

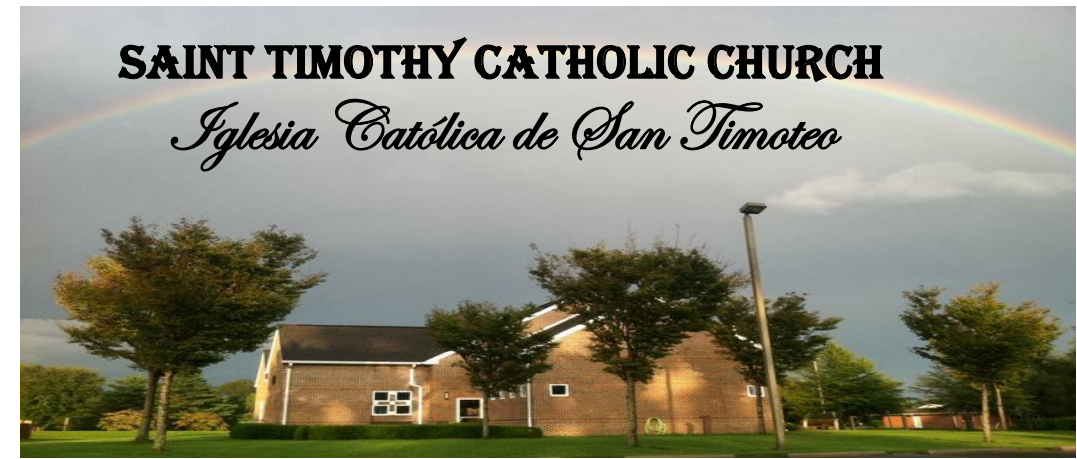
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September 1, 2024

413 St. Timothy Lane, Tappahannock, VA 22560



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Our parish Lumen Christi Society Chapter was created to honor those who have named the parish as a beneficiary with a legacy gift. 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.*

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9/1/24  
 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9/8/24  
 Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5  
 Mark 7:31-37

**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.



[Jesus] responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.' You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

Mark 7:6-8



A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.

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### Is Converting to Catholicism Necessary to Save a Relationship?

As we come close to the beginning of Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) classes (formerly RCIA), I thought this would be an interesting article to share by Joe Heschmeyer in The Catholic Daily Answers.

Once you're convinced Catholicism is true, is converting really necessary? That question might sound strange to some readers. After all, if you believe that the Catholic Church really is the Church founded by Christ, why *wouldn't* you convert?

Well, lots of reasons. Maybe you're part of a solid Protestant community. Maybe converting would create serious tension in your marriage or with your parents. Maybe you would lose your job in ministry. In some of the most extreme cases, maybe you live in a country in which converting to Catholicism is a capital crime. In short, people weighing whether to become Catholic are often dealing with much more than simply answering the question, "Is it true?"

But as serious and well-grounded as those hesitations may be, the Second Vatican Council doesn't mince words: In explicit terms [Jesus] himself affirmed the necessity of faith and baptism and thereby affirmed also the necessity of the Church, for through baptism men enter the Church as through a door. Whosoever, therefore, knowing that the Catholic Church was made necessary by Christ, would refuse to enter or to remain in it, could not be saved. This is simply a restatement of what Catholics have been saying for two millennia. The Church is, in St. Paul's words, Jesus' "body, the fullness of him who fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:23). To try to have Jesus without the Church is to try to have Christ the head without the body of Christ, or to put asunder what God has joined together (Matthew 19:6; Ephesians 5:30-31). In short, as the *Catechism* puts it (795), it's not a matter of choosing among denominations, but about accepting the "whole Christ" (*Christus totus*), head and body.

Significantly, we're not talking about a person who is innocently unaware of the Catholic Church or is still trying to sort out the truth of the Catholic claim. The person who sees the truth of the Catholic claim and yet refuses to respond to it is knowingly rejecting *the fullness of Christ*, cutting himself off from salvation.

If that seems like a steep cost, it should. Jesus was explicit that his message might prove destabilizing for family peace (Matthew 10:34-38): Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Or more pithily: "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:16). Jesus compares the decision to follow him to that of a king deciding to go to war against an invading army twice his size (Luke 14:31-33). In other words, it's not the kind of decision one ought to make lightly. It's going to cost something...

