The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 2023 Year A

Church Hours

Sunday Mass 9AM Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

Parish Office Hours 9AM-2PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

> Pastor, Gerald Kaggwa 119 Club Drive Hartfield, VA 23071 Phone: 804-286-9271

Please call the office about arranging Baptisms, Marriages, the RCIA Program, Sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation and Sick Calls, the schedule for Holy Days, and our Rosary Ministry.

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Table Of Plenty #311

Glory To God #914 Lord Have Mercy #913

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: The Just man is a light in darkness

to the upright.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Christ Be Our Light #601

Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread, and drink this cup we proclaim your death O Lord until we meet again.

Lord's Prayer: page 26 Lamb of God: #922

Communion: Taste And See #335 Mediation: Jesu Joy of Our Desiring #414 Recessional: Holy God We Praise #197

💫 2nd-Monique Donner, 4th-Jim Angell, 7th-Jen Clair, 9th-Bea Foley, 13th-Bob Borden, 17th-Genia Putney & Loretta Borostovik.

February Birthdays

19th-Robert Smith, 25th-Brennan Williams, 26th-Barbara Smith & Annabel Clair.

If you would like to add your name to the Birthday/Anniversary list please contact the office.



February Anniversaries

14th-Joe & Mary Sychterz; 15th-Tommy & Donna Lange; 25th-Mike and Lynne Dreelin.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Today-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12th-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Social Sunday

February 14th-Happy Valentines Day ♥

February 15th-Fr. Gerry incardination to DOR-2016 February 16th-Deanery Meeting COV llam-3pm

February 19th-7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20th-Presidents' Day

February 22nd-Ash Wednesday 9am COV FdS6:30pm

February 26th-1st Sunday of Lent/Pancake Breakfast

(NWA Dedication in 2022)

March 1st-Soup and Station 5:30pm #1

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Community Leader

John Clair February 5, 2023 Altar Server

Ballato's Barbara Smith Music Cantor John McCormack Lectors

Extraordinary Minister for

Holy Communion

Lynne Dreelin/John Weidner Collection Counters Sacristan Sandi Delagrange O'Brien/Smith

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from January 29, 2023

2,049 Collection:

Second Collection:

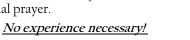
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 73,297 Total Budget Projection: \$ 70,012

Our second collection today is for Debt Reduction.

We signed the following principal checks this week: \$208 January Phone; \$134 Church Supplies.

ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the rosary every Sunday before Mass. We begin at 8:30 am in the new worship area & we welcome all to join in this beautiful devotional prayer.



We have books and rosary beads available for use.

If you have any questions please see Cindy Jessee.

LEGACY

One of the simplest ways to leave a gift to our church is to use the beneficiary designation on savings and retirement accounts, as well as life insurance policies. These can be done with no cost, and typically only require us to sign a new beneficiary designation form.

Retirement assets and similar accounts are called Income in Respect of a Decedent (IRD)

Promise & Purpose assets. This is taxable income that's earned

during life but not received before death, so it is never included in an income tax return. This may be assets in Individual Retirement Accounts or 403 (b) plans, accrued interest on Certificates of Deposit and savings bonds, nonqualified stock options, deferred payments to capital gains, or other income that is earned but not

In most cases, naming the church as the beneficiary of these types of assets gives the estate and heirs the best tax benefits, since it avoids both income and estate taxes.



A Hearty Welcome to our new parishioners

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In memory of our pastor and friend, Fr. John Boddie, from whom flowed love and kindness to all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace. Money from these ads are used as scholarships given to the youth of our church. Please make your checks payable to THE FR. JOHN BODDIE SCHOLAR-SHIP FUND. Checks and ads can be deposited in the church office. The charge per space is \$100. Thank you for your continued support. The Scholarship

Committee

Website for scholarship application: www.church-of-the-visitation.org

Application deadline: Early March 2023

In memory of Mollie McMurtrie my long time friend. I will miss you. JoAnn Nolte

In loving memory of Joseph H. Nolte Jr.



Forever, JoAnn

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Take Home Lesson for February 5, 2023 #3

You are a Light to the World

During the first few of these Take Home Lessons, we have been reflecting on some notable encounters with Jesus, first Saint Paul's conversion and then the revelation to Simeon that he has indeed lived long enough to see the Messiah.

