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July 30, 2023

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Mission Statement
We are called to serve as one family, through corporal and spiritual works of mercy.


Estado de la misión
Estamos llamados a servir como una sola familia, a través de obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales.



Join Scouting!

St. Timothy Charters the Boy Scout Troop #304B & #304G. Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 6 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign them up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:
 Scout Master Chris Fisher 804-366-8326
 Dogwood District
 Cub Scouts (ages 6-10)



LUMEN CHRISTI LEGACY SOCIETY

St. Timothy Lumen Christi Society Chapter

Our parish Lumen Christi Society Chapter was created to honor those who have named the parish as a beneficiary with a legacy gift. Take this into mind: Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled your parish to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of this community by making a bequest in your will.

St. Timothy Church is formulating an endowment fund from legacy gifts to perpetuate financial security for our beloved church.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7/30/2023
 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30
 Matthew 13:44-52

The Transfiguration of the Lord
 8/6/2023
 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19
 Matthew 17:1-9

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm (English)
 Sunday 9:30am (English)
 Sunday 12:00pm (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS

45 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office or Rectory to schedule an appointment.



“... the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age.”

Matthew 13:47-49

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

(Continued from July 23, 2023)

Private and Auricular Confession: Jesus taught us to confess our sins daily to God asking His pardon and forgiveness. He instructed us to do so when he taught the prayer, "Our Father." He told us to pray, "Our Father ... Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." So, Catholics do confess their sins directly to God both within and outside the confessional. Jesus advocated praying directly to the Father to ask forgiveness for our sins (Matthew 6:12), and Catholics do this communally at every Mass and in prayer groups, and individually during private prayer. Since he is the Son of God, Jesus says of himself, "*The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins*" and exercises this divine power: "*Your sins are forgiven.*" Further, by virtue of his divine authority he gave this power to priests to exercise in his name. Jesus, who alone has the power to forgive or retain sins (Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24), transmitted that power to the apostles. How can the apostles announce that some sins are to be forgiven and some "retained" if they do not know what people's sins are? How would forgiveness work if no sins were mentioned? That is why we confess our sins. During confession, the priest perpetuates this ministry by acting in persona Christi, "in the person of Christ." In other words, when Catholics receive absolution from the priest for sins confessed, it is Jesus' forgiveness that is granted, not the priest's. The sacrament of confession incarnates Jesus' "ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18) so that we can walk together with God again after we have strayed away in sin.

Tradition of Confessing to a Priest: In the early church, Apostle James instructed the Christians to confess their sins to one another: "*So confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another to be cured; the heartfelt prayer of someone upright works very powerfully*" (James 5:16; translation from the *New Jerusalem Bible*). This means that obtaining forgiveness for sins in the early Church wasn't only a private affair between the sinner and God. It also meant reconciliation with the community (see James 5:14–16), because Jesus advocated a fraternal process of reconciliation, including mutual correction and community discipline (Matthew 5:23–24; 18:15–19). *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that private auricular confession to a priest in the church was a later development (CCC #1447). It started when the Christ-instituted Magisterium or Teaching Authority of the Church realized that public confession in the Church assembly as taught by James 5:16 and the *Didache* caused disgrace to younger believers and thought of an alternative. Hence, it suggested the Irish practice as the alternative. During the seventh century, Irish missionaries, inspired by the Eastern monastic tradition, took to continental Europe the "private practice of penance, which did not require public and prolonged completion of penitential works before reconciliation with the Church. From that time on, the sacrament has been performed in secret between penitent and priest. This new practice envisioned the possibility of repetition and so opened the way to a regular frequenting of this sacrament. It allowed the forgiveness of grave sins and venial sins to be integrated into one sacramental celebration. In its main lines, this is the form of penance that the Church has practiced down to our day" (CCC #1447).

To be continued next week...

