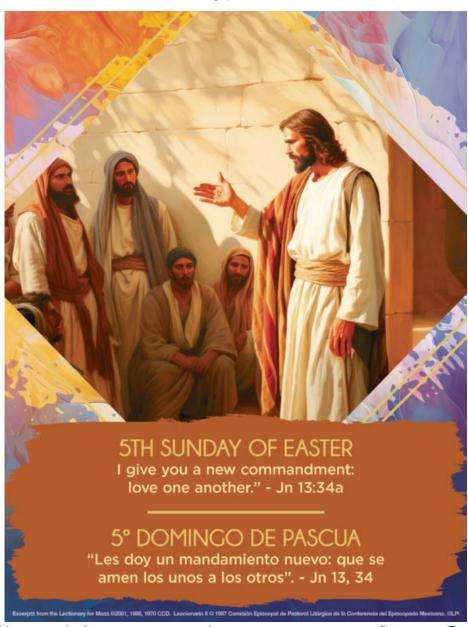


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SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



THIS WEEK AT SAINT BEDE

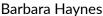
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SANCTUARY CANDLE

Theresa Ann diStefano





PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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SATURDAY, MAY 17

5:30 pm **Parishioners**

SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:30 am Virginia Rosalia † Gwendolina Villuan †

Maureen Winans †

11:00 am Adriana Valdovinos

Anne Walther

2:00 pm Aldo Mafla Aguilar † Rosa La Cruz †

Edward Montgomery †

Holy Souls in Purgatory † 5:00 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 20

9:00 am Commonwealth Senior

Living Residents Jeanne Trapani

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

9:00 am Estelle & Mike Cranston †

> Bob Miller † Justin Smith †

THURSDAY, MAY 22

9:00 am Thomas Bartsch †

> Mary L. Donovan † Richard Small †

FRIDAY, MAY 23

9:00 am Jim Kendall †

Robert Miller † John Salzman †

SATURDAY, MAY 24

5:30 pm

Chris & Mary Cleaver Scott & Nimfa Parkison

Cathy White

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

ITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

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

DIVINE OFFICE

Lauds (Morning Praver)

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

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

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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



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THIS WEEK & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saint Bede Catholic Church | Williamsburg, VA

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading:

And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God." (Rv 21:4)

Gospel:

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)





WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday:

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/ Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab. 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/ Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21 ©LP





WEDNESDAY, MAY 21
FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND
WOMEN FALLEN IN BATTLE





UPPER ROOM EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

June 11th July 9th Aug. 13th



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THE WEEK OF MAY 18, 2025

SUNDAY:

5th Sunday of Easter

MONDAY:

None

TUESDAY:

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

WEDNESDAY:

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

THURSDAY:

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

FRIDAY:

None

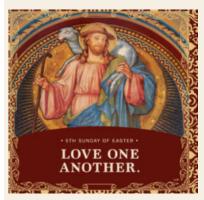
SATURDAY:

None



GOSPEL MEDITATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
John 13:31-35



I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the

present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "Love one another." So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

FIRST READING:

Despite facing many hardships, Paul and Barnabas succeeded in preaching the good news of Jesus crucified and risen from the dead. How do you work through personal setbacks?

SECOND READING:

At the start of his final vision, John sees the age to come in which God comes to dwell with his people on earth and all tears, pain and even death itself is gone. Who in your life needs to hear this incredible message of hope?

GOSPEL:

Jesus modeled for his disciples how to love one another. Do you have friends or co-workers who show you how to love others?

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.

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

MINI REFLECTION:

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

RESEMBLING JESUS

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years. She said: "You resemble her." I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. This is how all will know that you are my disciples.

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

If you love like me, Jesus tells his disciples, they will know you are mine. We shouldn't leave any room for doubt in the minds of each and every person we encounter. Let the whole world know: we love like Christ, and we belong to Christ.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

GOOD AND EVIL

QUESTION:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

ANSWER:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealously, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations.

This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!



EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, May 18, 2025 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

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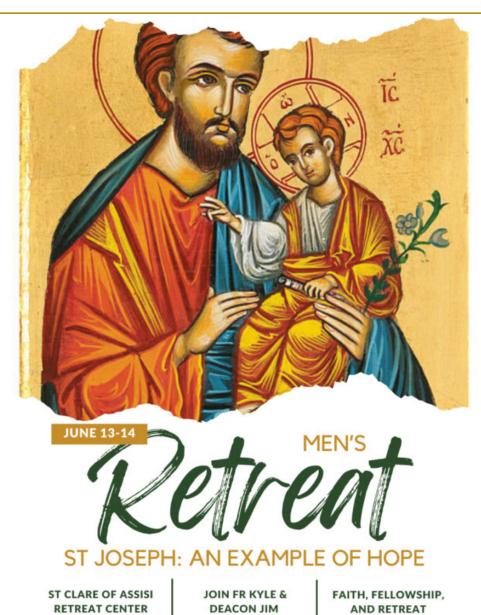
PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love.

May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world.

May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness.

Amen.



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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!

*Dont miss the chance to win a raffle basket!





