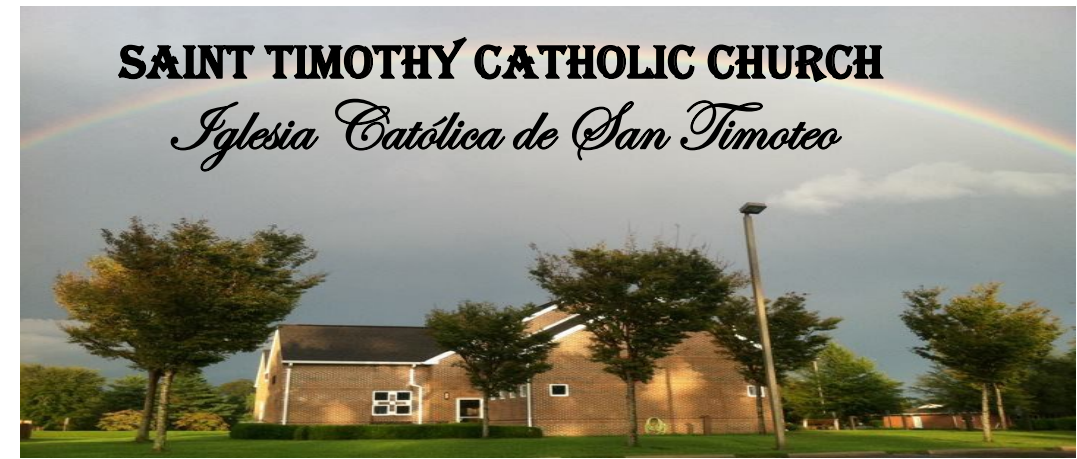


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Please contact our Grand Knight Ed Sullivan at (540) 842-3276, Father Gerald, or any of our Knights here at St. Timothy's. We need Catholic men to help us serve our church and community. Please join today.

February 25, 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.

Second Sunday of Lent
 2/25/2024
 Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34
 Mark 9:2-10

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Third Sunday of Lent
 3/3/2024
 Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
 John 2:13-25

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.



"...And [Jesus] was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus."
 Mark 9:2-3

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A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.



THROUGH THE DESERT GOD LEADS TO FREEDOM

This year the title of Pope Francis's message for Lent is "Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom. "When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom," but the pope quickly adds, "the call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey."

Pope Francis reminds all that God's first words to the Israelites at Mount Sinai were about being freed from slavery. Just as the enslaved journeyed through the desert towards freedom, Lent is a call to embark on a forty-day spiritual desert journey. "Lent is the season of grace in the desert where God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind and experience a Passover from death to life."

The Pope's Lenten message emphasizes that "the exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey. If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to open our eyes to the reality." Today the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven and moves the heart of God. Lent is a time to ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us?

It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbor are one love. The pontiff explains why the primary Lenten activities of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are all connected as "a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us."

In the compelling call to conversion of his Lenten message, Pope Francis says "I invite every Christian community to do just this: to offer its members moments set aside to rethink their lifestyles, times to examine their presence in society and the contribution they make to its betterment. To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope."

We begin this Lent with the inspiring concluding words of his message. "Let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history."

For the full text, visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/20231203-messaggio-quaresima2024.html>

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Roy Fontane, Finance Council Chair: (804) 925-6223

Becky Tobler, Pastoral Council Chair: (757) 897-4840

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection February 17 - February 18, 2024

Offertory - \$2316.25
Give Central - \$345
Ash Wednesday - \$939.
Capital Projects - \$100.
Mass Intentions - \$60.
Fuel and Heat - \$5.
Columbarium - \$120.
Candles - \$45.25

Mass Counts: Ash Wednesday 12Noon—84
Ash Wednesday 7PM—127
Saturday 5:00PM - 71
Sunday 9:30AM -111, 12:00N - 92

This weekend's second collection will be for St. John Paul the Great Community Service Scholarship
The next second collection will be March 3rd for Catholic Relief Services

DEL PASTOR

A TRAVÉS DEL DESIERTO DIOS CONDUCE A LA LIBERTAD

Este año el título del mensaje del Papa Francisco para la Cuaresma es "A través del desierto Dios nos conduce a la libertad. "Cuando nuestro Dios se revela, su mensaje es siempre de libertad" pero el Papa añade rápidamente: "el llamado a la libertad es exigente. No se responde de inmediato; "Tiene que madurar como parte de un viaje".