Paul's conversion begins when a blinding light knocks him to the ground.

As Simeon embraces Jesus, he sings of a light to reveal God to the nations.

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, we heard Jesus tell his disciples, "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14)

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

It would seem that Jesus is saying He, himself, and we, his followers, are both, together, the light of the world. We, in the Church, united with Jesus, bring light to the world.

One of the principal documents of the Second Vatican Council, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, was promulgated by Pope Paul VI on November 21, 1964. This constitution is also know as Lumen gentium, which is Latin for "Light of the Nations". The name comes from the constitution's opening sentence, which reads:

"Christ is the light of humanity; and it is, accordingly, the heart-felt desire of this sacred Council, being gathered together in the Holy Spirit, that, by proclaiming his Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all men that light of Christ which shines out visibly from the Church." (CCC 748)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that the Church has no other light than Christ's. According to a favorite image of the Church Fathers, the Church is like the moon, all its light reflected from the sun. (CCC 748)

Since we follow Christ, who appeared in the world as a light shining in the darkness, we should ask God to make us, too, a light for our brothers and sisters.

Contemplating the words we heard in today's Gospel, let us ask ourselves:

In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others?

How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?

#1 EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

What is Adoration?

When Catholics say they are "going to Adoration," they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, "Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory, "respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications." (CCC 2628)

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

52MASSES



In December 2021, author Daniel Markham visited us to complete his research for a chapter in his book "52 Masses", depicting a journey to experience Catholicism in America. He chose us and FdS to include in his book primarily to focus on our joint efforts to construct a

school in Uganda. Daniel's book is in print, published by Peregrind Press in Depere, Wisconsin, and we have a copy. In five pages, he describes his visit, conversations with parishioners, and discusses our efforts to build a New Worship Area. Father Gerry, Eileen O'Brien, Kathy Kauffman, and Don Delagrange are quoted numerous times, so we encourage parishioners who have extra money on hand to purchase a copy. The book is available a https://52masses.com/ It's a honor to be highlighted in the book, and be the only church along with FdS in Virginia to be so.

On March 18, 2019 we received an email seeking assistance on a Catholic Book project from Daniel Markham. He was reaching out to all parishes across the country, including those in the Diocese of Richmond. Ray read the email and said "I think we are worthy of being in a book and reached out to him." Daniel chose to visit our parish in 2021 and put us in his book.

Thank you Ray for supporting his project.

SOUP AND STATIONS

Soup Suppers As lent approaches we are preparing for Soup and Stations which will begin on March 1st.

A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Quart containers for your delicious soups will be provided, and remember to label the containers according to what soup you prepare. Bread bakers are needed as well. Thank you.

Adult Faith

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

A small group is scheduled to meet after Formation Mass each Sunday in the "Comfort Room" (Blue room) during January and February to

discuss several lessons in the Journey of Faith series. This week's lesson is C13: Christian Moral Living

All are welcome to attend. Contact John Weidner for additional information.

ORDINARY TIME

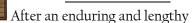
We have returned to the period of the Liturgical Year entitled 🔨 Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major season of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two difference periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent. Because the term "ordinary" in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time make up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting. The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time for those days when there is no special feast is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

GRANT AWARD

We are pleased to announce that the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund has awarded us a grant of \$2,000 for the use of our Parish Pence Fund. This is the fourth time in the past five years that we have received a grant. We are thankful for the Diocese's willingness to help us support the needy of Middlesex county.



WORSHIP AREA RECOGNITION



process caused by supply chain failures and a few manufacturing mistakes, we have completed the plaques and individual plates recognizing the memorial donations received during the new worship area capital campaign. Before we hang them up in the Narthex, we ask you to view your plate to ascertain its correctness. Please take a moment to check it this week or next. If you note an error, please tell Lisa Forte, Debby Harriman, or the office. To all plate holders, we thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead to February, Lent begins slightly early this year with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd and the first Sunday of Lent February 26th. We plan to schedule five soup and stations encounter, a Good Friday Service in the cemetery, and the traditional

Holy Week services. To supplement our devotional activities, we will have the Black Books featuring 10 minutes of daily readings during Lent and the Word Among us. More information will follow as we finalize the schedule.

