

Corner Cont.

less drive for more. The good news? Simplicity offers a practical way out. It's not about bare walls or ascetic extremes; it's an inward reality that shapes an outward lifestyle. It's choosing to leverage our time, money, and energy toward what lasts—relationships, presence, love—while releasing what distracts.

Think of it as decluttering the soul. Start small: before buying, pause and ask the true cost—not just in dollars, but in time and hurry. Will this add value, or simply add maintenance? Opt for fewer, better things that endure, rather than cheap, fleeting trends. Share what you have. Give generously. Learn to savor free gifts like a walk in the park, a home-cooked meal, or the quiet beauty of creation. Cultivate wonder at the simple pleasures that don't require a receipt. Recognize advertising for what it is: propaganda designed to stoke discontent. Call out the lie with a smile, and lead a cheerful revolt against materialism. The freedom is intoxicating. Less stuff means less to organize, less to worry over, less to rush after. It creates margin—breathing room—for what matters.

To be continued...

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For parish apostolates, social groups and activities, please see the bulletin board by the parish library.			

Parish Theater Camp

3 Aug.—15 Aug., come join us for a 2-week theater camp for a musical production of “Robin Hood and the Crusades” an original script, written & directed by Rosemary Sulzen. Ages 10 and up are welcome to participate; adults and teens most welcome. Musical talent preferred but not required! For more details, please see the bulletin board across from the Parish Office. Email events@stjosephrichmond.org with questions.

Knights Knots

We are changing our 50/50 to be drawn quarterly instead of monthly. This will allow more time to acquire your tickets and provide bigger payouts to both the winner and the beneficiary. This quarter's beneficiary is FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Tickets are now on sale in Father Adrian Hall. You can also purchase tickets online by using this QR Code.



“The Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things.”
(Jn 14:26)



May 24, 2026

Saint Joseph Parish

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Schedule for Holy Mass

Sunday	8:30 am (Low) 11 am (High) 1:30 pm (Low)
Monday	8:30 am & 12:15 pm
Tuesday	9 am & 12:15 pm
Wednesday	9 am
Thursday	9 am & 12:15 pm
Friday	7 am & 6 pm
Saturday	9 am

For Mass schedule changes see next page

Confession: At Start of Mass M, T, Th & F
Saturdays - 9 am to 11 am

Devotions:
- 1st Sat. Rosary & Meditation after Mass
- Adoration:
1st Friday 8 am-5 pm
Other Fridays 8 am-11 am

MASS SCHEDULE — INTENTIONS — REQUESTED BY		
Sun. May 24 Pentecost Sunday (1st Cl)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11 am FSSP 1:30 pm Taylor & Fatima Runge	— LB FR
Mon. May 25 Pentecost Monday (1st Cl)	<i>Confession 1/2 hour before Mass</i> 8:30 am Si Young Yun & Jae Rean Kim <i>Confession 1/2 hour before Mass</i> 12:15 pm Clifton DeHoff	SS LM
Tues. May 26 Pentecost Tuesday (1st Cl)	<i>Confession 1/2 hour before Mass</i> 9 am Charles [†] & Mary Claire Adams <i>Confession 1/2 hour before Mass</i> 12:15 pm Robert & Uni Kemp	MCA RH
Wed. May 27 Ember Wednesday in the Octave of Pentecost (1st Cl)	9 am Paul Edward Gibson	PEG
Thurs. May 28 Pentecost Thursday (1st Cl)	<i>Confession 1/2 hour before Mass</i> 9 am Rev. John-Francis Sulzen, FSSP <i>Confession 1/2 hour before Mass</i> 12:15 pm Hali Yun †	KLD TD
Friday May 29 Ember Friday in the Octave of Pentecost (1st Cl)	<i>Confession 1/2 hour before Mass</i> 7 am Cameron Kofalt <i>Adoration 8 am to 11 am</i> <i>Confession 1/2 hour before Mass</i> 6 pm Bob Ulrich	JS CU
Sat. June 30 Ember Saturday in the Octave of Pentecost (1st Cl)	9 am Hali Yun † <i>Confessions 10 am to 12 noon</i>	KG

PRAYER INTENTIONS
Liam O'Donoghe, Ken Stolle, Mary Claire Adams, Sponey Bayler, Joan Marie & Peter Osborne, Abigail Alvey, Noelia Cardona, Joe Balducci, Fr. Joe D'Aurora, Beau & Suki Simpson, Tammy Beaven, John Kempa, Beth Fockler, Cohen Johnson, Henry "Trip" Anderson, Sally Gaydos and all the chronically ill & homebound of our parish.

