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Blessed Sacrament aspires to be a model Christian community, disciples of Christ, in communication with the Universal Church, in service to each other and the greater community. We speak with diverse and inclusive voices, united by our Catholic faith and Eucharistic celebration.



### 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

### STAFF

*Pastor* .....Rev. Silvio Kaberia  
*Parochial Vicar* .....Rev. John Baab  
*Dir. of Religious Education*..Mrs. Valerie Blanton  
*Youth Director*.....Mrs. Hope Ogden  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Español)  
Sunday.....8:00 am, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm (Español)  
Tuesday.....12:10 p.m.  
Wednesday.....6:00 p.m.  
Thursday.....12:10 PM, 7:00 PM (Español)  
Friday.....12:10 p.m.

### ADORATION

Wednesday..... 6:30– 7:30 PM

### CONFESSION

Tuesday..... 11 AM– 12 PM  
Wednesday..... 6:30-7:30 PM  
Saturday .....3:30-4:30 PM

## Office Updates

- **Our Parish Picnic is postponed.** It will no longer take place on September 12th. We look forward to gathering again when we are able.
- **The first day of elementary and middle school religious education** is next Sunday, September 19th. The first day of high school youth group is September 23rd.
- **The nursery for 1-3 year-olds is open during 10am Mass.** If you are interested in having your younger children attend, please stop by the basement nursery downstairs in Classroom #6 before, during or after Mass.
- We have a great need for Religious Ed and Youth Ministry volunteers this year. **See pages 4 and 5.**
- **Sign up for Flocknote updates** if you haven't already! Instructions are below.



### Saturday, September 11:

5:00 pm: +Pa Emmanuel Momoh  
7:00 pm: +Francisca Posada Salmeron

### Sunday, September 12:

8:00 am: +Dominador Santos  
10:00 am: +Parazo & Monasterio Families  
1:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

### Tuesday, September 14:

12:10 pm: +Dorothy Koontz

### Wednesday, September 15:

6:00 pm:

### Thursday, September 16:

12:10pm: +Fred McDavid  
7:00 pm: +Gregoria Espino

### Friday, September 17:

12:10 pm:



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Tony Morter, Jane Emswiler Moore and family, Burt Welsh, Katrina Stipic, Anne Mies, Michael White, Steve Ferguson, Jeffrey Garris, Joe Blanton, Bill Brennan, Cappy

Brennan, Dino, Heather & James Shifflett, Maria Guadalupe Lopez, Alice Lee, Eileen Endres, Daniel Ogden, Luis Mendez, Garibay-Metzler Family, Brian Laurenz, Aiden Gerber, Captain Wynn Allen Harding, and all our homebound parishioners and all who care for them.

*The unborn, our Priests and Seminarians, and the youth of the parish.*

*For Fr. Dieudonne and our twin parish of St. Isidore in Haiti, that they be sustained and remain hope-filled during these times of political unrest and extreme economic repression.*

*For the victims of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, in our Church and the wider culture, for their healing, and for those responsible to be brought to justice.*

*For those serving in all military branches, especially on assignments overseas or in harm's way.*

**FINANCIAL BOX SCORE  
NEW FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021**

*OFFERTORY*

FY 2021-2022

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Previous Month's Total ****	\$146,558.66	\$135,000.00	\$11,558.66
Sunday, September 5, 2021	\$12,454.51	\$15,000.00	-\$2,545.49
Fiscal YTD	\$159,013.17	\$150,000.00	\$9,013.17

Sound System Fundraiser\*\*

\$34,296.00

\*\*Only includes money received to date, not money pledged.

**From the  
Bookkeeper's  
Desk**



**STEWARDSHIP**

**“At daybreak, Jesus left and went to a deserted place.”** *(Luke 4:42)*

Christian stewards recognize their God-given gifts as Time, Talent and Treasure. These gifts are shared in prayer, service, and support.