On the secular side, the beginning of Lent will mark the beginning of the Annal Bishop's Appeal. It's two week in-pew process will be the first two Sundays of Lent. Our goal is slightly reduced this year to \$7,180, but remains a formidable challenge. As a Mission Church, however, the Diocese will return 50% of all monies collected to the parish for our use.

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time "A" February 5, 2023

The common theme of today's three readings is: how a Christian should live in the world, the ideal life of a Christian. Jesus in the Gospel gives two images, which signifies the life of a Christian: Salt and light. Each of these images is presented with a contrasting aspect. Salt enhances the taste of food. But then Jesus contrasts this with the suggestion that if salt becomes tasteless then it is of no use to anyone. In a similar way he talks about the lamp and its proper place on the lampstand where it gives light to the whole house and contrasts this with putting the lamp under a tub where it will give no light to anyone.

The conclusion he draws from these two strong images is that the disciple must be authentic and act always in a proper way so that others can see the good works of a faithful disciple and so be drawn to Jesus. This is what we call witnessing; doing good works so that our commitment to Christ and his Gospel are evident to everyone. To be an authentic disciple and a good Christian is live according to what the Prophet Isaiah says in the first reading:

"Share your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own". And he concludes, "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn". Our response to the responsorial psalm today puts it simply: "The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright."

What we learn from today's readings especially the Gospel is that our life as Christian is not to be lived in isolation or selfishly. We do not practice Christian values just for ourselves only but also for others. Because we have to be that salt with adds value to others' lives, we have to be the light which other have to follow as we guide them towards God.

Salt only becomes useful when it is mixed with other things. Jesus indicates this in today's gospel reading. You are the salt of the earth. We are not just salt; we are the salt of the earth. We should be mixed up with the earth. We should be mixed in with the world around us and add value to it. Salt purifies, preserves, and salts add flavor. A Christian has to do the same.

Light only becomes useful when it makes us able to see things other than itself. It is only useful when it illuminates dark corners. Jesus says that we must be the light of the world. Again, the operative words are 'of the world'. We need to go about shedding light, making things visible, brightening things up.

Let us ask the Lord to give us the courage to be salt and light to all those around us. As Christians, we are called by our baptism to shed light on those we meet. What we say and what we do allows the light of Jesus to shine or be hidden under a tub. We can allow the light of Jesus to shine on those with whom we live, to shine on those with whom we work, and to shine on those in our parish and community.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.

Please Remember in your Prayers

John Dunn, Matt Ponish & Natalia Nakafeero

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If you need to add to the prayer list please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office. Remember to put family or friend by their name.

<u>#2 THE IMPORTANCE OF</u> EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of



the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

Some important prayers that are used during this rite include the <u>Anima Christi</u> (en español) and the <u>Tantum Ergo</u>.

We will start Adoration March 2nd after 9am Mass.

ENVELOPES, CALENDARS, AND TAX STATEMENTS

Our 2023 envelopes are available for pickup on the admin table in the Narthex. Also if you desire a tax statement for this year, please place your name on the writing tablet located in the same area, and take a free calendar. Tax statements are in the basket from the previous week sign up sheet.



In Loving Memory Of

Alma and Fritz Sitterding

Supporting Our Youth



In Loving Memory of Bobby Warren

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"Gone but not to be forgotten"

In Loving Memory of "Vinnie Recupido"

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When someone you love becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure.

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Thank You Lord *Art & Carol Smith*

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SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S "ANYWAY PRAYER"

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build it anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be

jealous; be happy anyway.
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may

never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them

Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace. In Loving Memory Of

David E. Brinkley

In Loving Memory of "Vincent Recupido" Dolores

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Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

Emily & Anna



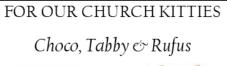
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"God will make a way When there seems to be no way God works in ways I can not see God will make a way for me"

J & L Petralia



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Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation

Mary Virginia & Tom Bliley



In Loving Memory of Bob and Catherine Borden Fred and Betty Meister

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In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



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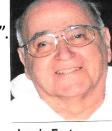
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Kenneth Anderson

"Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was'





Lewis Forte





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