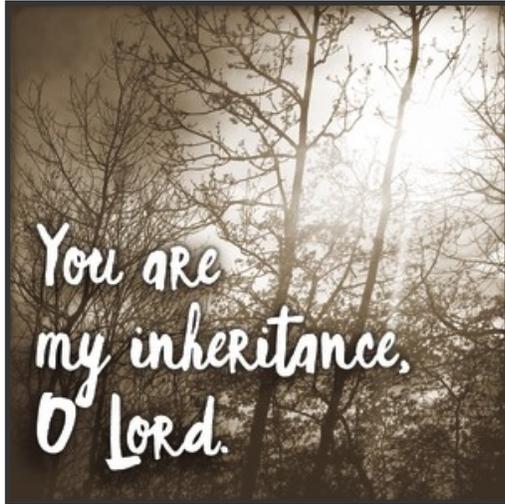


**“Follow Me”**, Jesus says to a potential disciple He encounters on His journey to Jerusalem. **“Follow me”**, Elijah says (in effect) to Elisha as he plowed his field. God’s call is a daunting invitation and demands a wholehearted commitment. Some accept; others cannot bring themselves to commit. We too are called to be disciples, to live our lives according to the Gospel. **“Follow Me”**, Jesus challenges us. How do we respond?



**Readings for next week (July 1-6)**

MONDAY: Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22  
TUESDAY: Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27  
WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29  
THURS./Independence Day: Numbers 6:22-27; Mt. 5:1-12a  
FRIDAY: Gn. 2:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt. 9:9-13  
SATURDAY: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17

**Scripture Readings for next Sunday**

***(Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)***

**Isaiah 66:10-14c**

Mother Jerusalem will gather her children.

**Galatians 6:14-18**

I bear in my body the brand marks of Jesus.

**Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 (or) 10:1-9**

If people welcome you, bid them peace.

If not, shake their dust from your feet and move on.

*Every Mass begins and ends with the sign of the cross. It is the most prominent sign of our identity as Christians. Saint Paul boasts in it, for it has transformed us all. The disciples bear it, sent out as lambs among wolves. The cross is our reminder that we should expect to suffer. But it is also a reminder of our redemption. Isaiah sings of the return to Jerusalem from exile, a redemption for Israel. Let us note the power of the cross as we listen to next Sunday's readings.*

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past week I was able to spend some time at the diocesan work camp with teens from all over our diocese. I am always so impressed to see everything that happens during work camp. Teens spend the week at various work sites helping people in southwest Virginia make improvements to their homes. The impact they have on people's lives is amazing. I once spoke to someone in social services who was explaining to me how they had a list of projects they wanted to complete to help people in their area. The list was quite large and they did not have the resources or the time to complete all the projects. I was amazed when he told me that the work our teens did in one week completed five years worth of projects on his list.

I want to take the time to support and thank all those in our parish who offered their support and prayers making it possible for our youth to attend this event. I also want to thank our volunteers who took the time to accompany our youth for the week. In a very special way, I want to thank all the teens who gave up a week of their summer to participate in work camp.

I first made a trip like this myself fourteen years ago accompanying a group of teens from my parish. The week changed my life in more ways than one. It was such an amazing experience for me to see so many youth who were so strong in their faith. In the end, I think I ended up learning more than most of them and I definitely grew in my faith that week. There will be many more opportunities for both our youth and for adult volunteers to participate in similar programs. Please consider getting involved in these activities in the future and to continue encouraging our youth to be a part of these great events.

### **Please take note!! Bulletin Deadline**

Due to the publisher and delivery schedule with this week's holiday, the deadline for items for the July 7th bulletin is **TODAY, Sunday, June 30, NLT 2 p.m.** Please leave on voicemail at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org).

*“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.”*

—St. Alphonsus Liguori

**“First Tuesday”  
ADORATION of the  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

this Tuesday, July 2  
9 a.m. (after 8:30a Mass)  
until Benediction at 9 p.m.  
in the Chapel



Take time from your “summer schedule”! Come spend time in prayer with our Lord this Tuesday, July 2, 9am to 9pm in the Chapel.

*“Adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to Him: “I am yours, and I ask You, please stay with me always.”*

—Pope Benedict XVI



**Families of St. Anne’s Parish  
FAMILY ART NIGHT**

**Tuesdays in July**

*Honoring the Family in Growth and Prayer*

**July 2 6p-8p**

**July 9 6p-8p**

Hot Dog Supper at 5:30 p.m.,

Art Project will start promptly at 6 p.m.

Sign up in the commons as soon as possible.

**Spaces are limited.**

**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION  
for JULY**

To better know...

*“the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions”,*

the Holy Father asks that his monthly intention be

*“the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God.”*

**The Integrity of Justice:** *That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.*



**PRAYER GROUP MEETING this week:**

**Wednesday, July 3**

**2:45-3:45 p.m.**

**St. Vincent de Paul Center**

All are invited to attend. No preparation.

**\*\*NO RCIA this Wednesday, July 3\*\***

We are on a short summer break until **Wednesday, July 10**. For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call her at 276-669-8200 ext. 32. Check back here in the bulletin for the next 6 weeks for “**Reasons to Consider the Catholic Faith**”. Be sure to share this information with your non-Catholic family and friends.

**Reason 2:** *“The Catholic Church calls everyone to discipleship and holiness.”*

Jesus sent His followers to

**“make disciples of all nations”** (Matthew 28:19)

*But this happens through the carrying of our cross everyday in faithfulness to Jesus. That is the call which the Church makes to all its members — not just to be holy on Sunday, and not just to be holy in certain practices—but to make holiness a way of life. Through its teaching, sacraments and spiritual tradition, the Church has a path of holiness for everyone.*

Bring your family and friends who are interested in becoming Catholic to RCIA on **Wednesday, July 10**.

