

Questions and Answers on the U.S. Bishops' Vote to Draft a Document on the Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided answers to commonly asked questions following its June 16-18 meeting.

Why are the bishops doing this now? A major concern of the bishops has been the declining belief and understanding of the Eucharist among the Catholic faithful. This was a deep enough concern that the theme of the bishops' strategic plan for 2021-2024 is "Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ: Source of Our Healing and Hope." This document on the Eucharist will serve as a foundation for the multiyear Eucharistic Revival Project, a major national effort to reignite eucharistic faith in our country. It was clear from the intensity and passion expressed in the individual interventions made by the bishops during the meeting that each bishop deeply loves the Eucharist.

Did the bishops vote to ban politicians from receiving Holy Communion?

No. This was not up for vote or debate. The bishops made no decision about barring anyone from receiving holy Communion. Each Catholic — regardless of whether they hold public office or not — is called to continual conversion. The U.S. bishops have repeatedly emphasized the obligation of all Catholics to support human life and dignity and other fundamental principles of Catholic moral and social teaching.

Are the bishops going to issue a national policy on withholding Communion from politicians?

No. There will be no national policy on withholding Communion from politicians. The intent is to present a clear understanding of the Church's teachings to bring heightened awareness among the faithful of how the Eucharist can transform our lives and bring us closer to our creator and the life he wants for us.

Did the Vatican tell the bishops not to move forward on drafting the document?

No. The Holy See did encourage the bishops to engage in dialogue and broad consultation. The meeting was the first part of that process. Collaboration and consultation among the bishops will be key in the drafting of this document.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Are you being called by the Lord of the harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Please contact Father Brian Capuano, Vicar for Vocations, Catholic Diocese of Richmond (804) 359-5661, vocations@richmonddiocese.org or Father J. Scott Duarte at (804) 557-3962, sduarte@richmonddiocese.org.

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Year of St. Joseph Prayer

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM; Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturdays at 5:00 PM and by appointment.

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4, 2021*

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Christ Teaching in the Synagogue at Nazareth, Gerbrand van den Eeckhout, 17th Century

On the mission of the Church...

"The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers.

It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach... to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented."
From Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium*

Parish Schedule

Saturday, July 3—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Pastor's Intention (livestreamed)

Sunday, July 4—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, July 5—St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

*Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6—St. Maria Goretti

Wednesday, July 7—Weekday

Thursday, July 8—Weekday

*Office Closed

Friday, July 9—St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

Saturday, July 10—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Rev. Bryan Wyke (livestreamed)

Sunday, July 11—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

****There will be No Public Daily Mass this week at the Church.**

SEAS Parish Prayer List



Please hold in prayer this week all the sick, suffering and home-bound of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well."
James 5:15

Those who have died are remembered in a special way, especially those who passed away due to complications of COVID-19.

For an end to the pandemic:

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father, will heal the sick, strengthen those that care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith.

Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence, grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Parish Contributions

If you are a registered SEAS parishioner and would like contribution information, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125.

Donation options: Sign-up for E-giving on the parish website at seascatholicchurch.org; mail your contributions to our mailing address: PO Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141; drop off contributions at Mass or to the office during office hours, M-F 9am-2:30pm.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

As a reminder, SEAS Parish is enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards. You can help support SEAS New Church Fund by shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Plus Card.

- To enroll your Plus Card, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Click on "Create An Account."
- Enter your email address and create a password agreeing to terms and conditions.
- Enter your card number and our church name, "St. Elizabeth Ann Seton" or our account number, CF801."

BED & DRESSER AVAILABLE

If anyone is in need of a like-new double mattress, headboard, bed frame and dresser, and can remove the items this week, please contact the parish office for address and further details at 932-4125.

Scripture Readings

Saturday, July 3 Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc,2/Jn 20:29/Jn 20:24-29

Sunday, July 4 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-4/2 Cor 12:7-10/Lk 4:18/Mk 6:1-6

Mon., July 5 Mon. of the Fourteenth Wk. in Ord. Time

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4,14-15ab/2 Tm 1:10/Mt 9:18-26

Tues., July 6 Tues. of the Fourteenth Wk. in Ord. Time

Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b,2-3,6-7ab/Jn 10:14/Mt 9:32-38