In this chapter, Luke speaks of all the good work that Jesus is doing. The chapter is full of miracle stories. It is therefore telling that Jesus at the beginning of this day escapes the crowds to pray. Even Jesus needs time alone with the Divine. Prayer can be energizing; a means to regroup and find strength to do our daily tasks. What better time to pray than daybreak?

**In 2021, let me begin each day with a prayer as good stewards of Christ.**



*Notes from*  
**Music Ministry**

Faith, trust, and discipleship are themes common to this weekend, along with Jesus’ teaching of all that he, the Christ, would endure. We are instructed to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him.

Our music this weekend is a mix of old and new, with the older, more traditional hymns during Entrance and Closing, and some newer songs at Offertory and Communion times. The further into fall we go, you’ll hear (and sing!) more and more of these traditional hymns, including some “gems” from the “Devotional” section of the hymnal. We will also be repeating each of the new songs we’ve learned during the past few weeks, as they relate to the scriptures. The Body of Christ, The Feast Meant for Everyone, Drawn to You, and By Our Love are all included in the next few weeks, along with the devotionals, O Sacrament Most Holy and Panis Angelicus. Again, please watch for worship aids, and join in as you are comfortable.

This weekend’s Closing Hymn is “Let There Be Peace On Earth.” I could not think of a more fitting hymn (and prayer!) to keep in our hearts as we leave Mass and go out to the world, on this 20th anniversary of 9/11. With Jesus as our model, and the Holy Spirit as our guide, my heartfelt prayers for peace are with you all and with our brothers and sisters in this world.

*J.E*



## Blessed is She Brunch

All women of the parish are invited to attend a Blessed Brunch on **Saturday September 25th at 9am** in Johnson Hall, hosted by the Blessed is She Ministry. Come and meet other women of the parish, share a meal, and learn more about the Blessed is She ministry. Women of all ages are welcome, as are lap babies. Please bring a dish to share. RSVP at [bscc.bis@gmail.com](mailto:bscc.bis@gmail.com)



## Does your child need to be baptized?

Our English baptism liturgies are the 4th Saturday of each month at 11 am and our Spanish baptism liturgies are the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10 am.

Contact the office to sign up for the one-time parent class in either English or Spanish, register your child, and see the updated calendar.

**"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." - Mark 10:13-16**



## Respect Life Movie Showing

*(High schoolers and older encouraged to attend; no children, please.)*

**Sunday September 12th, 4:30 PM**

Join us in the Holy Family Center for a **viewing of the movie Unplanned**, the remarkable true story of the conversion of abortion clinic director to prolife activist. After the movie, discussion will follow, including information about participation in 40 Days for Life (Charlottesville) and the VA March for Life (Richmond). For more information, email Maura Smith at [mauracostellosmith@gmail.com](mailto:mauracostellosmith@gmail.com) or text/call (540) 820-0730.

## High School & Middle School YM

As we look toward the reassembly of our Youth Ministry programs, we are looking for adult small group leaders, presenters, and musicians who love their Catholic faith and want to share it with the future of our Church. Here's what we still need:



**Confirmation Team:** 1-2 more adults needed (2x/ month Sundays 3:30-4:15 pm)

**High School:** 1 more man needed (every other Thursday 7:00-8:30 pm)

**NEW Youth Adoration musicians:** If you would like to play a 3-4 song set of praise and worship music once a month (or one time) for youth Adoration, email Hope!

## Upcoming Dates

September 19- First day of Middle School YM

September 23rd- first day of High school YM

September 26th- Mandatory Confirmation Parents' Meeting (5:30 pm English, 7:00 pm Spanish)

October 3rd- First day of Confirmation Class

# Religious Education

3 years old-5th grade



## Upcoming dates

**Sept. 19th**—CC & RE classes begin (Catechetical Sunday)

**Sept. 20th**—RE registration reopens

**Sept. 26th**—CC & RE classes

**Oct. 3rd**—CC & RE classes

We are so excited to announce that our 10:00am nursery has reopened! It is available for children 1-3 years-old during the 10:00 Mass. If you are interested in having your younger children attend, please feel free to stop by in the nursery downstairs in Classroom #6 before, during or after Mass. For more information, please contact Valerie at the office:

[vblanton@bsccva.com](mailto:vblanton@bsccva.com) or 434-4341, ext. 103

There is no obligation to help out in order to use the nursery, although you are always welcome to join the team!

## ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM & TEAM HELP NEEDED!!!

It is that time of year again! We are in need of help in our RE classrooms (Catechists and Aides) and this would provide you a great opportunity to meet other parents and volunteers who are looking for community while giving back to your faith community!!

There will be trainings available for anyone interested in helping out (or finding out more) Aug. 31st, Sept. 2nd, or Sept 8th at 6:30pm in the basement. Please consider serving in this rewarding ministry while also getting the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of so many of our children. VIRTUS is required:)

Contact Valerie at [vblanton@bsccva.com](mailto:vblanton@bsccva.com) for more information

## Can you help??

We are still in need of more volunteers for our elementary program. At this time our greatest need would be a co-catechist for 1-1st grade and a classroom aide for 3rd. A co-catechist shares the responsibility of preparing and teaching lessons each week and can alternate weeks to teach or share the load. Flexibility is very important for our volunteers and will really help out those who have already said "yes" to giving of their time!

You do not have to have a degree to teach to our children. Just a love for our Catholic faith and the ability to relate to them!! Confirmed teens are also welcome to teach!! Please consider:)

Free childcare is also provided!  
Please contact Valerie if you might be interested :)



## TEEN HELP NEEDED

We are looking for teens who love kids and are interested in helping out in our Children's Church and Elementary classes this school year. Must be 12 to help as an aide in Children's Church and Elementary, and must be confirmed to be a Catechist. It is so fun and great to give back to the children in our parish!!!

We are also looking for individuals who would be interested in working with children who have special needs, either during RE or in another context if needed. This is a beautiful way to serve in a ministry that is greatly needed and many times more difficult to fill. Consider sharing your faith with a child who may need a little more direction or guidance, but who also will benefit from the love of Jesus and desire to know him in a deeper way!

VIRTUS is also required:)



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;  
my face I did not shield  
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:8)

### PSALM:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)  
Or Alleluia.

### SECOND READING:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,  
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?  
Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)

### GOSPEL:

And he asked them,  
"But who do you say that I am?"  
Peter said to him in reply,  
"You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day  
Monday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows  
Thursday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: BVM  
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



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## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted "the Lord God is my help." In what way do you need the Lord's help today?

### SECOND READING

James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." Could you do the same?

### GOSPEL READING

We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?

# LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.

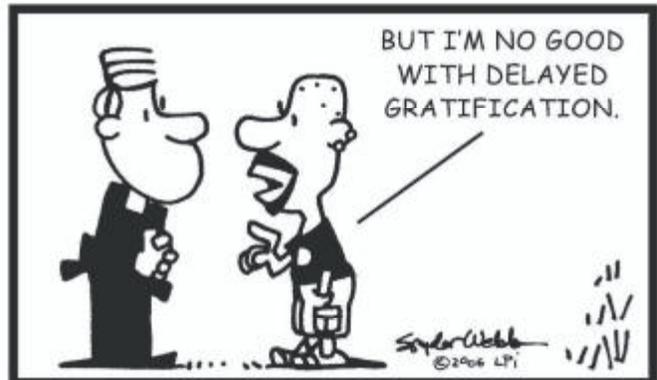


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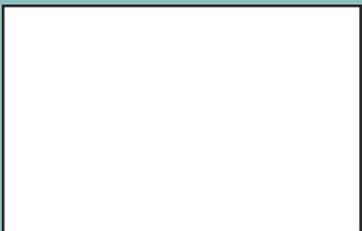
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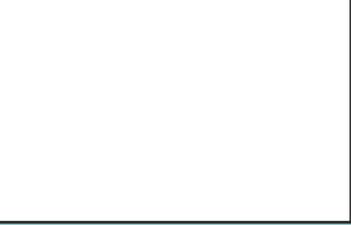
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