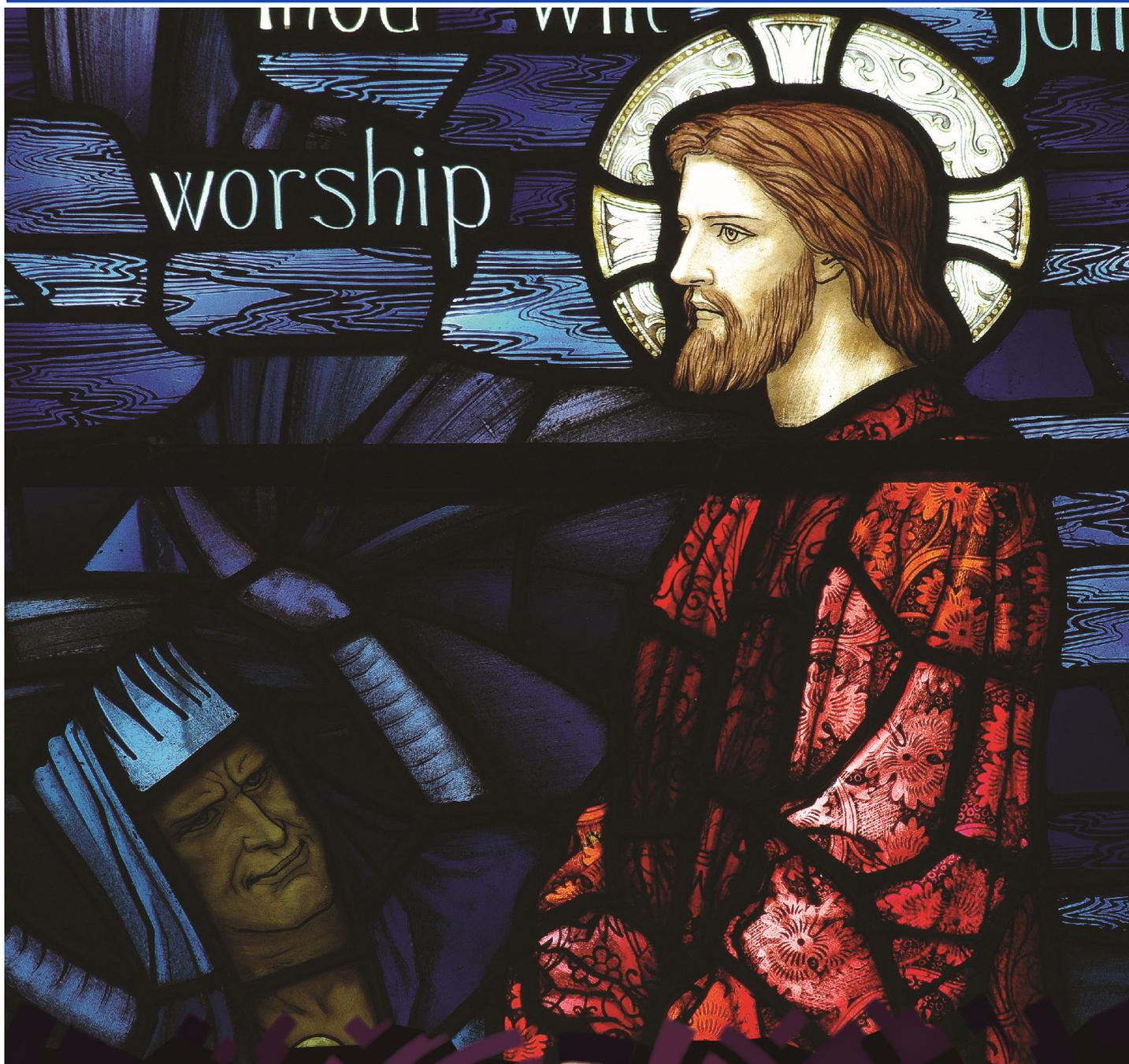


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Lenten Prayer and Faith Formation

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

During the season of Lent, we will offer Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament each Thursday from 9am-9pm. This is a great opportunity to commit to a time of prayer each week of Lent before our Lord. In order to make Adoration available all day each Thursday, we will need to have two people sign up to be in the presence of the Lord for each hour. Please sign up before or after Holy Mass over the next two weekends.