Wed., July 7 Wed. of the Fourteenth Wk. in Ord. Time

Gn 41:55-57,42:5-7a/Ps 33:2-3,10-11/Mk 1:15/Mt 10:1-7

Thurs., July 8 Thurs. of the Fourteenth Wk. in Ord. Time

Gn 44:18-21,23b-29/Ps 105:16-21/Mk 1:15/Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 9 Fri. of the Fourteenth Wk. in Ord. Time

Gn 46:1-7,28-30/Ps 37:3-4,18-19/Jn 16:13a,14:26d/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 10 Sat. of the Fourteenth Wk. in Ord. Time

Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4,6-7/1 Pt 4:14/Mt 10:24-33

Sunday, July 11 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-14/Eph 1:3-14/Eph 1:17-18/Mk 6:7-13

Parish News

Per the Governor of Virginia's Executive Order 79 (effective May 28, 2021), public health restrictions have ended in the Commonwealth, apart from the continued guidance on mask wearing.

Masks—Fully Vaccinated: Effective May 15, 2021, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting. In addition, fully vaccinated people do not need to supply proof of vaccination; parishes should not ask to see or check vaccination cards.

Masks—Unvaccinated: All present for the liturgy ages 5 and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration. Individuals who cannot wear a mask due to health reasons must speak directly with their pastor to receive an exception. Documentation of the medical need is not required.

Music Ministry: Choirs may resume as of May 28, 2021.

Hymnals and Worship Aids: Parishes may resume the use of hymnals and/or the use of worship aids.

Lifting the General Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass (NEW): On June 2, 2021, the Bishops of the Province of Baltimore and the Archdiocese of Washington put out a statement lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Washington, the Dioceses of Arlington, Richmond, Wheeling-Charleston and Wilmington that **takes effect on June 26th and June 27th, 2021.** Please read the full statement on the bulletin board in the Commons Area or on the website.

Recorded/Livestreamed Mass: Due to COVID-19, Mass (at SEAS each Saturday 5:30 PM Vigil Mass) is being livestreamed for use on our social media platforms and various Diocesan digital media accounts of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and *The Catholic Virginian*. Photography and/or screenshot images may be used for *The Catholic Virginian* print edition. If you do not wish to be captured by livestreaming, please refrain from attending this Mass.

CATHOLICS COME HOME

The SEAS Catholics Come Home Ministry offers a compassionate and encouraging atmosphere for inactive Catholics to consider returning to our faith. If someone you know has been away from the faith for several years we would enjoy the opportunity to assist them in coming back. The goal of the ministry is to reach out to inactive Catholics inviting them to join us for hospitality and discussion, giving them time to consider the stirrings of their hearts.

The Catholics Come Home program is intended to help bridge the sometimes intimidating obstacles to returning. Please consider inviting neighbors, friends or family members that may benefit from our ministry to contact us. We will have an informational gathering in the near future and begin a session soon. For additional information please contact Donna Thomson at seas.dthomson@verizon.net.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Many parishioners and visitors attending Mass on the weekend often contact the parish office for items they believe they may have left in the pews. Please take a few minutes to secure your belongings and double check your area before you exit the Church.

OFFICE CLOSING

The parish office will be closed this week on Monday, July 5th and Thursday, July 8th.



Best Wishes for a Happy and Safe 4th of July!!



Schedule: Meetings have resumed virtually only, until further notice.

Prayer Request: Please remember in prayer: Jeffrey & Roberta Gargiulo, Levie Edmond, Leonard R. Rapozo, Cherie Gothreau & Wanda Pleva, Carol Trent, John (Jackie) J. Gothreau, Fred Graf, Joshua C. Gothreau, Cathy Iwaskey, Al Polson, Kate Nixon, Elizabeth Robertson, Tony Martinez, our law enforcement, military families, and those not known to us in need of prayers.

Membership: To learn more about the Knights of Columbus at SEAS Parish, please contact Membership Director, Tony Cassano at: tony@gobucketlisttravel.com. To learn more about the Knights of Columbus in Virginia, visit kofc.org/joinus.

VIRTUS FACILITATOR TRAINING AVAILABLE

The Diocese Office of Safe Environment will be holding **New Virtus Facilitator Workshops** in July for the *Protecting God's Children for Adults* program. The virtual training workshop will last about 2 hours and will be offered on two different days this month: Friday, July 9, 2021 at 1:00 PM and Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

If you are interested in participating in this training workshop, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125 for the email contact at the Diocese, Facilitator Manual and link to Virtus videos to review before the training session.

DIocese of Richmond Office of the Bishop

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 confidential Victim Assistance Reporting 24-Hour Number at 1-877-887-9603.