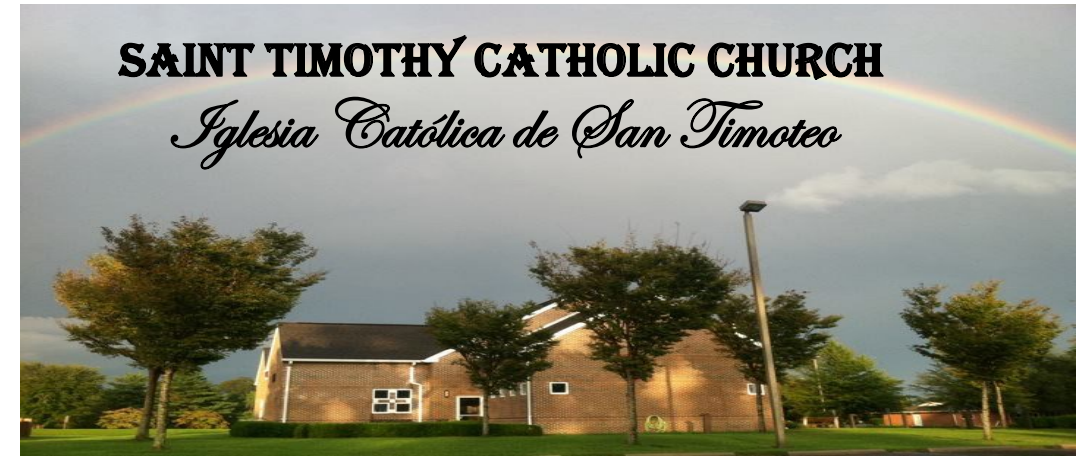


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Please contact our Grand Knight Ed Sullivan at (540) 842-3276, Father Gerald, or any of our Knights here at St. Timothy's. We need Catholic men to help us serve our church and community. Please join today.



January 21, 2024

413 St. Timothy Lane, Tappahannock, VA 22560



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.

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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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1/21/2024
 Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1/28/2024
 Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
 Mark 1:21-28

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.



"All were amazed and asked one another, what is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."
 Mark 1:27

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A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.



Why do we believe that the Bible is an inspired book?

Last week, my article was on Church tradition as one of the three of the Catholic Church's sources of authority. From tradition, we get our interpretation and understanding of what is contained in Scripture from those Christians who came before us, going all the way to the beginning with Jesus and His apostles. This week, we look at Scripture as another source of the Catholic Church's sources of authority and why it is inspired.

We not only take Sacred Scripture to be inspired because: a) it inspires me. b) the Bible itself says that it is inspired. (Sacred Scriptures of Hindus and Muslims too make similar claims and most of the Bible books don't make such a claim.) c) "The Holy Spirit tells me the Bible is inspired." (It is a subjective argument). d) "We are 'convinced' that it is the word of God, and we get a positive 'feeling' that it is inspired, and that's that." (It is also a subjective argument). The Catholic position. As the first step we prove the reliability of the Bible insofar as it is history. From that we conclude that a Church with infallible teaching authority was founded by Christ. And then we take the word of that infallible Church that the Bible is inspired. Without the existence of the Church, we could never know whether the Bible is inspired. The Church infallibly teaches that the Old Testament books are also inspired because Jesus and his apostles believed in them as inspired books and taught that truth. The Catechism quotes an ancient Christian saying attributed to St. Augustine to describe the unity of the two: "the New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New" (CCC #129).

The New Testament books are recorded and inspired history of Jesus and his Church. Inspiration of the Bible means that the Holy Spirit as principal author of Sacred Scripture influenced the sacred writers in three ways: 1) He illuminated the mind of the sacred writer. 2) Holy Spirit moved the will of the sacred writers to write freely, though infallibly, what God wished. 3) The Holy Spirit aided the sacred writers in the work of composition. "For this reason, the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body. She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word and Christ's Body" (CCC #103). It's likely that you have heard someone say something along the lines of, "Catholics don't read/study the Bible." These days there are many, many Catholic-based Scripture studies and we host some excellent ones here at our very own parish.