31 KICKBALL

MAY Time and Location tbd

15 KARAOKE JUNE Taco Bar after 5 pm Mass

POTLUCK SOCIAL BEFORE UPPER ROOM

Middle and high school teens and their families are invited to join us in KPH at 5:30 pm for a fun-filled potluck before Upper

June 11, July 9, and Aug 13

CHOSEN SEASON 1- HS

Dive into the Gospels, and become part of the story as we watch and discuss Season 1 of The Chosen! We will meet 6– 8:30pm in the Youth Room. May 29; June 5,12,19; July10,17,24,31

TRIP MEETING DATES

WORK CAMP MEETING- JUNE 8 AT 4PM STEUBENVILLE MEETING- JULY 6 AT 4PM HIDDEN LAKE MEETING- JULY 20 AT 4 PM



20 ULTIMATE FRISBEE

JULY After 5 pm Mass- Ice-cream social

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

V DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Jn 13, 31-33. 34-35



La palabra amor está muy trillada, es usada con mucha facilidad en nuestro lenguaje. Al decirla, quizá no pensamos en lo profundo de esta palabra. Hacemos tantas promesas de amor falsas. A la esposa, al esposo, a los hijos, a los amigos y a tanta gente le decimos que la amamos cuando en realidad no es cierto. En este Domingo de Pascua, Jesús

nuevamente lanza su invitación al amor, a dar la vida por el ser amado. "Les doy un mandamiento nuevo: que se amen los unos a los otros. Ustedes deben amarse unos a otros como yo los he amado" (Juan 13:34). Y agrega una frase más para que quede bien cimentado en nuestros corazones el significado de la palabra amor: "En esto reconocerán todos que son mis discípulos: en que se aman unos a otros" (Juan 13:35).

Esto es el amor evangélico; esto distingue mucho el significado de decir simplemente la palabra amor. El amor evangélico se vive en las dificultades más difíciles de la vida. Cuando los percances nos obligan a hacer cosas, aunque no queramos. Para así glorificarte en el sufrimiento de cualquier índole. Esta es la entrega que sublima tu Evangelio. Así es como se va aprendiendo a amar: la vida nos enseña a girar el corazón al amor. Reflexiona en lo siguiente: ¿En qué área de tu vida has experimentado el amor de Jesús? Si Jesús te dijera: "ama como yo te he amado", ¿cuál sería tu respuesta? En concreto, solo Jesús puede ayudarnos a renovar nuestra forma de amar a los demás. **©LPi**



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, vava a Misas v Confesiones en la página principal de https://www.bedeva.org/



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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 Sunday, May 18, 2025 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our staff and various ministries have identified some needs to help reach more people and grow in faith. If you were going to suggest some additions to our parish, what would they be?

Please take a moment to complete a quick survey at the Welcome Center in the Commons. Your feedback will be quite helpful as we look at various options.



STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city

and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying,

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."

They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith.

Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia.

After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia.

From there they sailed to Antioch,

where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished.

And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

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AND REMINDERS:



STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES

SPRING IS A GREAT TIME TO ...

Talk with your family about important matters. Do you have a will? Advance Medical Directive? Powers of Attorney?

If you do, be sure your family knows how to access them quickly. If you don't, the parish has a number of tools for you.

Contact Sam Samorian (ssamorian@bedeva. org) or visit our parish site: http.freewill.com/stbedewilliamsburg to start your FreeWill today!





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JOY MINITRY

JOY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED

The JOY Ministry is looking for volunteers to visit and bring the Eucharist to the sick, elderly and the homebound. Volunteers minister to members of our community at senior living communities, homebound 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; Janet Primm, email: jprimm1234@hotmail.com; or Bob Roettger, email: rroettger71@gmail.com.

GROWING FOR GIVING GARDEN MINITRY

SAINT BEDE IS GROWING.....

Thanks to all who are working with the Garden Ministry. It will be a great year for growing and sharing. The fruits and vegetables of this labor are shared with the House of Mercy for their food distribution and their daily shelter meals.



If you would like to help, contact Mark Gillespie (markglg_2000@yahoo.com) you can also donate on the parish online giving site: bedeva.org/online-giving



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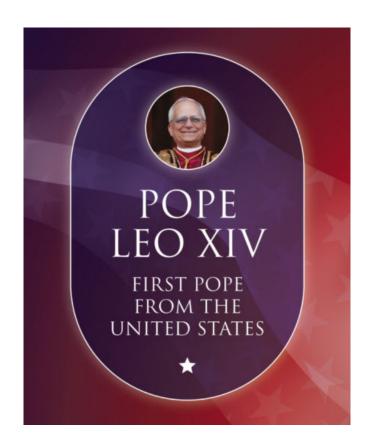
JUBILEE 2025 YEAR OF HOPE

Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope, who face an uncertain and unpromising future, who lack employment or job security, or realistic prospects after finishing school.

Without the hope that their dreams can come true, they will inevitably grow discouraged and listless. Escaping into drugs, risk-taking and the pursuit of momentary pleasure does greater harm to them in particular, since it closes them to life's beauty and richness, and can lead to depression and even self-destructive actions. For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, #12







You're invited to the 2nd Annual Gala in Support of

the Williamsburg House of Mercy

Saint Bede's Social Outreach Mission

SUNDAY JUNE 1

JAMES RIVER GRAND BALLROOM - KINGSMILL RESORT

4:00PM COCKTAIL HOUR
5:00PM SEATED DINNER & PROGRAM
6:30PM CHAMPAGNE TOAST
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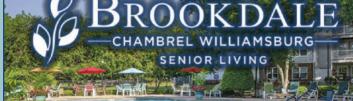
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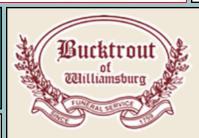
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