*To be continued next week*

### Parish Ministries

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**Hospital Visits:** Call Parish Office or Rectory

**Homebound:** Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

### Offertory Collection August 24 - August 25, 2024

Offertory - \$2,163  
Give Central - \$308  
Candles - \$30

Capital Improvements - \$20  
Air Conditioning - \$914  
Mass Intentions - \$100

**Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 68  
Sunday 9:30AM - 98, 12:00N - 64**

**The next second collection is September 8 for Capital Improvements**

## DEL PASTOR

### ¿Es Necesario Convertirse al Catolicismo para Salvar una Relación?

A medida que nos acercamos al comienzo de las clases de la Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (OCIA) (anteriormente RCIA), pensé que sería interesante compartir este artículo de Joe Heschmeyer en The Catholic Daily Answers.

Una vez que esté convencido de que el catolicismo es verdadero, ¿es realmente necesario convertirse? Esa pregunta puede sonar extraña para algunos lectores. Después de todo, si cree que la Iglesia Católica realmente es la Iglesia fundada por Cristo, ¿por qué no se convertiría?

Bueno, muchas razones. Tal vez sea parte de una comunidad protestante sólida. Tal vez la conversión crearía una tensión grave en su matrimonio o con sus padres. Tal vez perdería su trabajo en el ministerio. En algunos de los casos más extremos, tal vez viva en un país en el que convertirse al catolicismo es un crimen capital. En resumen, las personas que evalúan si convertirse al catolicismo a menudo se enfrentan a mucho más que simplemente responder a la pregunta: "¿Es cierto?"

Pero por serias y bien fundadas que sean esas dudas, el Concilio Vaticano II no se anda con rodeos: En términos explícitos [Jesús] mismo afirmó la necesidad de la fe y del bautismo y con ello afirmó también la necesidad de la Iglesia, porque a través del bautismo los hombres entran en la Iglesia como a través de una puerta. Por tanto, quien, sabiendo que la Iglesia católica fue hecha necesaria por Cristo, rehusara entrar o permanecer en ella, no podría salvarse. Esto es simplemente una reafirmación de lo que los católicos han estado diciendo durante dos milenios. La Iglesia es, en palabras de San Pablo, el "cuerpo de Jesús, la plenitud de Aquel que todo lo llena en todo" (Efesios 1:23). Tratar de tener a Jesús sin la Iglesia es tratar de tener a Cristo la cabeza sin el cuerpo de Cristo, o separar lo que Dios ha unido (Mateo 19:6; Efesios 5:30-31). En resumen, como lo expresa el *Catecismo* (795), no se trata de elegir entre denominaciones, sino de aceptar al "Cristo completo" (*Christus totus*), cabeza y cuerpo.

Es significativo que no estemos hablando de una persona que inocentemente desconoce la Iglesia Católica o que todavía está tratando de descifrar la verdad de la afirmación católica. La persona que ve la verdad de la afirmación católica y, sin embargo, se niega a responder a ella está rechazando conscientemente la *plenitud de Cristo*, cortándose de la salvación.

Si eso parece un costo alto, debería serlo. Jesús fue explícito en que su mensaje podría resultar desestabilizador para la paz familiar (Mateo 10:34-38): No penséis que he venido a traer paz a la tierra; no he venido a traer paz, sino espada. Porque he venido a poner al hombre contra su padre, a la hija contra su madre, y a la nuera contra su suegra; y los enemigos del hombre serán los de su propia casa. El que ama a su padre o a su madre más que a mí, no es digno de mí; el que ama a su hijo o a su hija más que a mí, no es digno de mí; y el que no toma su cruz y me sigue, no es digno de mí.

O más concisamente: "Si alguno viene a mí y no odia a su padre, a su madre, a su mujer, a sus hijos, a sus hermanos y hermanas, y hasta su propia vida, no puede ser mi discípulo" (Lucas 14:16). Jesús compara la decisión de seguirlo con la de un rey que decide ir a la guerra contra un ejército invasor que lo dobla en número (Lucas 14:31-33). En otras palabras, no es el tipo de decisión que uno debe tomar a la ligera. Va a costar algo...