So, what is the problem with using the Word of God as our only source of authority if it is so revered? The problem is us. Man is so fallible, that when left to his own devices, he will eventually lose sight of, or even destroy, the intended message contained within Scripture. You've seen it before, where someone misuses or twists a scripture passage, or you've seen things taken out of context while other pieces are deliberately left out or ignored because it does not fit within the argument. Knowing how fallible we are, God built in two other forms of authority into His Church in order to safeguard His Word-the Magisterium and Sacred Tradition. Let us deepen our love and knowledge for God by embracing the Bible, read it, pray with it, and study it.

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

**This weekend's second collection will be for Respect Human Life
The next second collection will be February 4 for Fuel and Heat**

Offertory Collection

January 13 - January 14, 2024

Offertory - \$4,267
Give Central - \$1,417.50
Candles - \$51
Capital Projects - \$1207
Mass Intentions - \$240

**Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 61
Sunday 9:30AM - 120, 12:00N - 111**

DEL PASTOR

¿Por qué creemos que la Biblia es un libro inspirado?

La semana pasada, mi artículo trataba sobre la tradición de la Iglesia como una de las tres fuentes de autoridad de la Iglesia católica. De la tradición, obtenemos nuestra interpretación y comprensión de lo que contienen las Escrituras de aquellos cristianos que nos precedieron, desde el principio con Jesús y sus apóstoles. Esta semana, analizamos las Escrituras como otra fuente de autoridad de la Iglesia Católica y por qué son inspiradas.

No tomamos la Sagrada Escritura como inspirada porque a) Me inspira. b) La Biblia misma dice que es inspirada. (Las Sagradas Escrituras de hindúes y musulmanes también hacen afirmaciones similares y la mayoría de los libros de la Biblia no hacen tal afirmación). c) "El Espíritu Santo me dice que la Biblia es inspirada". (Es un argumento subjetivo). d) "Estamos 'convencidos' de que es palabra de Dios, y tenemos un 'sentimiento' positivo de que es inspirada, y eso es todo". (También es un argumento subjetivo). El Catecismo cita un antiguo dicho cristiano atribuido a San Agustín para describir la unidad de los dos: "el Nuevo Testamento está escondido en el Antiguo y el Antiguo Testamento está desvelado en el Nuevo" (CIC #129). La posición católica. Como primer paso probamos la confiabilidad de la Biblia en la medida en que es historia. De eso concluimos que Cristo fundó una Iglesia con autoridad docente infalible. Y luego tomamos la palabra de esa Iglesia infalible de que la Biblia está inspirada. Sin la existencia de la Iglesia, nunca podríamos saber si la Biblia es inspirada. La Iglesia enseña infaliblemente que los libros del Antiguo Testamento también son inspirados porque Jesús y sus apóstoles creyeron en ellos como libros inspirados y enseñaron esa verdad.

Los libros del Nuevo Testamento son la historia registrada e inspirada de Jesús y su Iglesia. La inspiración de la Biblia significa que el Espíritu Santo como autor principal de la Sagrada Escritura influyó en los escritores sagrados de tres maneras: 1) Iluminó la mente del escritor sagrado. 2) El Espíritu Santo movió la voluntad de los escritores sagrados para escribir libre, aunque infaliblemente, lo que Dios deseaba. 3) El Espíritu Santo ayudó a los escritores sagrados en el trabajo de composición. "Por eso la Iglesia siempre ha venerado las Escrituras como venera el Cuerpo del Señor. Ella no deja nunca de presentar a los fieles el pan de vida, tomado de la única mesa de la Palabra de Dios y del Cuerpo de Cristo" (CIC #103). Es probable que hayas escuchado a alguien decir algo como: "Los católicos no leen ni estudian la Biblia". Hoy en día hay muchísimos estudios bíblicos católicos y organizamos algunos excelentes aquí en nuestra propia parroquia.

