

Cuarto domingo del Tiempo ordinario: *"Llegaron a Cafarnaúm. Al llegar el sábado entró en la sinagoga y se puso a enseñar. Y quedaban asombrados de su doctrina, porque les enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad, y no como los escribas."* (Marcos 1: 21-22)

Jesús hace su primer milagro: Según Marcos, el primer milagro de Jesús fue expulsar al espíritu maligno. Esto se encuadra perfectamente bien, pues una de las principales características del Evangelio, según lo cuenta Marcos, es el combate de Jesús contra el mal durante Su vida pública. En esta historia, Jesús *demuestra su poder y autoridad* a través de lo que hace. A causa de Sus actos, la gente que lo escucha predicar lo ve como una persona con autoridad. Fue esa autoridad la fuente de Su capacidad de transformar vidas. *Él no mandó ni obligó a nadie, sino que influyó sobre la gente para que cambiara.*

El mes de febrero se acerca. Es el Mes de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesús Cristo.: El 2 de febrero es la fiesta de la "Presentación del Señor." Habrá misa el jueves a las 12:15 de la tarde, que incluirá la bendición de las velas usadas durante el año litúrgico, así como las velas que Ud. traiga de su casa para que sean bendecidas. *Encender velas cuando hay tormentas, situaciones peligrosas, o en presencia de enfermos es una tradición católica de muchos siglos.* El 3 de febrero es el Día de San Blas; en el primer viernes del mes habrá la Bendición de las Gargantas. Esa bendición se da para combatir problemas de la garganta y otras enfermedades.

March for Life: Thank you to everyone who donated to the March for Life. You helped 35 parishioners and VMI cadets attend the 39th annual event in Washington, D.C.

Spiritual Adoption, Sixth Month: Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. The baby is 11 to 14 inches long and his/her weight is approaching 2 pounds. Eyelids begin to part and eyes open sometimes for short periods of time. The skin is covered with a protective coating called vernix and the baby is able to hiccup. A baby who is born prematurely at this time has a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Keep praying for all the unborn babies who are in danger of abortion and for their mothers who think they have no alternative.

Natural Family Planning: "Is the Pill medically necessary? An introduction to NaPro Technology" will be presented on Sunday, February 5, 2012, from 10:15-11:15 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Hall, 401 Alderman Rd., Charlottesville VA 22903. Natural Procreative (NaPro) Technology uses information from fertility charting and timed blood work to diagnose and treat conditions such as PMS, Postpartum depression, irregular cycles, ovarian cysts, and infertility without use of the Pill or IVF.

Direct Debit Program: If you are currently enrolled in the Direct Debit Program and would like to have the Special Offerings for 2012 debited, please complete page 3 (including your signature) on the authorization form available on the church website at stpatriksexington.com or in the parish office. You do not need to attach a check. If you would like to enroll in the program, please complete the form, attach a voided check, and drop it off in the parish office.

Interested in Campus Ministry? The Diocese of Richmond is seeking recent college graduates to serve in the new campus ministry intern program. Interns serve full-time with a campus minister for one or two years at one of the 68 college campuses in our diocese. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and be an active practicing Catholic in good standing. Closing date for receipt of applications is January 31, 2012. Interested candidates should contact Sarah Fogler via email at jobs@richmonddicoesed.org for an application package.

Free! CCM has a 19" "old school" TV for free - only has an antenna in/out so it can only be used for TV. Call 463-3533 to take it home.

Art Show for Haiti: On Friday, February 10 from 6-9 p.m., Church of the Incarnation (Charlottesville) will host an art show/evening of wine and cheese to highlight the talent of artists within our parish and to raise money for our twin community in Haiti, the Little Brothers and Little Sisters of the Incarnation. Fifty percent of all sales and 100% of all admission donations from the show will go to our twin. Additionally, if you are an artist (painting, photography, sculpture, writing, etc.), you are welcome to showcase your work and have half of your sales go to your parish's Haiti ministry. We would love to have you join us as we celebrate the talent present in our parish communities while providing support for our Haitian brothers and sisters! Please contact Tom Craig (434-293-5679) or Kristen Schenk (kristens@incarnationparish.org) for details or to let us know you'd like to be a part of this!

Rosary Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Join Fr. David Wathen, OFM, and other clergy and pilgrims on the 58th U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage to Lourdes, June 28 - July 7. For those able, take the optional extension to Paris, Nevers where you will venerate the incorrupt body of St. Bernadette and Lisieux, the home of St. Therese, "The Little Flower." For details, contact: Fr. David at dwfm1400@hotmail.com or Elizabeth Grinder at 1-877-276-7279 or lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net.