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion **Mass Count 5:00pm - 60 9:30am - 106 12 N - 60**

The next second collection will be August 13 for Capital Improvements

DEL PASTOR

SACRAMENTO DE LA PENITENCIA Y LA RECONCILIACIÓN

(Continuación del 23 de Julio de 2023)

Confesión Privada y Auricular: Jesús nos enseñó a confesar nuestros pecados diariamente a Dios pidiéndole perdón y perdón. Él nos instruyó a hacerlo cuando enseñó la oración, "Padre nuestro". Nos dijo que oráramos: "*Padre nuestro... Perdónanos nuestros pecados como nosotros perdonamos a los que pecan contra nosotros*". Entonces, los católicos confiesan sus pecados directamente a Dios tanto dentro como fuera del confesionario. Jesús abogó por orar directamente al Padre para pedir perdón por nuestros pecados (Mateo 6:12), y los católicos hacen esto en comunidad en cada Misa y en grupos de oración, e individualmente durante la oración privada. Puesto que es el Hijo de Dios, Jesús dice de sí mismo: "*El Hijo del hombre tiene autoridad en la tierra para perdonar los pecados*" y ejerce este poder divino: "*Tus pecados te son perdonados*". Además, en virtud de su autoridad divina, dio este poder a los sacerdotes para que lo ejercieran en su nombre. Jesús, quien es el único que tiene el poder de perdonar o retener los pecados (Marcos 2:10; Lucas 5:24), transmitió ese poder a los apóstoles. ¿Cómo pueden los apóstoles anunciar que algunos pecados deben ser perdonados y otros "retenidos" si no saben cuáles son los pecados de las personas? ¿Cómo funcionaría el perdón si no se mencionaran los pecados? Por eso confesamos nuestros pecados. Durante la confesión, el sacerdote perpetúa este ministerio actuando in persona Christi, "en la persona de Cristo". En otras palabras, cuando los católicos reciben la absolución del sacerdote por los pecados confesados, es el perdón de Jesús el que se concede, no el del sacerdote. El sacramento de la confesión encarna el "ministerio de la reconciliación" de Jesús (2 Corintios 5:18) para que podamos caminar juntos con Dios nuevamente después de habernos extraviado en el pecado.

Tradición de Confesarse con un Sacerdote: en la iglesia primitiva, el apóstol Santiago instruyó a los cristianos a confesarse sus pecados unos a otros: "*Confesaos, pues, vuestros pecados unos a otros, y orad unos por otros para ser curados; la oración sincera de alguien recto obra poderosamente*" (Santiago 5:16; traducción de la Nueva Biblia de Jerusalén). Esto significa que obtener el perdón de los pecados en la Iglesia primitiva no era solo un asunto privado entre el pecador y Dios. También significó la reconciliación con la comunidad (ver Santiago 5:14–16), porque Jesús abogó por un proceso fraterno de reconciliación, incluyendo la corrección mutua y la disciplina comunitaria (Mateo 5:23–24; 18:15–19). El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica explica que la confesión auricular privada a un sacerdote en la iglesia fue un desarrollo posterior (CCC #1447). Comenzó cuando el Magisterio instituido por Cristo o la Autoridad Docente de la Iglesia se dio cuenta de que la confesión pública en la asamblea de la Iglesia como se enseña en Santiago 5:16 y la *Didache* causaba deshonra a los creyentes más jóvenes y pensó en una alternativa. Por lo tanto, sugirió la práctica irlandesa como alternativa. Durante el siglo VII, los misioneros irlandeses, inspirados en la tradición monástica oriental, llevaron a Europa continental la práctica "privada de la penitencia, que no requería la realización pública y prolongada de obras penitenciales antes de la reconciliación con la Iglesia. Desde entonces, el sacramento se realiza en secreto entre el penitente y el sacerdote. Esta nueva práctica preveía la posibilidad de repetición y así abrió el camino a una frecuentación regular de este sacramento. Permitió integrar el perdón de los pecados graves y veniales en una sola celebración sacramental. En líneas generales, esta es la forma de penitencia que la Iglesia ha practicado hasta nuestros días" (CCC #1447).

Continuará la próxima semana...

¡Reserva!

Nuestro Picnic Parroquial será el Sábado 10 de Septiembre a la 1:00pm. ¡No querrás perderte esto!

Romería Diocesana 21 de Octubre de 2023

Únase al obispo Knestout y fieles de todo el Commonwealth en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción para una peregrinación centrada en la fuente y cumbre de nuestra fe, la Eucaristía. Se invitará a los peregrinos a charlas, recorridos, procesión eucarística, adoración, música y misa con el obispo, todo ello rodeado de la imponente belleza de la iglesia católica más grande de América del Norte. La inscripción para este evento gratuito se abre a fines del verano y se ofrecerá transporte desde cada vicariato. Para obtener información adicional, visite: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-pilgrimage/>.