In your charity, please remember the souls of all the faithful departed.
Requiescant in pace.

Parish Office Closed Mon. 25 May
Tues. 2 June No Masses or Confessions
All 3 priests will be away

TODAY—Re-Registration Drive Continues
ALL Parishioners Must Re-Register
Tables are set up by the entrances after all Masses on Sunday May 24 and May 31. Forms are also available in the office during business hours. The QR code for online registration is below and posted throughout the building.



Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield
Baby Bottle Campaign 2026
PHCC annual Baby Bottle campaign is under way. Please be sure to pick up your baby bottle, fill it with change, bills or checks (made out to PHCC). And returned to the church on or before 21 June, Fathers' Day. Your support is appreciated.

Upcoming Events
May 25—Office Closed
June 2—No Masses or Confessions-all 3 priests away
June 7—Parish Picnic

Parish Picnic 2026
Sun. 7 June our annual picnic follows the High Mass and Corpus Christi procession. Please see the posters in the vestibules. Bring a picnic lunch and blankets or chairs for your family; the parish is providing paper products, bottled water, chips and ice cream. Limited seating is available for those with mobility issues.
This year, we're selling tickets for a chance to dunk a priest in the dunk tank at the parish picnic. One throw per ticket; \$5 per ticket; 5 tickets for \$20. Tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event or can be purchased online via Zeffy using the QR code below.



Picnic Volunteers Needed
To make this event a success, we need volunteers in several roles. If you enjoy parish events, please email volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org to help out.

Women's Clothing Swap
Tues. 26 May, 10 am to 12 noon, join us in the pavilion for our women's clothing swap! Bring your gently used clothes, shoes, and accessories with you that morning to share and trade. Kids are welcome and we'll have iced coffee and lemonade to enjoy while you shop and socialize. All remaining items will be donated to charity. See you there!

Pastor's Corner



Dear Faithful,

In a world drowning in stuff—endless notifications, overflowing closets, and calendars packed with obligations—many of us feel the quiet ache of distraction. We chase the next purchase, the next upgrade, the next “just one more thing” that promises happiness, only to end up more hurried, more scattered, and somehow emptier. What if the path to a fuller, more grounded life isn’t about acquiring more, but ruthlessly paring back? What if simplicity isn’t deprivation, but the quiet key to unlocking a deep, abiding presence with God—the kind of inner stillness that transforms ordinary days into something sacred?

Imagine a carpenter in a small Galilean village, quietly working wood day after day. His hands are calloused, his shop modest, yet his heart is a sanctuary of contemplation. He lives in constant, wordless communion with the divine mystery right under his roof. No fanfare, no spotlight—just steady, loving attention to the present moment and the One who dwells there. This is the essence of a master of the interior life: someone whose outer actions flow from a soul anchored in silence and presence. Simplicity clears the clutter so we can cultivate that same inner mastery, creating space—making a place—for the sacred amid the noise.

The pull of our culture is relentless. We’re bombarded with the message that more equals better: more possessions, more experiences, more status. But deep down, we sense the lie. Possessions don’t satisfy; they often demand our time, our energy, our attention. A new gadget arrives, and suddenly we’re maintaining it, upgrading it, worrying about it. Our homes fill with things we rarely use, our schedules with commitments we don’t truly value. The result? A soul choked by the “deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things,” as Jesus so pointedly observed. Life becomes a frantic race instead of a grateful walk with the divine.

Jesus cut through the noise with radical wisdom: life does not consist in an abundance of possessions. He lived it himself—not in poverty for its own sake, but in grateful enjoyment of what truly matters, free from the weight of excess. He taught that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. And he warned that we cannot serve both God and the relent-