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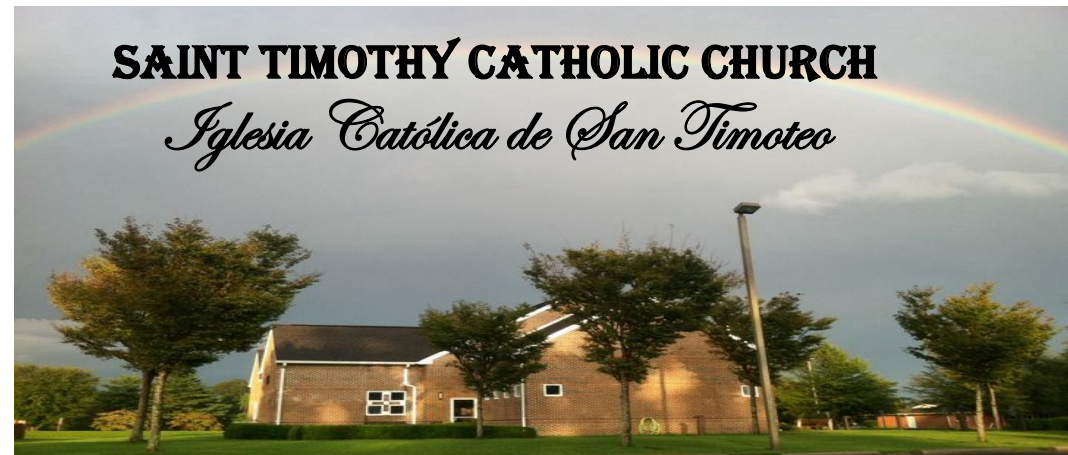
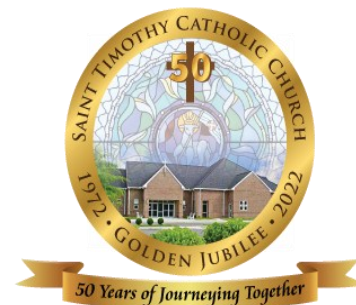
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March 23, 2025

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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 of Lent

3/23/25
 Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
 Luke 13:1-9

Fourth Sunday of Lent

3/30/25
 Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down."

Luke 13:8-9

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.



A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.



The Joy of Being Forgiven

This third Sunday of Lent we reflect on God the Father’s mercy and compassion. Only the person who has experienced forgiving love can know what this truly is. In his memoirs, Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Indian nation, humbly and frankly acknowledges that, when he was fifteen, he stole a little piece of gold from his brother. A few days later, he felt very guilty and decided to come clean by confessing to his father. So he took paper, wrote down his fault, sincerely asked his father for forgiveness, and promised never to repeat the offense. Taking that note to the bedroom of his father, the young Gandhi found him ill in bed. Very timidly, he handed the note to his father without saying a word. His father sat up in bed and began reading the note. As he read it, the senior Gandhi was so deeply moved by the honesty, sincerity, and courage of his son that tears began to stream from his eyes. This so touched the son that he burst into tears as well. Instinctively both father and son wrapped their arms around each other and wordlessly shared their mutual admiration and joy. This notable experience made such an impact on Gandhi that years later he would say, “Only the person who has experienced this kind of forgiving love can know what it is.” This precisely is what happened when the repentant prodigal son returned home. Such is God’s merciful forgiveness and benevolent love for all who resolutely turn over a new leaf, especially during this Lenten season.

God expects us to show our repentance and renewal of life, especially during Lent, by producing fruits of love, mercy, forgiveness, and selfless service, instead of remaining like a barren fig tree in Christ’s Church. There is no better way to take these words of Jesus to heart than to go to sacramental confession, and there is no better time to go to confession than during Lent.

Parish Ministries

- Diana Campbell, Rel. Ed. Director: (804) 238-1279
- Roy Fontane, Finance Council Chair: (804) 443-1363
- Becky Tobler, Pastoral Council Chair: (757) 897-4840
- Becky Tobler, Human Needs Chair: (757) 897-4840
- Kathy Hayden, Safe Environment Chair: (804) 450-4207
- Gonzalo Ramirez, Hispanic Ministry: (804) 313-5119

Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection
March 15 - March 16, 2025

- Offertory - \$3,069
- Give Central - \$1,261
- Mass Intentions - \$265
- Fuel and Heat - \$10

Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 47
Sunday 9:30AM - 96, 12:00N - 104

This weekend’s second collection is for the Human Needs Ministry
The next second collection is March 30 for Catholic Relief Services