Thirst: Adoration and Praise

Thursday, March 4:7:30 – 8:30pm

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday in Lent in the Church at 7pm.

Lenten Study of Deus Caritas Est

Tina Wandersee, our Director of Outreach will offer an Adult Faith Formation study of sections of Pope Benedict's encyclical Deus Caritas Est (God is Love) for three weeks leading up to Holy Week.

The group will meet in person at Saint Michael Hall to discuss the encyclical and how we are called to let our love of God reflect in our service and love of neighbor. More information and registration will be forthcoming for the series that will take place March 11, 18, and 25.



Annual Diocesan Appeal

Each year, the Bishop of Richmond asks the faithful of the Diocese to make a prayerful pledge and gift to support the work of the Church throughout the Diocese. This appeal is meant to be a supplemental gift to assist with ministries and priorities that would not ordinarily be funded through regular tithing to the parish.

Bishop Knestout provides a target amount to each parish and asks the parish to meet or exceed that goal so that the vital work of the Church can continue. There is a small percentage of those funds that are returned to the parish, and once we have met our goal a larger percentage is returned to us. Our goal is just around \$75K this year as a parish, and I am hoping I can count on your support for the appeal.

The process is completed online, but if you would prefer to give a gift and mail a check, please simply let us know in the office, and we would be glad to assist.

For more information about the ways the Annual Diocesan Appeal supports the work of the Church, you can visit the website at <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/> or to make your donation, please simply follow the instructions on the Diocesan website..

FEAST OF FAITH -Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. “Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,” says an eleventh-century hymn. “Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow” (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing “Alleluia” once again when Easter returns.—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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Initiation Programs and Adult Formation

Becoming Catholic

Is Christ calling you into the Catholic Church? What does the Catholic Church actually believe? What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? If you are interested in exploring the answers to these questions, we'd like to help.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Youth & Children) process is one of conversion and spiritual formation for individuals interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. It is a time of prayer, reflection, study, faith sharing, discernment and participation in the life of the parish. This process is for those who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in another faith tradition, or those who were baptized Catholic and seek full initiation.

Awakening Faith

Have you been away from the active practice of your Catholic faith? Would you like to feel more connected with your childhood faith or learn more about it as an adult? Consider attending the Awakening Faith Series. We can assist you return to the active practice of your faith and welcome you back to the Lord's Table.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an active practicing Catholic adult who "missed" participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation? We invite you to enter the process of preparation at the parish.

Virtual Daytime Women's Bible Study – New Study begins Feb. 24

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion – A 5 week video study – Wednesdays from Noon – 1:30pm – 2/24 – 3/24. This study will meet via Zoom. **Registration information is available at olmc.org.**

We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step by step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary.

Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. More information about this Ascension Press program can be found at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/no-greater-love>.

Registration information can be found at olmc.org

That Man Is You – Journey with us for Lent!

That Man Is You is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. That Man Is You! is successful at attracting large numbers of men, including younger men still actively parenting, and then transforming their spiritual lives. TMIY will meet on Saturday mornings at OLMC. Join the men of the parish for breakfast, a short video presentation and small group discussion designed especially for men. Registration information is available at olmc.org.

Discipleship Small Groups: Faith and Fellowship

Life is better CONNECTED. **Join a Small Group this Lent!**

Life is all about relationships. Small groups deepen our relationships with Christ and one another. The New Year is a great time to consider trying a small group! These small groups are a place to grow spiritually, find support and encouragement, face challenges together and share fellowship.

There are no teachers in small groups. Trained parishioners facilitate conversations. The groups will discuss life and faith, reflect on God's Word together, seek God together and pray for and with one another

If you have not participated in the past, give it a try this season! Groups are forming for men, women and young adults.

Jesus was in a small group with the twelve; let's do what he did!

Interested? Fill out the short interest form on our website at olmc.org.

NEW! Pathways: Delivered Catechist Certification is here!

Pathways: Delivered is a self-paced, online learning process that forms parish catechists within the Diocese of Richmond. The formation offers practical training, flexible solutions, and ongoing support. The formation is available to all who hand on the faith to adults, youth and children in the parish.

If you are discerning serving as a catechist at our parish, contact us to learn more about the role of catechist and to how to access the Tier-One Catechist Training. The parish covers all fees for Pathways: Delivered.