*Continuará la próxima semana*

### Educación Religiosa

La educación religiosa comenzará nuevamente **el Domingo 22 de Septiembre de 2024** (tenga en cuenta que esto es un cambio con respecto a lo publicado anteriormente). Al comenzar este año escolar 2024-2025, necesitamos de 3 a 4 maestros para las clases de primaria, secundaria y confirmación. Cualquiera que esté interesado, comuníquese con Diana Campbell al (804) 238-1279 o controlyourlife620@gmail.com. Si desea enseñar pero cree que puede haber un conflicto, comuníquese con Diana en caso de que se pueda resolver algo. **Actualmente nos estamos registrando para clases después de todas las Misas.**

**La siguiente segunda colecta es el 8 de Septiembre para Mejoras de Capital**

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

### Amazing Family Tradition

Isaac Ole had heard from his grandma stories of an amazing tradition in his family. It seems that his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 21st birthday. On that day, they'd walk across the lake to the boat club for their first legal drink. So, when Isaac's 21st birthday came around, he and his pal, Sven, took a boat out to the middle of the lake. Ole stepped out of the boat and nearly drowned! Sven just managed to pull him to safety. Furious and confused, Ole went to see his grandmother. "Grandma," he asked, "it's my 21st birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake like my father, his father, and his father before him?" Granny looked into Ole's eyes with a broad smile and said, "Because your father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were born in January when the lake is frozen, but you were born in July!"



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



### Council 10578 Serving Our Community

The Knights are planning a workday on Saturday, September 7, 2024; we will perform roadside cleanup as part of our Adopt a Highway obligation and we will perform some minor repairs in the Church later that morning. We will meet Saturday at 9:00AM in the parking lot adjacent to Saint Jude Hall.

### 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, 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, Dan Dean, Catherine Mallory, James Morris, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Owen Liddic, Barbara Taylor, John Ciffo, Kevin Sullivan, Lloyd Samuels, Michelle Sadloch, Jocelyn Boily, Christopher Carcamo, Janie Kwedar, Charles Palmeri, Chris Honenberger, Michelle Ward, Michael Herlan, Linda MacDonald, Sharon Hanshaw, Pat Doane, Ron Largett, Amalia Dailey, Barbara Nannery, Dick Byrne, Becky Tobler, Frank Castanon, Nancy Sanchez, and Sue Byrne.



### 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; COL Rod Dwyer, USA; FSO Mary O'Brien; SGT John Streat III, USA; 2nd LT Christopher Selig, USA; Morgan Martin, USN; and Ty Brown, USCG

*Pray God keeps them in His care.*

September 3 - September 8 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
9/3	12:00N	†Ed Sullivan	Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great	Janet Callaghan
9/4	12:00N	†Taylor Stuart Hayden	Weekday	Anonymous
9/5	9:00AM	Barbara Nannery	Weekday	Cynthia Pyle
9/6	9:00AM	Salvation of All Souls	First Friday	St. Timothy Family
9/7	9:00AM	†Diane Kean	First Saturday	Susan Vecchione
	5:00PM	†Antonio Limbaga	Vigil - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dwight and Jojo Sorboen
9/8	9:30AM	Barbara Nannery	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Cynthia Pyle
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario	Familia de San Timoteo



# Church News

## Calendar

September 6, 9:00AM	First Friday
September 7, 9:00AM	First Saturday
September 15	Parish Picnic (after noon Mass)
September 17	Catholic Women's Luncheon
September 22	Religious Education Begins
October 13	RCIA Begins

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

## Parishioners in Healthcare

Lloyd Samuels is at Carrington Place, 1150 Marsh St., Tappahannock, VA 22560.

Barbara Nannery is at Westminster Canterbury, Parsons Health Center, Room 9331, 1600 Westbrook Ave., Richmond, VA 23227. She can be reached at (804) 296-9082.

Sue Byrne is at Hanover Health and Rehabilitation Center, 8139 Lee-Davis Rd., Room 403B, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. She can be reached at (804) 296-4044.

Visits, cards, and calls are welcome!

## Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday is next weekend, September 7-8. Donations of canned fruit, vegetables, and soup are *always* needed. Please place your donations in the designated area to the left of the door as you enter the Commons. Thank you for your continued support of this valuable ministry for people in our community.