DEL PASTOR

La alegría de Ser Perdonado

Este tercer domingo de Cuaresma reflexionamos sobre la misericordia y la compasión de Dios Padre. Solo quien ha experimentado el amor que perdona puede conocer su verdadera esencia. En sus memorias, Mahatma Gandhi, el padre de la nación india, reconoce con humildad y franqueza que, a los quince años, le robó una pequeña pieza de oro a su hermano. Unos días después, se sintió muy culpable y decidió confesárselo a su padre. Así que tomó un papel, anotó su falta, le pidió perdón sinceramente y prometió no volver a repetirla. Al llevar la nota a la habitación de su padre, el joven Gandhi lo encontró enfermo en cama. Con mucha timidez, se la entregó a su padre sin decir palabra. Su padre se incorporó en la cama y comenzó a leerla. Al leerla, el padre Gandhi se sintió tan conmovido por la honestidad, la sinceridad y la valentía de su hijo que se le saltaron las lágrimas. Esto conmovió tanto al hijo que también rompió a llorar. Instintivamente, padre e hijo se abrazaron y, sin palabras, compartieron su mutua admiración y alegría. Esta notable experiencia impactó tanto a Gandhi que años después diría: «Solo quien ha experimentado este tipo de amor perdonador puede saber lo que es». Esto es precisamente lo que sucedió cuando el hijo pródigo arrepentido regresó a casa. Tal es el perdón misericordioso y el amor benévolo de Dios para todos los que con determinación dan vuelta la página, especialmente durante esta Cuaresma.

Dios espera que mostremos nuestro arrepentimiento y renovación de vida, especialmente durante la Cuaresma, produciendo frutos de amor, misericordia, perdón y servicio desinteresado, en lugar de permanecer como una higuera estéril en la Iglesia de Cristo. No hay mejor manera de tomar en serio estas palabras de Jesús que acudir a la confesión sacramental, y no hay mejor momento para confesarse que durante la Cuaresma.

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¡Atención!

El Día de Recogimiento de Cuaresma, programado para el 30 de Marzo, se ha cancelado debido a las renovaciones que se están llevando a cabo. Se reprogramará para Septiembre.

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana es para el Ministerio de Necesidades Humanas.
La siguiente colecta será el 30 de Marzo para Catholic Relief Services.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The Pastor’s Temptation and the Policeman’s Forgiveness

In a large city, a priest parked his car in a no-parking zone because he couldn’t find a metered space. He put a note under the windshield wiper that read: “I have circled the block 100 times. If I don’t park here, I’ll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.” When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: “I’ve circled this block for 10 years. If I don’t give you a ticket, I’ll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.”

Restitution with a Hook to IRS

Nicky Gumbel tells us of a man who sent a check to the government for back taxes with a note attached that said: “I felt so guilty for cheating on my taxes I had to send you this check. If I don’t feel any better, I’ll send you the rest.”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Releases Short Documentary Highlighting the Extraordinary Life, Legacy and Homecoming of Father Emil Kapaun

In 2023, The Knights of Columbus released *The Magazine and the Miracle: Finding Father Kapaun*, a short documentary film highlighting the extraordinary life and legacy of Servant of God, U.S. Army Chaplain and Medal of Honor recipient Father Emil Kapaun. Father Kapaun’s heroism, selfless service to his country, and devotion to Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith were a daily inspiration to his fellow soldiers during World War II and the Korean War. The 15-minute film, produced by the Knights of Columbus, also traces the incredible journey of Father Kapaun’s mortal remains, from a shallow grave in the prisoner-of-war camp where he died in May 1951, to an unmarked tomb in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu’s Punchbowl Crater in 1954, to his final resting place, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita, Kansas, in 2021. Father Kapaun, a native of Kansas, first served in the Diocese of Wichita following his ordination in 1940. *The Magazine and the Miracle* shares how in 2003 a Korean war veteran, William Hansen, visited a VA medical clinic in Naples, Florida, and stumbled upon a copy of a Knights of Columbus magazine — believed to be the March 2003 issue of *Columbia*, which featured an article about Father Kapaun. Hansen immediately recognized the beloved chaplain and recalled burying him in the prisoner of war camp. His testimony then became a significant factor that led to the eventual discovery and identification of Father Kapaun’s remains in Hawaii. Father Kapaun was named a Servant of God in 1993, and his cause for canonization opened in 2008. In addition, Father Kapaun was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 2013. He is one of only five 20th-century chaplains to receive the military’s highest award for valor. Today, there are 23 Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies named in Father Kapaun’s honor, beginning with Father Kapaun Council 3423 in his hometown of Pilsen, Kansas, which was chartered shortly after his death in 1951. Click [here](#) to view *The Magazine and the Miracle: Finding Father Kapaun*.