If are currently serving as a catechist and have completed Pathways, we will notify you when Tier-Two and Tier-Three Catechist Training become available. To learn more, visit olmc.org or contact Christa at the parish office at extension 107 or email cblomstrom@olmc.org.

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Winter Shelter: OLMC is preparing and serving dinners for PORT Winter Shelter on February 24th. All of the dates will have a team leader and menu already planned. Each of the dates will involve social distancing, a small team, and extremely limited contact with the guests we will serve. In many cases you will have no contact with those we serve. Please contact Tina twandersee@olmc.org to assist or visit [olmc](http://olmc.org) website to sign up. We need you, please step out in faith if you are able.

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PORT Breakfast To Go Bag Needs: fruit cups, small packages of raisins or fruit snacks, little muffin packs, single serve chicken or tuna (flip top can or pouch), juice pouches PORT

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Auction preview begins March 8th, at 9 AM. Online bidding opens on March 10th, at 9 AM. The auction will close on March 14th, at 6 PM. Access our virtual auction at <https://olmcschoolauction.asimobile.net/>.

Stay connected through the OLMC School Website at <https://olmc-school.com/support-our-school/auction/> or on Facebook by searching @OLMCCatholicSchoolAuction.

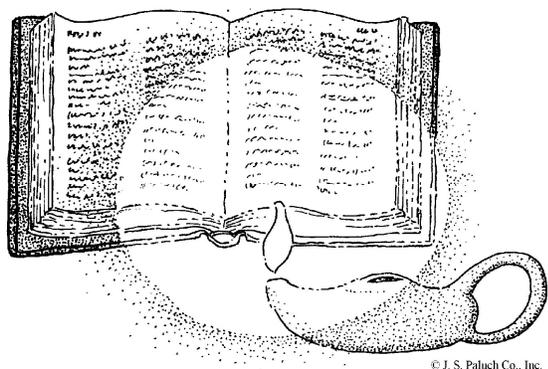
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Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos,
guíanos con la verdad de tu doctrina.

— Salmo 25 (24):4

ARREPIÉNTANSE Y CREAN EN EL EVANGELIO

La Cuaresma es la época del año que dedicamos a examinar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro Bautismo en la muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy son un catecismo abreviado de lo que significa estar bautizados. Como Noé pasó por las aguas del diluvio a una alianza con Dios, así también nosotros entramos en una alianza, una relación con Dios, mediante nuestro Bautismo.

La carta de Pedro da una explicación explícita de lo que nuestro Bautismo significa: un llamamiento que hacemos a Dios para que nos dé una conciencia tranquila. ¿Cómo podemos obtener esta conciencia tranquila? Las palabras proclamadas por Jesús inmediatamente después de su tentación nos muestran cómo: “Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio” (Marcos 1:15). Podría ser un buen ejercicio espiritual mantener estas lecturas ante nosotros durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma, un medio que nos ayude a volver a una vida vivida por las promesas bautismales.

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FIESTA DE LA FE

Estar sentados en la liturgia

Nos sentamos en la liturgia no porque no haya nada que hacer o para ‘salir de la celebración’, sino para escuchar a Dios mismo que nos dirige su palabra, o bien, que se nos revela en el silencio posterior a la sagrada comunión. Al sentarnos nos disponemos para entrar en un diálogo con el Señor, mediante su palabra que nos es proclamada; disponemos todo nuestro ser para escuchar la historia de amor entre Dios y el pueblo, siendo conscientes o no, de que ese pueblo somos nosotros mismos, de que esa historia es nuestra historia. Escuchamos una historia que no siempre será nueva en el relato mismo, pero sí en el efecto que este relato tiene en nuestra vida actual. La homilía, como momento de diálogo entre las lecturas y la vida diaria, nos brinda esa excelente oportunidad de entender qué es lo que Dios quiere de nosotros a raíz de lo que hemos escuchado. Así pues, estar sentados en la asamblea no es una actitud pasiva, sino receptiva, de quien se dispone totalmente a acoger la palabra de Dios que le es comunicada. Esta acción, realizada por cada persona, debe ser un movimiento de toda la asamblea, que en la medida de lo posible, rompe el aspecto mecánico y da intencionalidad y plenitud a esta acción tan particular de disponerse a la voz del Señor que su siervo escucha (1 Samuel 3:10).

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