Reflection Question: How have you persisted in carrying out God’s plan for you in the face of your own doubts and failures?

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon, and 7:00pm
Spanish Mass: 2:30pm
Daily: 6:30am, 8:30am & 12:00 noon
Saturday: 8:30am

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Holy Days: 7:30pm Vigil
6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon and 7:30pm

FIRST FRIDAYS:
Exposition: 9:00 - 11:45am
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am
Eucharistic Holy Hour:
Sunday: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:
Friday: 11:15 - 11:45am
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30pm & 7:30 - 8:00pm and by appt.

RECTORY HOURS:
Weekdays 9:00am- 9:00pm (closed 12:45 - 1:30pm)
Saturday 9:00am - 1:30pm

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Many who heard Jesus were astonished. They said, “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?”
Mark 6:2,3
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Jesus’ cold reception in Nazareth is only one of the two seeming contradictions we encounter in this Sunday’s Gospel. The other is even more striking: “He was not able to perform any mighty deed there.” Jesus has found Himself unable to do something? The Eternal Son of God, the Word made flesh, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity? He had only very recently worked miracles in the preceding chapters, and He was able to work some in Nazareth: we hear, almost as a side note, that He healed several people there.

So, what was keeping Jesus from working a mighty hometown miracle? Perhaps it was simply because nobody asked Him! In Nazareth, nobody seems to be climbing a tree to get a look at him. Nobody pushes through a crowd just to touch the hem of his cloak; nobody is coming through the roof to be in His presence.

The Nazoreans thought they knew Jesus to be no more than an ordinary man. Let us avoid the temptation to think of Him as just a person who lived a long time ago. He’s alive today, and He wants to work great things for us. He won’t force His love or power on us if we don’t want to see or experience it; but His healing power is there if we only ask! Jesus responds to faith, whatever our need may be. Sometimes it’s a dramatic event, sometimes He does His work from afar or in unexpected ways, but He always has an answer. Sometimes this answer satisfies our need in the way we wish. Sometimes, though, the unexpected ways in which He works yield unexpected answers – answers which may challenge us to see our “need” through another lens.

With Our Lord’s divinity in mind, ask Him for what you need today. Do whatever it takes to be in His presence, especially at Mass. Remember that God is a good Father and that you are His beloved child. Be open and attentive to His response, and don’t be too surprised if He exceeds your expectations.

~Tim Courtney

Welcome, Father Vu!

Join us outside the Church after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, July 8, to welcome Father Joseph Vu as the newest parochial vicar at St. James.
This Week’s Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Wednesday: St. Benedict
Friday: St. Henry
Saturday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Today’s Readings

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).
Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).
Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).
Gospel — The people said: “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:1-6).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:
Frank Amorosi
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Patricia Gaughan

and the deceased of our parish family:
Brian Bulger
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Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Please pray for our disabled veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service, especially Justin Berg, Capt. Albert C. Young, and Michele Petersen. Please send names to bulletin@stjamescatholic.org, and let us know when your loved ones return home.
SUMMER PICNICS  

at ST. JAMES

The priests and sisters of St. James would like to spend time with our parishioners in an informal setting to enjoy some good food, fresh air, and activities for the little ones. We will be sending out invitations throughout the summer. Due to the large number of families we have, we won’t be able to get everyone in this summer, but we plan to continue next summer. If you would like to participate but don’t receive an invitation, call us to pick a date that works for you. Contact the Rectory at 703-532-8815.

Summer Picnics at St. James – 2018. Food, Fun, and Fellowship!
Caring For Kids Collection—July 14 & 15
St. James’ Social Outreach Committee members will be collecting funds after masses on the weekend of July 14-15, to benefit the Seven Corners Children’s Center (SCCC). This private, nonprofit organization, provides 70 at risk children, ages 2-5, with the nurturing care and early childhood education that prepares them for kindergarten. It also provides them with medical, hearing, dental, speech, and vision screening as needed to ensure that they are ready to learn. We ask for your generous financial response to help them meet this year’s needs. To learn more about SCCC and its mission, please visit http://sevencornerschildrencenter.org.

Learn More About St. Ignatius of Loyola
Come see “Ignatius of Loyola,” a film about St. Ignatius of Loyola and his struggles to turn from darkness to light and how he came to see the hand of God in his life. Upcoming showings: Saturday July 14 at Noon, Tuesday July 24 at 10:00 am, and Saturday August 11 at Noon in Room 106 at St. Ann Church, 5300 N. 10th St., Arlington, VA. Running time: 126 minutes. Donations will go to the Dominican Sisters in Linden, VA. Suggested donation: $5 per person or $10 per family. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Queen of Peace #1872 as part of Ignatius Press Night at the Movies. Please RSVP to CDA1872@gmail.com or Teresa at 703-573-1582.

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St. James Seniors Indoor Picnic—Thursday, July 12
Come join the St. James seniors for their annual picnic without bugs and heat! This event will be held on Thursday, July 12, from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in Heller Hall. We will provide the beverages, chips, condiments, and grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Invite new seniors to attend. We hope to have a sing-along. RSVP no later than July 10 to Mary Anne Stallings at 703-237-1768 or Cae Gilley at 703-533-3845. Rides are available upon request.

Socks and Underwear Drive for Homeless Shelter Successful!
Thank you so much for your participation in the Social Outreach Committee’s Socks and Underwear Drive. More than 500 items were donated for the residents of the Bailey’s Crossroads Community Shelter in Falls Church. Mr. Jon Nerdig, the shelter’s Volunteer Coordinator, thanked all our parishioners who contributed.
Finding Joy in My Life
By Conley Rohall.