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:

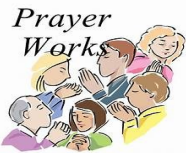


Lois Nelms, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Dick Byrne, Frank Castanon, Franki Dahlgren, Elaine Packett, Ed Buckner, Margaret Buckner, Elaine Packett, Luci Liddic, Joanie Copen, and Ernie Wootton.

Names will be kept on the prayer list for one month from the time they are requested. If you need someone to be on the list longer, please reach out to the office prior to the end of the month.

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.

March 25 - March 30 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
3/25	12:00N	Salvation of All Souls	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	Parish Family
3/26	12:00N	†Nathaniel Capps	Lenten Weekday	St. Timothy Family
3/27	9:00AM	All Souls in Purgatory	Lenten Weekday	Parish Family
3/28	9:00AM	†Julie Hardy	Lenten Weekday	Barbara Lynn
3/29	5:00 PM	†Jim Conway	Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent	Carl and Kathy Hayden
3/30	9:30AM	†Taylor Hayden	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Carl and Kathy Hayden
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma	Familia de San Timoteo



Calendar

April 4, 8:00AM
April 4, 1:00PM
April 5, 8:00AM
April 10, 6:00PM

First Friday Adoration
Jim Conway’s Funeral
First Saturday Adoration
Lenten Penance Service

The Lenten Day of Recollection, which was scheduled for March 29, has been canceled due to the renovations that are currently taking place. It will be rescheduled to take place in September.

There will be a Holy Hour prior to Masses on Wednesdays during Lent. La adoración en español es el último Jueves del mes.

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

If you are without family in the area and the office or Father can be of assistance, please let us know.

Please keep the office updated on your location should you move or go to the hospital or other facility.

Parishioner’s Passing

We are very sad to inform you that Jim Conway passed away Wednesday, March 5, 2025. The funeral will be Friday, April 4, at 1:00PM. Please keep Jim, Tomeko, and their family in your prayers.

Parishioner in Healthcare

Richard Byrne is at Heritage Green, 7080 Brooks Farm Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

Cards and visits are welcome!

Mass Intentions

Would you like to have a Mass offered for a family member or another loved one? It’s as easy as calling the office!

Volunteers Needed!

Any one or any number of people that would like to sing in the choir, particularly Saturday night, would be greatly appreciated! Contact the office or Ken Mangano at either Mass to sign up! Thank you so much!



Operation Inasmuch Day Update

If you volunteered for an April 5 project, and haven’t yet heard from your team leader, you should hear soon. T-shirt orders are in, and you can pick yours up at the table in St. Jude Hall, where we’ll be having Mass while the main church is painted. There are also permission forms to be filled out by parents of children and youth who are participating. **This is required for children who want to participate.** If you have questions about assignments or T-shirts, contact Dan Bowden (804-246-9353; dbowden81@hotmail.com).

Memorial Bricks



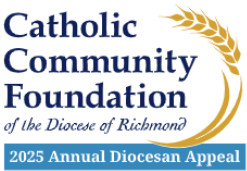
Remember and memorialize a departed family member or friend in the Memorial Garden. The price of a brick is only \$100 and a duplicate for your home is available for an additional \$50. Pick up an order form from the Commons or contact the parish office.

Triad Meeting April 1, 2025
Healthy Living for the Brain & Body

Take a step for a healthier brain and body by coming to the Essex Triad meeting on Tuesday, April 1, at 10:00AM at the Essex County School Board hearing room, 109 Cross St., in Tappahannock. Mary Arthur, lead options counselor for caregiver support at Bay Aging, will give science-based recommendations for taking care of our brains and bodies. With stories and tips, she will show us how small changes can lead to healthier habits that will take care of both body and brain.

Vacation Bible School

St. Timothy is hosting Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 9:00AM until 2:00PM. The theme is “Light of Christ” and students will explore Bible imagery of light at a seashore lighthouse-themed event. Water will be involved. If you are a middle or high school student in need of volunteer hours please reach out as well. If we do not receive four registrations by May 10, the event will be cancelled but late registrations could also be allowed. If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs. Campbell at dcampbell@richmond-county.k12.va.us or leave a message at (804) 238-1279.



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Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord



called Son of the Most High, and the Lord will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1:30-33

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is observed on March 25, and recognizes the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of his only Son: *"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be*



Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Diocesan Work Camp
June 21-27, 2025
Bristol, VA

An immersive experience of Christian service, prayer, and community for teens! Diocesan Work Camp is a week-long event that provides direct assistance to the local community. Each day starts with daily Mass before heading out to work sites; each night has programming and prayer. A unique benefit of Diocesan Work Camp is that participants get to build friendships with teens from other parishes in our state. To register, or to learn more, visit <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-work-camp-2/>.