La próxima segunda colecta será el 13 de Agosto para Mejoras de Capital

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Lost and Found

Life is unfair. I lost my car keys at a ball game and never found them. I lost my sunglasses at the beach and never found them. I lost my socks in the washing machine and never found them. I lost three pounds on a diet... I found them and five more!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Response to Crisis in Canada

Knights step up in times of crisis, such as the war in Ukraine or the wildfires that are burning now in Canada. Fires have burned nearly 25 million Canadian acres so far in 2023, forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate from their homes. But not every story in a crisis makes headlines. The Knights of Columbus State Deputy of Alberta drove more than 900 miles to deliver aid to remote communities in the far north of the province and neighboring Northwest Territory.

Natural disasters, like the Canadian wildfires, can happen anytime and anywhere. In these moments of darkness and trial, the Knights have always been there bringing immediate aid and comfort to the people affected.

Another example of this is Father Gerald Mendoza, a priest and Knight in Alberta who also serves his community as a volunteer firefighter. Knowing the need for firefighters in his remote northern town, he thought, why not me? "We cannot simply be leaders in this context — in the church," Father Mendoza explained. "We can also be leaders outside the church, where it is needed."

If you would like to learn more about what the Knights of Columbus do, or would like to join us, please contact Ed Sullivan at desulliva@aol.com.

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:

Lois Nelms, Anne Glancy, Liliyanna Kotzeva, Ken Pollack, Dorothy Sponder, Joseph F. Mercurio, Beth Schools, Peggy Shaughnessy, Luke Heller, Theresa Berens, Kelly Liddington, Margaret Bell, Connie and Ed Malloy, Beatrice Howard, Kathie Mendez, Michelle and Anthony Macaluso, Joe Patton, Chloe Fordham, Patricia Brenzovich, Daniel Murchison Lytjen, Amber Davis, Lorraine Jester, Anna Dalton, Charlie Allen, Jerry Simpson, Jr., Robert Davenport, Valarie Roberts, Carolyn White, David Rousseau, Patrick Finn, Rebeca Moreno, Maria Foster, Thomas Hampton, Ed Sullivan, Dan Dean, Catherine Mallory, Linda and David Taylor, Tom Schroeder, James Morris, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Owen Liddic, Barbara Taylor, John Ciffo, Kevin Sullivan, Lloyd Samuels, Michelle Sadloch, Les Sisson, Jocelyn Boily, Carol Smith, Christopher Carcamo, Christina Brookbank, Janie Kwedar, Charles Palmeri, Lucille Palmeri, Chris Honenberger, Teresa Austria, Michelle Ward, Rita Nepomuseno Vazques, Michael Herlan, and Greg Woodfin.



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a family member or friend, living or deceased, remembered in a Mass, please call the parish office and schedule a Mass. We will send the family or person (if living) a card with all the details of the date, time and celebrant, and who scheduled the Mass.



Remember In Your Prayers *All those who serve our country, particularly . . .*

LT Patrick Howlett, USAF; Ensign Jordan Gates, USN; LTC Rod Dwyer, USA; Lesley Clarke, USN; FSO Mary O'Brien; SGT John Streat III, USA; 2nd LT Christopher Selig, USA; Morgan Martin, USN; Ty Brown, USCG

Pray God keeps them in His care.

August 1 - 6 / Mass Intentions/Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
8/1	12:00N	Salvation of All Souls	Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori	St. Timothy Family
8/2	12:00N	Ed Sullivan	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
8/3	9:00AM	Souls in Purgatory	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
8/4	9:00AM	†Gloria Walls	Memorial of St. John Vianney	St. Timothy Family
8/5	5:00PM	†Clell Lape and †Annie Lape	Vigil - Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	Joe Brenzovich
8/6	9:30AM	Carl and Kathy Hayden	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	Carl and Kathy Hayden
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor	Familia de San Timoteo



Funeral Mass

There will be a Funeral Mass on July 28 at 11:00am for Jeffrey Willett and Mary Lynn Kennedy.

Need a Ride to Mass?

If you need a ride to ANY Mass, please call the office.