I am a normal 6th grade kid. You wouldn't know by looking at me that I have a disability and live with a life threatening condition. People who meet me think I am ordinary on the outside. They don't know what is going on with me on the inside.

I was born four months early because my twin sister and I had Twin to Twin Transfusion Syndrome or TTTS. It is a terrible disease that affects pregnant moms and their babies. I was a really tiny baby when I was born. I weighed only four ounces more than a coke can and I was really sick. I was hooked up to machines to help me breathe. I had heart surgery when I was only a week old and eye surgery when I was three months old. I almost went blind. When I was a baby, I was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and Chronic Kidney Disease. Last year, I found out I have to have a kidney transplant soon.

Some days, I feel really frustrated and angry. I hate the bloodwork I have to have done every month. I hate that I can't jump rope, skip, snap my fingers, ride a bike, write in cursive, cut shapes out of paper, and play sports that my friends play. I am nervous about having surgery and having to miss school.

But God helps me stay strong. He helps me do all the things I have to do. God allowed me to live when the doctors thought I would die. Many things make me happy. I love reading books, watching movies, hanging out with my sisters, playing with my dogs, and riding horses. I love going to Mass at school because I get to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. I love going to Mass with my prayer partner at school. She is in Kindergarten and I am in sixth grade so I have to take care of her. It's nice to take care of somebody other than myself.

Being different isn't the easiest thing in the world. But, I like who I am. I know that I will get a new kidney soon and become healthier and stronger than ever. I have learned that you should not judge a person before you know their story. God brings me joy because he is always there for me. He will always love me without judging me. I know that God will always be there to help me.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR PARISH

Do you want to become more involved in St. James Catholic Church?
Whether you’re new to St. James Parish or a long standing member, and you have time to share your valuable talents and resources, we are looking for help! St. James has a number of ministries, projects, and activities where we need volunteers to participate or lead. If you’re interested in giving of your time or have questions about our various groups, please contact the rectory at 703-532-8815, visit our website at www.stjamescatholic.org/volunteer, or send an email to volunteer@stjamescatholic.org.

Bereavement Ministry
St. James Catholic Church is forming a Bereavement Ministry to provide spiritual comfort to families and friends of the deceased in our parish. If you are interested in volunteering and/or participating in funeral services, or providing spiritual family consolation on behalf of St. James, please send an email message to volunteer@stjamescatholic.org, or call the rectory at 703-532-8815.

Volunteers Needed for Christ House Soup Kitchen to Save This Endangered Program
For over 40 years, St. James parish has provided monthly, wholesome dinners for 60-70 homeless guests at the Christ House Diocesan Soup Kitchen and Shelter in Old Towne Alexandria (131 S. West Street). Sadly, the number of volunteers has dwindled to a level that makes it difficult to sustain this program. In addition, Judy Rybak, who has singlehandedly coordinated the program for 18 years, wishes to train co-leaders as part of the parish succession plan.

We are initiating a new approach to divide up the tasks for the 2nd Wednesday of the month dinners. It is our hope that volunteers will sign up electronically for a task, viaSignUpGenius, for one or more months. Many of the tasks can be completed on your own schedule and in your own kitchen.

The following monthly assignments are needed:

- **Cooks**: follow a recipe for a casserole, or make a salad, or prepare a hot vegetable or rice side
- **Bakers**: make brownies or cookies to fill baggies
- **Shoppers** at local grocery stores: buy bananas, bread, other food items as assigned, and storage baggies
- **Prep Driver**: come to St. James parking lot from 6:00 – 6:30 pm on 2nd Tuesdays to meet cooks, bakers, and shoppers and to transfer the food to either Heller Hall kitchen or Judy Rybak’s home
- **Event Driver**: arrive at St. James at 2:30 pm on 2nd Wednesdays to pick up food and deliver to Christ House. Place casseroles directly into heated ovens.
- **Kitchen Helpers** (maximum of six persons): to assemble meal and serve guests at Christ House. Need to arrive by 4:00 pm and stay until 6:30 pm.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please call or send an email that includes your name, contact telephone number, and email to: Susan Jackson at 703-533-3482 and Bard_susan@msn.com, or Peggy Carrington at 703-534-3206 and carrington8@msn.com.

We ask that you prayerfully consider helping us with this worthwhile ministry. Thank you!
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### This Week in Our Parish

**Sunday, July 8**
- 10:00am – 12:00pm: Reception for Father Vu
- 4:00pm – 7:00pm: Hispanic Prayer Group
  - Emmanuel Heller Hall – Door 13
- 4:30pm – 6:00pm: Hispanic Legion of Mary
  - House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
- 5:00pm: Holy Hour
  - Church

**Monday, July 9**
- 7:00pm – 8:30pm: Altaration for Adults
  - School Library – Door 16

**Tuesday, July 36**
- 7:30pm – 9:00pm: Legion of Mary
  - House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

**Wednesday, July 11**
- 7:30pm – 9:00pm: Charismatic Prayer Group
  - Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

**Thursday, July 12**
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm: St. James Seniors Monthly Meeting
  - Heller Hall
- 7:00pm – 8:30pm: Altaration for Adults
  - School Library – Door 16
- 7:30pm – 9:00pm: Young Adult Group
  - House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

**Friday, July 13**
- 11:15am – 11:45am: Confessions
  - Church

**Saturday, July 14**
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm: Confessions
  - Church
- 7:30pm – 8:00pm: Confessions
  - Church

### Weekly Reflection

**Readings:**
- Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6
- [http://www.usocb.org/bible.readings/070118.cfm](http://www.usocb.org/bible.readings/070118.cfm)

Reflection Question: How have you persisted in carrying out God’s plan for you in
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