**Please Note:** Our Mass this Thursday (July 4) will be celebrated **at 8:30a**. The parish office will be closed for the Holiday. There are no confessions this Thursday.

**“Summer with the Saints”**

**1st book: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**Thursdays of the summer: 10a-11a**

**St. Vincent de Paul Center**

It’s not too late to join in the fun of reading about our beloved Saints this summer. The children’s book club is a great opportunity for your child to read with others of the same age and discuss the life of a particular saint. We also have crafts that go with each of the saints. We’ve started... but it’s not too late to join the group. The reading level is appropriate for **readers who are rising 2nd graders — rising 7th graders**. The cost for each book is \$8.95. Please register by calling or emailing [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or 276-669-8200 ext. 32. Our second book will begin soon—**Saint Francis of Assisi**.



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, June 29** (*Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Maria & †Markus Reich

**Sunday, June 30** (*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Fred Eaton

10:30 a.m. Spec. Int. for living members of the  
Martin, Busnelli, & Schwendeman families

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

**Tuesday, July 2**

8:30 a.m. †Mary Akosua Fordham

**Wednesday, July 3**

8:30 a.m. †Michalina Bliznik & family

**Thursday, July 4** (*Independence Day*)

8:30 a.m. for Peace

**Friday, July 5**

8:30 a.m. †Agnes Hurt

**Saturday, July 6** (*Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Victor Guarry

**Sunday, July 7** (*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Betty Williams

10:30 a.m. †Lou Pingo

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

### PLEASE NOTE....

Our weekday Mass this Thursday (July 4) will be at 830a (*instead of 6p*).

### PRAY for VOCATIONS!

*"Serve one another through love."*

Does a life of prayer and service as a priest attract you? Call the Vocations Office (804-359-5661) or email them at [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org) and speak with Fr. Brian Capuano.



### Collection Report (June 22/23)

Regular/Operating	\$15,328.
Holy Father/Peter's Pence	\$ 2,271.
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 763.
Add'l Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 508.
Social Ministry	\$ 350.

### E-Giving Report (June 1-18)

Regular/Operating	\$6,275.
School 2nd Collection	\$ 420.
Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 235.
Holy Father/Peter's Pence	\$ 150.
Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$ 185.

**2nd Collection** next weekend (July 6/7; 1st Sunday of the month) will be the monthly collection for St. Anne's School. Thank you for your generosity and support.

### This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

**Monday, July 1:**

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Creed—God Carries Out His Plan* (CCC 279-354). All are welcome to join us!

**Tuesday, July 2:**

- **Book Club:** 1030-11:30am at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *"Into His Likeness—Be transformed as a Disciple of Christ"* by Edward Sri
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study**— is on a short summer break and will resume on August 6.

**Wednesday, July 3:**

- **Little Rock Scripture Study:** 1:00-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Book of Exodus*
- **NO RCIA** this week.

For more information about any of the above programs, email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call her at 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

### *Why does the Church refer to this time of the liturgical year as "Ordinary Time"?*

—Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly liturgical cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time.

—Ordinary Time occurs after the Christmas Season until the beginning of Lent, then Ordinary Time resumes after the Easter season ends, until the beginning of Advent.

—The term "Ordinary Time" does not mean that this period in the Church's liturgical calendar is "unimportant" or "uninteresting", or common in any way... The Latin word *ordinalis* (refers to numbers in a series) and stems from the Latin word *ordo* (from which we get the English word order).

—Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time represent the ordered life of the Church.... The period we live our lives neither in feasting (such as Christmas and Easter) or in the more penitent time (Advent/Lent).

### **Marriage Encounter Weekend** *"Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening; You have the words of everlasting life."*

Let Jesus speak to you on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: Sept. 20-22 in Charlotte, NC (or) in Herndon, VA. For information visit <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>.

***Baptism Preparation Class  
Saturday, July 13***

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class is scheduled for **Saturday, July 13, 2pm-4pm in the Great Room.**

If you have a child under the age of 7 who needs baptism or you are expecting the birth of your child soon, please plan to attend. The nursery will be provided for siblings, if needed. **To register**, please call Sydney Farnum at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) **no later than Wednesday, July 10.**

**Looking Ahead Just a Bit...**

Next **Blood Drive**: Wednesday, **July 24**  
**2p to 6:30p** at the Msgr. Hickie Center  
Sign-ups in commons: July 13/14 & July 20/21

**Financial Independence**

Commonwealth Catholic Charities' Housing & Financial Counseling services offer financial counseling to families and individuals. From improving credit scores, creating budgets, purchasing a home, or avoiding foreclosure, CCC's certified housing & financial counselors can help individuals develop a plan to achieve financial goals and live with financial freedom. You can learn more at [www.cccofva.org](http://www.cccofva.org).

**A Prayer for Independence Day**

God our Father, Your Son Jesus spoke to us a message of peace and taught us to live as brothers and sisters. His message took form in the vision of our Founding Fathers, as they fashioned a nation where all people might live as one.

This message lives on in our midst as a task for us today and a promise for tomorrow.

We thank You, Father, for Your blessings in the past, and for all that, with Your help, we must yet achieve. Bless our nation and bless each of us.

As we thank You for our independence, may we extend its blessings to our youngest brothers and sisters, the children in the womb.

Hasten the day when our nation will be a nation with liberty and justice, not just for some, but for all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Have a happy and safe  
Independence Day!***

We hope many of you will join us for Mass this Thursday at 8:30a to thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our country.

