



SPIRIT OF THE MOUNTAIN CLUSTER

January 4-5, 2025

Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

Reverend Emmanuel Darfour Appah, Administrator

Saint Mary Catholic Church

109 Beech Ave., PO Box 1724

Coeburn, VA 24230

Saturday Vigil Mass @ 5 PM

Reconciliation Saturday @ 4:30 PM

Holy Day Vigil **TUESDAY 4 PM**

Saint Therese Catholic Church

16661 Wise St., PO Box 56

St. Paul, VA 24283

Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM

Reconciliation Sunday 8:00 AM

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

890 W Main St., PO Box 730

Lebanon, VA 24266-0730

Sunday Mass 11:00 AM

Reconciliation Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Holy Day Vigil **TUESDAY 6 PM**

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Readings for this Week (January 5-11, 2025)

05 JAN SUN	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
06 JAN MON	1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
07 JAN TUE	1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72; Mark 6:34-44
08 JAN WED	1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72; Mark 6:45-52
09 JAN THU	1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72; Luke 4:14-22
10 JAN FRI	1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147; Luke 5:12-16
11 JAN SAT	1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149; John 3:22-30

Next Sunday Readings – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2025)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Please keep **Father Emmanuel** in your prayers as he travels **out of town January 1 through 16, 2025**. Father Tim Drake will celebrate **Saint Mary Vigil Masses January 4 and 11 at 4 PM. NOTE TIME CHANGE.**

Good Shepherd Sunday (January 5 and 12) Masses will be celebrated at 11 AM by Father Francois Pelissier. Father Francois is a retired Glenmary Home Missioner priest residing in Kingsport, TN. There will be **NO MASSES AT SAINT THERESE on January 5 and 12**—parishioners should fulfill their Sunday attendance obligation by attending Mass at Coeburn’s Saint Mary 4 PM vigil Mass or Lebanon’s Good Shepherd Mass at the Sunday 11 AM Mass. There will be no weekday Masses in the Cluster until January 21.

Food Donations continue to be collected by the Cluster for the Lebanon Community Food Pantry. If St. Therese or St. Mary parishes have food donations, Father Emmanuel will be happy to transport same to Good Shepherd. Thank you for your continued support.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: “Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Matthew Kiehl, Vicar for Vocations; or write to vocations@richmonddioocese.org.

Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond’s topic for January is **Bequests**. New Year! New Resolutions! 500,000+ people have used FreeWill to write their legal Will, protect their loved ones, and establish a lasting legacy with the causes they care about. The CCF partnered with FreeWill to help you get started on your own Will with this free resource from FreeWill.

The Spirit of the Mountain Cluster and our Catholic Diocese of Richmond 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 at 1-833-454-9064 and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-877-887-9603, or email vac@richmonddioocese.org or visit the Diocese’s Child Protection/Safe Environment page at <https://richmonddioocese.org/protecting-gods-children/>

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 28 Offertory **\$ 665.00** **Attendance 21**

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Alton Lawson, Jr., Sister Stacey Hanrahan, Lillie Peters, Billy Hunsaker, Charles Bennett, and Bobby Kyle.

January Birthdays: Hugh O’Donnell (15), Chad Bates (8), Bev Hall (5).

- Please **welcome Father Tim Drake** who will be celebrating the Vigil Mass January 4 and 11 during Father Emmanuel’s absence. **NOTE: Mass will be at 4 PM.**

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 29 Offertory \$ 150.00 **Attendance 6**
December 29 Votive Candles Offering \$ 10.00

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Tim Long, Jackie White, Helen Moretz, James F. White, Brayn Whited, JoAnn Detta, and Rodney Altizer.

January Birthdays: Betty Meade (22)

- There will be **no Masses celebrated January 5 and 12 at St. Therese**. Parishioners should mark their offertory with their own church name when attending other cluster masses, so their offering is deposited in St. Therese's bank account.
- Helen Moretz, a former parishioner passed away December 29. Please pray for the family and may eternal rest be granted unto Helen; and perpetual light shine upon her.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 29 Offertory \$ 404.00 **Attendance 14**
December 29 Votive Candles Offering \$ 4.00

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Valerie Christian, James White, Bob Dorton, JoAnn Detta, Jackie White, Phyllis Dotson, Sherry Hubbard, Bill Taylor, and Dawn Borth.

January Birthdays: Juan Hernandez (12)

- Please **welcome Father Francois Pellissier** who will be celebrating the Sunday Mass January 5 and 12 during Father Emmanuel's absence.
- Next Sunday, **January 12 after Mass the Christmas decorations will be put away**. Refreshments will be available following the work. All help is appreciated.
- **Lector Schedule:** January 5/12--Janice Halsey; January 19/26—Frank Taylor