## Religious Education

Religious Education will begin again **Sunday, September 22, 2024**. Going into this 2024-2025 school year we are in need of 3-4 teachers for Elementary, Middle and Confirmation classes. Anyone who is interested, please contact Diana Campbell at (804) 238-1279 or [controlyour-life620@gmail.com](mailto:controlyour-life620@gmail.com). If you have a desire to teach but believe there may be a conflict, please contact Diana in case something can be worked out. **We are currently registering for classes after all Masses.**

## A Prayer for Labor Day

God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us Your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about Your reign! We ask this in Your Holy Name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## 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.



## Memorial Bricks

Remember and memorialize a departed family member or friend in the Memorial Garden. The price of a brick 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.

## Church Cleaning Day

**Saturday, September 14**, will be our next cleaning day for the church. We will begin cleaning between 8:30 and 9:00AM. Please plan to donate an hour or two on Saturday. We will provide cleaning equipment, but if you have a particular "must use" tool, please bring it along. If you have any questions, contact the office. See you on the 14th.

## RCIA

On October 13, we will begin this year's RCIA classes for adults baptized in the Catholic Church, baptized in another Christian denomination, or who have never been baptized and are considering becoming Catholic. The RCIA process provides a time of formation and discernment leading to reception into full communion in the Catholic Church. For more information, please get in touch with Arn Manella at (804) 499-5854.

## Woman's Luncheon Group News



Above is the great group of Catholic Women that met at Bella's for our monthly luncheon following the noon Mass on August 20. The group discussed various day trips throughout the year in addition to our monthly luncheons. Listed below are four sites we are considering, and we would like to open the trips to all the Catholic women of St. Timothy's: St. Paul's Catholic Church in Hague, VA ([www.saintpaulhague.com](http://www.saintpaulhague.com)) - a beautiful new church with wonderful history and features - possibly lunch after the tour with the women from St. Paul's at a local winery. Late September date TBA. Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond, VA ([www.richmondcathedral.org](http://www.richmondcathedral.org)) where Father Tony Marques is Rector - a new organ has been created for the church. It is the seat of our diocese with a wonderful history as well, dating back to its dedication in 1906. Guided tour and Mass, October date TBA. Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC ([www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org)) - Great faith and awe-inspiring day trip with Mass. Coordinating transportation and a date for a guided tour - possibly November. National Shrine for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD (<https://setonshrine.org>) - An inspiring pilgrimage with a guided tour and Mass. Date TBA.

There will be a sign-up sheet for each trip in the Commons area. If you are interested, please add your name with your phone number and/or email address to the site list that you are interested in going.

We are looking forward to our next get-together when Dorothy "Sam" Paul will be hosting the luncheon on Tuesday, September 17! We welcome all the women of St. Timothy's to attend and help plan our trips as stated above or other excursions that would be of interest. Questions, please contact Elsie Mangano (804) 514-4181.

**MARRIED COUPLES.** Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://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](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA (only 8 slots left!)  
October 11-13, 2024 - College Park, MD  
November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

## Considering a Vocation?

"Keep the commandments of the Lord." Seek a life deeply aligned with His divine will and purpose. If you feel He is calling you to become a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

## A Retreat for Young Adults

There's something about the grandness of the ocean and the stillness in the rolling waves that naturally creates a retreat-like atmosphere at the beach. Join other young adults ages 18-39 October 18 - 20 on a Catholic retreat at the Outer Banks and be reminded of the complete, never-ending, and joyful presence of God! The Young Adult Fall Retreat costs \$175/person. Registration closes September 16. For more information, or to register for this retreat, please visit [https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/young-adult-retreat-3/?mc\\_cid=495d9edd45&mc\\_eid=1aa22ee157](https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/young-adult-retreat-3/?mc_cid=495d9edd45&mc_eid=1aa22ee157).

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 (804) 347-1778.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm**

## SEMINAR:

*Get Your Affairs in Order:  
4 things your family will thank you for!*

Wills and Trusts • Advanced Medical Directives  
• Legacy Planning • Funeral Planning • Beneficiaries  
and Designations

*This is a free, information-only seminar offered for the  
members of Saint Timothy's Church.*

Refreshments served.

## Reserve Your Seat:

RSVP by calling the parish offices (804) 443-2760