Entonces, ¿cuál es el problema de usar la Palabra de Dios como nuestra única fuente de autoridad si es tan venerada? El problema somos nosotros. El hombre es tan falible que, cuando se le deja a su suerte, eventualmente perderá de vista, o incluso destruirá, el mensaje previsto contenido en las Escrituras. Lo has visto antes, cuando alguien hace mal uso o tuerce un pasaje de las Escrituras, o has visto cosas sacadas de contexto mientras que otras partes se omiten o ignoran deliberadamente porque no encajan en el argumento. Sabiendo cuán falibles somos, Dios incorporó otras dos formas de autoridad en Su Iglesia para salvaguardar Su Palabra. El magisterio y la Sagrada Tradición. Profundicemos nuestro amor y conocimiento de Dios abrazando la Biblia, léala, oremos con ella y estudiémosla.

**La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será para Respetar la Vida Humana
La próxima segunda colecta será el 4 de febrero para Combustible y Calor**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A young boy and his little sister

A young boy wanted to go down to the lake to fish, and his mother asked him to take his little sister with him. He said, "Mom, don't make me take her with me. The last time she came with me, I didn't catch a single fish." The mother said, "I'll talk to her, and I promise this time she won't make any noise." The boy said, "Mom, it wasn't the noise. She ate all my bait!"



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



HOPE FOR THE CHILDREN OF WAR

A GLOBAL EFFORT

Since the early days of the war, the Knights of Columbus has partnered with the international Catholic charitable organization **Caritas** to ensure the Ukrainian refugees - especially the children in need - have a home. One of the earliest efforts was to welcome orphans from Myrne and Multipol in eastern Ukraine to Poland. The Knights worked to refurbish a 14th century monastery to provide housing for refugees. The Knights who have given away over one million coats since 2009 expanded to Europe and gave warm winter jackets to hundreds of children in the Ukraine. Recently the Knights built a school to educate these orphans.

Efforts continue in the Ukraine and elsewhere around the world as the Knights of Columbus continue to live out the dream of their founder Blessed Father McGivney to take care of widows and orphans everywhere. If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus or are interested in joining our local council, please contact our Grand Knight Ed Sullivan at desulli-va@aol.com.

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:

Lois Nelms, Anne Glancy, 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, Jocelyn Boily, Carol Smith, Christopher Carcamo, Janie Kwedar, Charles Palmeri, Chris Honenberger, Michelle Ward, Michael Herlan, Kristen Kellett, Linda MacDonald, Sharon Hanshaw, and Pat Doane.



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.

January 16 - January 21 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
1/23	12:00N	Salvation of All Souls	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
1/24	12:00N	†Les Sisson	Memorial of St. Francis De Sales	Ann Sisson
1/25	9:00AM	Souls in Purgatory	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	St. Timothy Family
1/26	9:00AM	Brendan Tippet	Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus	Jordan Tippet
1/27	5:00PM	†Marcia Samuels	Vigil - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lloyd Samuels
1/28	9:30AM	†Joseph Schaefer	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Knights of Columbus
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario	Familia de San Timoteo



Confirmation has been set for May 19, 2024, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond City at 2:00PM.

First Holy Communion will be June 2, 2024.

Vacation Bible School will be for Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. The theme for this coming year is *Dive Into Your Faith*. We will be exploring water imagery and symbolism in the Bible and Christianity; this will involve playing with water, so be prepared!



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.

Married Couples! Is winter starting to get you down and you find yourself getting a little edgy with your spouse? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and get rid of the blahs. For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

January 26-28, 2024 - Myrtle Beach, SC
March 1-3, 2024 - College Park, MD
April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA

Head Into the Heights this March

Looking at the mountains and reflecting on creation, you can find peace and perspective that comes from the Lord. As young adults, we have the opportunity to journey *into the heights* of God's love by taking a step *out* of our normal lives and *into* the Blue Ridge mountains & Our Lady of the Angels Monastery. This one-day event will include two talks, an easy-to-moderate level hike, prayer with the Trappist-Cistercian nuns, and lunch. ***Into the Heights: A Young Adult Lenten Reflection & Hike*** is Saturday, March 16 from 10:00AM - 6:30PM at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Crozet, VA. \$40/person includes lunch and other retreat supplies. *Limited space available - don't wait to sign up at <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/into-the-heights-a-young-adult-lenten-reflection-hike/>!*

Need a Ride to Mass?

