



DECEMBER 17, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near. Phil 4:4-5



Holy Rosary

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS-CLOSED MONDAY— (In Case of an Emergency call 804-357-1608)
 TUESDAY-THURSDAY..... 9:00a.m.-3:00pm
 FRIDAY.....9:00a.m.-NOON

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday.....8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Weekdays:
 Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M.
 Holy Days..... 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.
 Bible Study-Thursdays 10:00 A.M.
 Confessions: Sunday 7:15-7:45A.M. and 10:15-10:45A.M. before mass or by appointment.

For information about joining Holy Rosary, please see an Usher or a Greeter. For Sacramental information please call the Church Office during business hours. For information about the life and ministry of priests, deacons, seminarians and communities of men and women in religious life, contact the Pastor or visit the web page of our Vocations Office: www.richmonddiocese.org/vocations.

Mission Statement

We, the people of Holy Rosary, are called to be a Church with a living God and a dynamic heritage; a heritage that encompasses the beliefs and tenets of the Roman Catholic faith as well as the characteristics of the African American culture. We are called to be a welcoming beacon of hope to parishioners and the surrounding community for continued and sustainable spiritual growth to enhance and strengthen our relationship with God, address social issues, and provide parishioners with the necessary skills for increased evangelization.

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

SACRIFICIAL GIVING- General Fund

Current Year: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018
Budget vs. Actual as of December 10, 2017

Collections	Needed Weekly	Y-T-D	Budget	Difference
\$7,782.00	\$6,250	\$144,825.75	\$145,368	-\$542.25

12/10/2017 Attendance: 8 am—49 11am – 109

Debt Reduction Collection (Building Fund)

Current Year: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018
Budget vs. Actual as of December 10, 2017
Collection—\$1,909.00-Needed Weekly—\$2,269.00
Y-T-D \$45,442.29
Budget—\$54,480.00- Difference -\$9,037.71
Loan Payment Monthly: \$9,879.00
Outstanding Balance on Loan \$1,435,043.32

† Please remember to write a separate check for Debt Reduction.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Stephanie Cosby , Carolyn Johnson and all who suffer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND... Estelle Patrick, Irene Bates, Charles W. Stewart, Sallie Dance ,Dorothy Joyner, Peter McClaine, Clarence Arnold , Alice Wright and Battinto Batts.

Pastoral Care: If you or a family member is sick, becomes homebound , or is anticipating surgery, please notify our Church office 222-1105. We want to know so we can provide prayer, care, comfort, or the Sacraments.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

“The parish office will be closed the week after Christmas. There will be no daily Masses that Wed. Dec. 27th and Thurs. Dec. 28th.”

Who's Who & Where's ?

Saint Dominic of Silos –Feast Day-December 20

Dominic was a shepherd boy and was born at Navarre in Spain. He spent many hours alone with his sheep at the bottom of the Pyrenees mountains. It was there that he learned to love to pray. When he was old enough he became a Benedictine monk and a very good one. Dominic was appointed abbot of his monastery and brought about many changes for the better. One day, however, King Garcia III of Navarre, Spain, claimed that some of the monastery's land was his and wanted it back but St. Dominic refused. He did not think it was right to give the king what belonged to the Church. This made the king very angry and he forced Dominic and two of his brother monks to leave his kingdom. Abbot Dominic and his monks were given a friendly welcome by another king, Ferdinand I of Castile. Ferdinand told them they could have an old monastery called St. Sebastian at Silos. This monastery was located in a lonely spot and was very run-down.

But with Dominic as the abbot, it soon began to take on a new look. He strengthened it spiritually, financially and rebuilt the structure. In fact, he made it one of the best-known monasteries in all Spain that survives even today. St. Dominic worked many miracles to cure all kinds of sicknesses especially for childless couples who prayed for the gift of children. Many years after his death, Dominic appeared to a wife and mother. Her name was Joan. Now she is called Blessed Joan of Aza. Dominic told her that God would send her another son. When that son was born, Joan gratefully named him Dominic. And this son became the great St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican order. Saint Dominic of Silos died on December 20, 1073.

Birthdays

- December 17:** Cynthia Diggs, Euphresia Patrick
- December 18:** Antionette Essa, David Hudson
- December 19:** Lila Garlick, Kristina Goodlett, Alicia Miles
- December 20:** Fletcher Walker
- December 21:** Ethelyn Parker
- December 22:** Ramon Cain, Eloise Schurott, Piper Schurott, Richard Jordan
- December 23:** Haley Hunter

Scripture Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

- Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a,10-11/Lk 1:46-50,53-54/1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8,19-28
- Monday:** Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
- Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14/Lk 26-38
- Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
- Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Mass Schedule



- Sunday December 17, 2017**
- 8am** Mass—Joyce Moon
- 11am** Mass—The Parishioners of Holy Rosary
- Wednesday December 20, 2017**
- 9am** Mass—Fr. Art Conrad
- Thursday December 21, 2017**
- 9am** Mass—Bro. Martin DePorres
- Friday December 22, 2017**
- 12:15pm** Mass—Richmond Community Hospital