El Papa Francisco recuerda a todos que las primeras palabras de Dios a los israelitas en el Monte Sinaí fueron sobre la liberación de la esclavitud. Así como los esclavos viajaron a través del desierto hacia la libertad, la Cuaresma es un llamado a embarcarse en un viaje espiritual de cuarenta días por el desierto. "La Cuaresma es el tiempo de gracia en el desierto donde Dios forma a su pueblo, nos permite dejar atrás nuestra esclavitud y experimentar una Pascua de muerte a vida".

El mensaje de Cuaresma del Papa enfatiza que "el éxodo de la esclavitud a la libertad no es un viaje abstracto. Para que nuestra celebración de la Cuaresma sea concreta, el primer paso es desear abrir los ojos a la realidad". Hoy el grito de tantos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas oprimidos sube al cielo y conmueve el corazón de Dios. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para preguntarnos: ¿Escuchamos ese clamor? ¿Nos preocupa? ¿Nos conmueve?

Es hora de actuar, y en Slow actuar también significa hacer una pausa. Hacer una pausa en oración para recibir la palabra de Dios, hacer una pausa como el samaritano ante la presencia de un hermano o una hermana heridos. El amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo son un solo amor. El pontífice explica por qué las principales actividades cuaresmales de oración, ayuno y limosna están todas conectadas como "un único movimiento de apertura y vaciamiento de uno mismo, en el que arrojamos fuera los ídolos que nos pesan, los apegos que nos aprisionan".

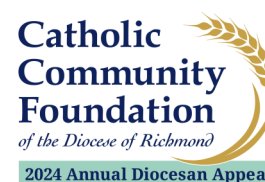
En el convincente llamado a la conversión de su mensaje de Cuaresma, el Papa Francisco dice: "Invito a cada comunidad cristiana a hacer precisamente esto: ofrecer a sus miembros momentos reservados para repensar sus estilos de vida, momentos para examinar su presencia en la sociedad y la contribución que hacen a su mejora. En la medida en que esta Cuaresma se convierta en un tiempo de conversión, una humanidad ansiosa notará un estallido de creatividad, un destello de nueva esperanza".

Comenzamos esta Cuaresma con las inspiradoras palabras finales de su mensaje. "Encontremos el coraje para ver nuestro mundo, no como si estuviera agonizando sino en un proceso de dar a luz, no al final sino al comienzo de un gran nuevo capítulo de la historia."

Para consultar el texto completo, visite <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/20231203-messaggio-quaresima2024.html>

Campaña Diocesana Anual 2024: Compartir Su Amor con los Demás

Este fin de semana llevaremos a cabo la Campaña Diocesana Anual de este año 2024: *Compartiendo Su Amor con los Demás*. La Campaña no solo brinda la oportunidad de apoyar ministerios importantes que impactan muchos programas fuera de los límites de nuestra parroquia, sino que también respalda los servicios que la Diócesis brinda directamente a nuestra parroquia, como las *Subvenciones del Fondo de Combustible y Hambre*, el *Ministerio para Jóvenes y Adultos Jóvenes*, y *apoyo para sacerdotes internacionales*. Además, nuestra parroquia recibe una parte de los fondos recaudados. Este año, los fondos reembolsados se utilizarán para remodelar nuestra Iglesia, como pagar el techo nuevo, la alfombra nueva y la pintura. Consulte los materiales en las bancas para esta apelación o puede hacer una donación escaneando este código QR:



Escanee aquí para donar a la Campaña Anual Diocesana 2024



Para preguntas acerca de su donación por favor llame a GiveCentral (833) 716-2612

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será para la Beca de Servicio Comunitario San Juan Pablo el Gran.
La próxima segunda colecta será el 3 de marzo para Catholic Relief Services.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man walks into a church, outside of Mass hours and finds the priest. He pulls out a gun and says, “Give me everything you have.”

The priest panics and desperately searches his pockets. He doesn’t have any money on him, but he finds several pieces of wrapped candy, which he holds out and says, “I’m sorry. This is all I have!”

The robber replies, “But Father, I gave up candy for Lent!”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Prayers for the Ukrainian People

For nearly two years, the Ukrainian people have faced the devastating effects of war. And for two years, Knights of Columbus have stood in solidarity with our brother Knights and their fellow Ukrainians impacted by the violence.

We invite you to join the Knights of Columbus across the world in a novena for the Ukrainian people. The novena will conclude on February 23, the eve of the two-year anniversary of the war. We will unite in solidarity through prayer, asking God for peace in Ukraine and for comfort to those affected by this conflict.

If you would like to learn more about the work of the Knights of Columbus or are a male who might be interested in joining our council, please contact any Knight or our Grand Knight Ed Sullivan at desulliva@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, 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, Linda MacDonald, Sharon Hanshaw, Pat Doane, and Ron Largett.