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

Upcoming Mass Times

February 2nd, 9:00AM First Friday
February 3rd, 9:00AM First Saturday

Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us in the Commons at **12:45PM**, after the noon Mass on **Tuesday, February 6th**, to pray the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 63.

MOVE TO THE LIGHT, St Timothy's Mental Well-being Ministry is surveying to determine the best day and time to hold an informational meeting for interested parties. Please fill in the survey form located in the Commons. Thank you.

Fuel and Hunger Grant

St. Timothy has been granted \$5000.00 from the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger fund. Grants are made to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese that provide emergency assistance to persons with fuel and hunger needs in their locality.

The parish or Catholic organization must be directly involved in assessing individual needs and providing assistance. All Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Funds are used for direct assistance and cannot be used for administrative costs.

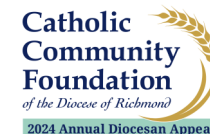
If you know of anyone in need, please refer them to the Office.

Give Central Online Giving

Remember that you have the option at St. Timothy's to sign up and go online to make your weekly donations to the Church. 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.



Caregiver Support Group is presented by the **Alzheimer's Association** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at 2:00PM at the Essex Public Library. For more information about caregiver support groups, call Jennifer at 1-800-577-0558.



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Sharing His Love with Others*

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *Sharing His Love with Others*.

The 2024 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities.

In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected. This year, the funds returned will be used to toward for the church renovation.

In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the 2024 Appeal also benefits us through the following ministries and programs. In addition, we have received from the Diocese the Fuel and Hunger grant, youth and young adult ministry programs, and assistance from retired and international priests.

Tips for Safe Snow Shoveling from the Mayo Clinic

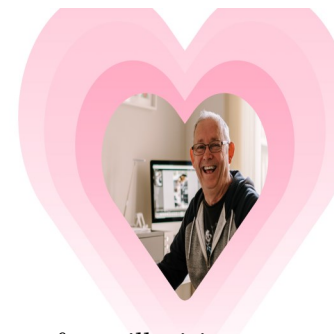
- Be Heart Conscious
- Dress for the Weather
- Drink Plenty of Water
- Warm Up Muscles Prior to Shoveling
- Shovel Snow While It's Fresh
- Watch Out for Ice
- Take It Slow
- Protect Your Back
- Beware of Shoulder Strain
- LISTEN TO YOUR BODY!
- Be Careful Around Machinery
- Have Your Phone Handy



For more information on remaining safe while shoveling snow, visit <https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/>

A leap of care for 2024

Gain peace of mind for the future by creating your will



For information on obtaining your free will, visit: https://www.freewill.com/richmondcatholicfoundation?utm_source=partner&utm_medium=eblast&utm_campaign=202401_richmondcatholicfoundation_resolution_legacy_leap

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Laudate, one of the most popular and comprehensive free Catholic apps, is available in English and Español. Laudate includes daily Mass readings (with Saint of the Day and Reflections), Liturgy of Hours, Latin Liturgy of Hours, Latin Mass, New American Bible, interactive Rosary and multiple Chaplets, multiple Stations of the Cross, searchable prayers and Latin prayers with English translations, Daily Prayer and Daily Bible Verse, multiple podcasts for daily meditations and Rosary, and Catechism of the Catholic Church (with ability to bookmark and share). This app allows you to store your own prayers in My Prayers and move them between your iPad or PC and your phone. Laudate also includes five Confession apps for separate groups that guide one through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Vatican documents (Second Vatican Council, Code of Canon Law, etc.), as well as daily Mass live video stream and more! Check it out at <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/laudate-1-catholic-app/id499428207> or <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?>

Considering a Vocation?

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vacations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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