Altar Cleaning Day

August 5 will be our next cleaning day for the church altar. We will begin cleaning following the 9:00am First Saturday Mass. Please plan to donate an hour or two on Saturday, August 5. We will provide cleaning equipment, but if you have a particular "must use" tool, please bring it along. If you have any questions, contact Sue Byrne or Diane Kean. See you on the fifth.

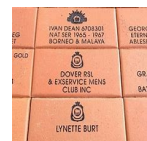


Save the Date!

Our Parish Picnic will be Sunday, September 10 at 1:00pm. You do not want to miss this!

Memorial Bricks

Remember and memorialize a departed family member or friend in the Memorial Garden. The price is only \$100 and a duplicate for your home is available for an additional \$50. Pick up an order form from the Commons or contact the parish office.



Give Central Online Giving

Remember that you now have the option at St. Timothy's to sign up and go online to make your weekly donations to the Church. The website is updated on a weekly basis in-house. You can get more information by calling the parish office, or go to <https://www.givecentral.org/location/1137/event/25198> and follow the steps. Or you can scan the QR code.



Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us in the Commons at **12:45pm**, after the noon Mass on **Tuesday, August 1**, to pray the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 59.

Ladies Luncheon

The next Catholic Women's luncheon will be on **Tuesday, August 15** at Bella's Restaurant. Sign up sheet is in the Commons. Hope to see you there!

Essex Churches Together

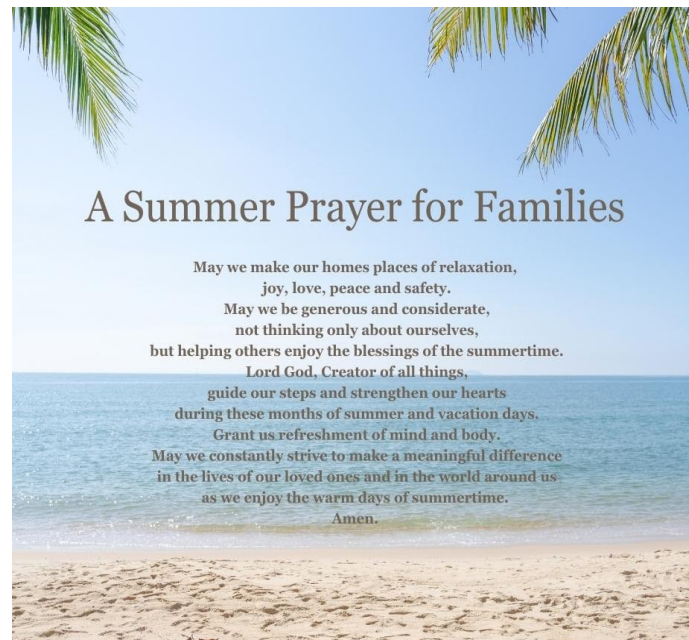
Back-to-School Giveaway on August 13 - Fade & Company is giving away free school supplies and free haircuts for ages 8-12 at the Essex County - Tappahannock Firehouse on August 13 from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm.

School Supplies Donations

The Human Needs Committee humbly requests your help and support in donating school supplies for the children of our Parish Family, our Community, and Area. Suggested items include pencils, pens, crayons, loose leaf paper, composition books, and 1 1/2" and 2" binders. Boxes will be in the Commons to receive your donations through the weekend of **Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6**. We will distribute the school supplies the weekend of **Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13** after all Masses. We thank all of you for your care and concern and are overwhelmed and humbled by all you do for all God's People! ~Becky Tobler

Retreat Opportunity for Young Adults

The Diocese of Richmond's Office for Evangelization is offering a Young Adult Retreat on October 27-29, 2023, in Nags Head, NC (\$175/person, registration closes September 24 – discount of \$25 if registered by July 31). To learn more about these retreats and other events, visit <https://evangelizerichmond.org/ofe-events/>.



“I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER” (Pope John Paul II). The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Only 25 couples per weekend so register soon! Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are the remaining local experiences for 2023:

September 22-24, 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA
 November 17-19, 2023 - Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach VA

Diocesan Pilgrimage October 21, 2023

Join Bishop Knestout and faithful from across the Commonwealth at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for a pilgrimage focused on the source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist. Pilgrims will be invited to talks, tours, Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, Music and Mass with the Bishop all surrounded by the awe-inspiring beauty of the largest Catholic Church in North America. Registration for this free event opens in late summer and transportation will be offered from each vicariate. For additional information visit: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-pilgrimage/>.