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.

February 27 - March 3 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
2/27	12:00N	Salvation of All Souls	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
2/28	12:00N	†Father Ron Ruth	Weekday	Carl and Kathy Hayden
2/29	9:00AM	Souls in Purgatory	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
3/1	9:00AM	†Diane Sullivan	Weekday	Diane Kean
3/2	9:00AM	Salvation of Souls	First Saturday	St. Timothy Family
	5:00PM	†Alexander, †Helen, †Andy, †Ann, and †Jeanette Brenzovich	Vigil - Third Sunday of Lent	Joe Brenzovich
3/3	9:30AM	†Tom Schroeder	Third Sunday of Lent	Sally & Chris Honenberger
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma	Familia de San Timoteo



Need a Ride to Mass?

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

Upcoming Mass and Service Times

February 24th, 11:00AM	Thomas Schroeder Funeral Mass - Reception to follow
February 28th, 11:00AM	Holy Hour prior to Mass
March 1st, 9:00AM	First Friday
March 2nd, 9:00AM	First Saturday
March 6th, 11:00AM	Holy Hour prior to Mass
March 13th, 11:00AM	Holy Hour prior to Mass
March 19th, 6:00PM	Penance Service
March 20th, 11:00AM	Holy Hour prior to Mass
March 27th, 11:00AM	Holy Hour prior to Mass

Scholarship Applications Available

St. Timothy is once again offering the St. John Paul the Great Community Service Scholarship. This scholarship is available to all graduating seniors who are participating members of St. Timothy Parish. Interested parties should pick up an application from the parish office. The deadline for the receipt of all application materials in the parish office is **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

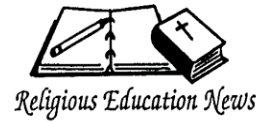
Lenten Soup Suppers Schedule

Stations of the Cross occur every Friday in Lent at 6:00PM followed by a soup supper. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Commons if you'd like to bring sides such as bread, salad, etc.

February 23rd	Knights of Columbus
March 1st	Hispanic Ministry
March 8th	Religious Education
March 15th	Lectors
March 22nd	Finance Council

Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us in the Commons at **12:45PM**, after the noon Mass on **Tuesday, March 5**, to pray the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 64.



Anyone whose child under the age of 14 is intending to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion needs to be registered and attending classes **immediately** with Mrs. Dahlgren to receive Communion on June 2nd.

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 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!

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.



JOIN US FOR A

Lenten Bible Study

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

THURSDAYS - 7:00-8:30PM
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FEBRUARY 22: AGONY IN THE GARDEN
FEBRUARY 29: SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR
MARCH 7: CROWNING WITH THORNS
MARCH 14: CARRYING OF THE CROSS
MARCH 21: CRUCIFIXION

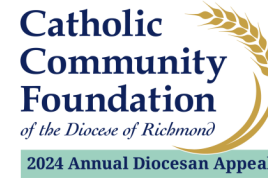
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WINE & CHEESE
PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

SCAN TO SIGN UP: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/BIBLE24](https://bit.ly/bible24)



Please hand in your sign-up forms this weekend if you plan to participate in an Inasmuch project on April 20. Make sure your contact information is readable, and you've ordered a T-shirt if you don't already have one. Next week we'll let you know about other ways you can help, too.

Questions? Contact Shari Dwyer (804-443-1503; skdwyer@va.metrocast.net) or Dan Bowden (804-246-9353; dbowden81@hotmail.com).



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

This weekend, February 24th-25th, we are conducting the 2024 Annual Diocese Appeal. The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many programs outside of our parish boundaries, it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish *such as Fuel and Hunger Fund grants and youth and young adult ministry*. In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected. This year, the funds returned will be used for remodeling our Church – such as paying for the new roof, new carpet and painting. Please see the in-pew materials for this appeal or you may make a donation by scanning this QR code:

Scan here to donate to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal



For questions about your gift please call GiveCentral (833) 716-2612

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Sharing Your Time and Talent

Please join us outside in the Commons after Mass this weekend for some special fellowship. Meet people in our lay ministries and committees, learn more about what they do for St. Timothy, and see if there's a role that fits your interests and talents. Here at St. Timothy, there really is a place -- and role -- for each of us.

Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance

As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness. For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share, support, and heal. If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 877-887-9603 or email dana@atreplant.org.

Married Couples - Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. 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:

- April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA
- May 3-5, 2024 - Hickory, NC
- September 27-29, 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 16th, 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/>!*

Considering a Vocation?

"This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!" Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.