***Bible Study** will be held every **Thursday at 10:00am.** Please join us.
* **Holy Hour** is held in the Saint Joseph's Chapel on the **Fourth Sunday** of each month (**9:30am-10:30**).
*The **Sunday Bulletin** can be downloaded from our website: www.hrccrichmond.org

**Ticket Lottery for January 12
Bishop Installation Mass**

Parishioners, students and educators hoping to participate in the joy and excitement of the Jan. 12 Mass of Installation for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's new Bishop Barry C. Knestout now have a chance to secure admission to the special Mass by entering a lottery. Seating for the 2 p.m. event at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be extremely limited so the faithful are encouraged to enter the drawing for admission tickets by completing the online form here: <http://richmonddiocese.org/installation-mass-details/>

The last day to enter the drawing is Friday, December 29, 2017. The drawing will be held in early January with two tickets awarded to each selected registrant. Those selected will have 48 hours to respond before the tickets are released to alternates. Tickets are not transferrable and may not be sold. Questions? Contact newbishop@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5294.

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All catechesis flows from the liturgy nothing is as important as what happens at the Sunday Mass. Christ is present in four fold ways, in the bread and wine, the Presider, the word of God and the community gathered. But for a lot of people the Sunday mass and readings and homily goes too quickly. In order for people to think back on the mass, we will have the "Question of the Week". The purpose of the "Question of the Week" is to bring together people of all ages to learn about and share their faith. The question will be relating to one of the readings from Sunday's Mass. The question will allow different ministry groups and families to break open the word and share faith throughout the week.

Question of the Week:

What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

Reading 1: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel : John 1:6-8, 19-28

UNTIE HIS SANDALS

John the Baptist makes both an act of humility and of hope for a coming superior. Sandals were the most common and least valuable possessions. They were things made of animal skin or plant fiber. They consisted in a flat sole tied to foot with straps. It was the duty of a slave to tie these straps for a superior. John pictures the "one who is to come" as so great that the Baptist is unfit to be even his slave.

I AM NOT WORTHY TO UNTIE HIS SANDAL STRAP *Witness to Christ*



John the Baptist is the forerunner of Jesus. He gives witness to Jesus by his preaching.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Church Humor



Atheist Holiday

An atheist complained to a Christian friend, "You Christians have your special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter.

Jews celebrate their national holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur.

But we atheists have no recognized national holidays. It's unfair discrimination."

His friend replied, "Why don't you celebrate April first?"

The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting a Respect Life Essay and Video Contest!

This year's theme is "Humanae Vitae... 50 years later." The contest invites participants to Reflect on a recent cultural, event, or movement from the last year. Then, put that event or idea in conversation with a selected passage from the 1968 encyclical Humanae Vitae and ask: "How does the Church stand as a sign of contradiction today?" Grades 7-12 and college age students are encouraged to participate in the contest by developing the theme in a video and submitting online. High School students have the additional opportunity to participate in an essay contest developing the theme in 500 words or less. All entries should be submitted to the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life by January 15, 2018. Awards amounts between \$50 - \$500 will be given to 1st and 2nd place in Middle School, High School, and College. **For all the information, guidelines, and submission details visit www.cdrcmfl.org/respectlife/respectlifecontest/.** Questions can be directed to cmfl@richmonddiocese.org or 804-622-5109.

Simbang Gabi

The Office of Asian Ministry invites you to join the Filipino Community for a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother. Simbang Gabi, which means Mass at Dawn, is a journey of spiritual preparation to welcome and receive the Child Jesus. **Holy Rosary will host the opening night of Simbang Gabi on Tuesday, December 19, 7:00pm.** Please come out and support our Filipino Brothers and Sisters. There will be a reception immediately following. If you would like to donate food for the reception and/or assist in the preparation please contact Pam Harris, (804) 658-8816. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

For more information about Simbang Gabi and other events/programs related to the Office of Asian Ministry please visit www.richmonddiocese.org or email Pam Harris, Director, Office of Asian Ministry, asianministry@richmonddiocese.org.

2018 Envelopes

Parishioners: Please pick up your 2018 two (2) box set of envelopes from the table in the Commons. The envelopes that you request each year cost a great deal if you are not aware, so please use your envelopes. Consider using E-Giving, if you do so then you will not receive envelopes unless you request them. Help the parish cut down on the cost of ordering envelopes. Thank You!



Don't forget to check our web site at www.hrccrichmond.org.

During the month of November we collected through **E-giving** a total of **\$9,022.00**. For the **General Collection** we collected **\$7,022.00** and for the **Debt Reduction** we collected **\$2,000.00**. Thank you so much!

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

*Sunday December 17th
Third Sunday of Advent*

*Sunday December 24th
8AM Mass
Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Christmas Eve
7:00PM- 7:45 PM- Music Concert & Children's
Christmas Play
8PM- Christmas Eve Vigil Mass*

*Monday December 25th
Christmas Day—No Mass at Holy Rosary
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Monday December 25- Friday December 29th
No Daily Mass on Wednesday December 27 and
Thursday December 28*

*Sunday December 31st
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast Day)
Mass at 8AM and 11AM
(Guest Celebrant- Fr. Mark Kowalski)
No New Year's Eve Mass*

*Monday January 1, 2018
Church Office Closed*