Holy Land Pilgrimage Details
 St. Timothy Catholic Church
 Group Leader: Father Gerald Musu bire
 November 7-16, 2023 - 10 Days/8 Nights
 Price per person: \$3,700
* Price is based on double occupancy
 * Single Supplement / Private Room - Additional \$495

Included

Round-trip airfare
 Airline taxes and fuel surcharges
 Accommodation for 8 nights at 4-5 Star Hotels including service charges
 Breakfast and Dinner Daily
 Professional Catholic tour guide
 Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
 Modern air-conditioned motor coaches + WIFI
 Daily Mass
 Farewell Dinner

Not Included: Lunch and drinks with meals, Tips and Travel Insurance.

Itinerary

Day 1 | Departure
 Depart for your overnight flight to the Holy Land. Meals will be served on board.

Day 2 | Arrival
 Arrive at Tel Aviv Airport. Meet your guide, drive to your hotel in Nazareth for dinner and overnight.



Day 3 | Nazareth, Cana
 Start the day in Nazareth at the Basilica of the Annunciation where we will celebrate a Mass. Walk to the Church of St. Joseph's workshop. Continue to the site where Jesus performed His first miracle, Cana, where the married couples would renew their wedding vows at the wedding church. In the afternoon, climb Mt. Tabor, site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Experience the views where Peter, James and John saw the Glorified Lord with Moses and Elijah.

Day 4 | Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes
 On this day, we will start with a visit to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Continue to Tabgha for a visit to the church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish. Take a memorable boat ride across the same lake Jesus walked, the Sea of Galilee. After Lunch, visit the Church of Peter's Primacy where Peter declares his love for Jesus three times. Continue to Capernaum the home town of Jesus to see the ruins of the ancient synagogue and St. Peter's house.

Day 5 | Caesarea Maritima, Haifa
 After Breakfast, we drive to Caesarea, capital of the Roman province, where we visit the Roman and Crusader remains and the harbor from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Continue to Haifa where we visit Mount Carmel and Cave of Elijah. Enjoy panoramic views of the Mediterranean Sea and Haifa City including the Baha'i Shrine and gardens. Drive to Bethlehem, check in to your hotel and gather for dinner.

Day 6 | Bethlehem, Shepherd's Field, Ein Karem
 Start our day in Bethlehem at the Church of the Nativity where we will celebrate a Mass. Visit the cave-the birthplace of Jesus- beneath the church. After lunch, drive to the town of Beit Sahour where we find the Shepherd's Fields to see the place where the Shepherds saw the star of the Nativity. Continue to Ein Karem, the birth place of St. John the Baptist. Drive back to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 | Jericho, Qumran, Dead Sea
 After breakfast, continue your journey to the real site of Jesus' Baptism by the Jordan River. Visit Jericho the oldest city in the world, view Mount of Temptation where Jesus was tempted by the devil. Celebrate Mass at the Good Shepherd Parish in Jericho. Drive to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were first discovered. We will have a dip in the Dead Sea salty water. Enjoy shopping in Bethlehem, buy souvenirs for you and your family. Drive back to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 08 | Old City of Jerusalem
 Start the day very early, praying the Stations of the Cross as we walk the true way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa). Then we will visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where Jesus was crucified, buried, and then rose again. View the Convent of Zion Sisters and visit St. Ann's Church (birthplace of the Virgin Mary).

Day 09 | Western Wall, Mt. Zion, Mt of Olives, Gethsemane
 Drive to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. Visit Pater Noster Church where the lord's prayer "Our Father" was first taught. Walk the Palm Sunday way. At the foot of the mountain, see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations (with the rock where Jesus prayed in agony). Visit the Walling (or Western) Wall, with views of the Al-Aksa Mosque and Dome of the Rock. See the site known as David's memorial. Visit the Caenaculum, the place where the Last Supper occurred as well as the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Visit Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu where St. Peter denied Jesus.

Day 10 | Return to USA
 Today our Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end. We will head to the airport for our return flight, carrying all these unforgettable memories walking in the footsteps of Jesus.