

April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday Of Divine Mercy)

“Jesus, I Trust In You”

Holy Rosary CATHOLIC CHURCH

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

- Sunday Mass**..... 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
- Sunday Adult Bible Study** 9:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. via Zoom
- Weekdays:**
 Wednesdays Daily Mass.....9:00 A.M.
 Holy Days.....TBA
 Bible Study-Thursdays.... 10 A.M. via Zoom
- Confessions:** Sunday 7:45 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. before Mass.

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:

OFFICE HOURS-CLOSED MONDAY— (In Case of an Emergency call 804-363-3379)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY... 9:00a.m.-3:00pm-THURSDAYS-9:00a.m.-12Noon

FRIDAYS.....**Closed**

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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING- General Fund

**Current Year: July 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023
Budget vs. Actual as of April 9, 2023**

Collections	Needed Weekly	Y-T-D	Budget	Difference
\$7,054.40	\$6,827	\$275,933.82	\$279,907	—(\$3,973.18)

04/9/2023 Attendance 10AM– 210

**Debt Reduction Collection (Building Fund)
Current Year: July 10, 2022 through June 30, 2023
Budget vs. Actual as of April 9, 2023**

Collection	\$1,621.50	Needed Weekly	\$1,994.00
Y-T-D	\$80,603.80	Budget	—\$81,754.00
		Difference	—(\$1,150.20)
Loan Payment Monthly:	\$9,879.00		
Outstanding Balance on Loan	\$1,075,603.64		

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



PRAY FOR THE SICK... Fr. Jay, Alphonzo Billups, Sr., Diane Billups, and all who suffer.
PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND.... Alice Wright, Clinton Harris, Jr.

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.



- April 16:** Megan Toston
- April 17:** Diane Billups, Sylvia Mayo
- April 18:** Karen Marshall
- April 19:** Hannah Barbosa, Nathan Pinnix
- April 20:** Darrion Ball, Richard Malveaux
- April 21:** Christine McLauren
- April 22:** Carolyn Page



- Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21



- Sunday April 16, 2023**
- 8AM** Mass—Ronald Pollard
- 11AM** Mass— Parishioners of Holy Rosary
- Wednesday April 19, 2023**
- 9AM** Liturgy of the Word & Communion
- Friday April 21, 2023**
- 12PM** Mass at Richmond Community Hospital

***Bible Study** will be held every Thursday 10:00am via Zoom. Contact Joanna Haliday at joanna.haliday@yahoo.com for Zoom link.
***Adult Bible Study** is held on Sunday mornings at 9:30am and Sunday evenings at 6:30pm via Zoom. Contact Mario Dance at marioedance@gmail.com for Zoom link.
***The Sunday Bulletin can be downloaded from our website: www.hrcrrichmond.org**



April 16

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you!" As you donate your gift into the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you say, "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

AIDS Ministry Spiritual Highlights

Like Thomas, many people doubted that HIV/AIDS could affect them, it was called the "Gay Plague" for many years. When Magic Johnson announced his HIV status at a press conference in 1991, he also said. "And you know sometimes you're a little naive about it and you think it could never happen to you. You only thought it could happen to, you know, other people and so on and all. And it has happened, but I'm going to deal with it and my life will go on.

**Annual Benefit Dinner
Saint Francis Home
Friday, April 28, 2023**

Join Saint Francis – Manchester for an enchanting evening benefitting our faith-based Community, dedicated to serving older adults with limited financial means. Includes cocktails, a seated dinner, and live auction at the Commonwealth Club.

To reserve a seat call (804) 237-5602 or email cheinen@saintfrancisrva.org

Question of the Week
April 16, 2023



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:

Adults: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week - how you are being sent forth.

Children: Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

Reading 1: Acts 2:42-47

Reading 2: 1 Pt 1:3-9

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31



The Members of the
Fr. Charles G. O'Leary Council 6457
Of Holy Rosary Catholic Church
would cordially like to invite you to be our guest!



Saturday, April 29, 2023
4:00PM
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Meet & Greet Reception~~ 4:00PM-5:00PM
Dinner & Dance~~ 5:00PM-8:00PM
Attire: Business

RSVP: Sam.patterson@rva.gov

50th Anniversary Celebration

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the eighth day of Easter; that is, the Sunday after Easter Sunday).

Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. Christ's Divine Mercy is the love that He has for mankind, despite our sins that separate us from Him.

The History of Divine Mercy Sunday

The Octave, or eighth day, of Easter has always been considered special by Christians. Christ, after His Resurrection, revealed Himself to His disciples, but Saint Thomas wasn't with them. He declared that he would never believe that Christ had risen from the dead until he could see Him in the flesh and probe Christ's wounds with his own hands. This earned him the name "Doubting Thomas."

A week after Christ rose from the dead, He appeared once again to His disciples, and this time Thomas was there. His doubt was vanquished, and he professed His belief in Christ.

Nineteen centuries later, Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions that took place over almost eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the Divine Mercy Novena, which He asked Sister Faustina to pray for nine days, beginning on Good Friday. That meant that the novena ended on the Saturday after Easter — the eve of the Octave of Easter. Thus, since novenas are commonly prayed in advance of a feast, the Feast of Divine Mercy — Divine Mercy Sunday — was born.

Indulgences for Divine Mercy Sunday

A plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from sins that have already been confessed) is granted on the Feast of Divine Mercy if to all the faithful who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and "in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!')."

A partial indulgence (the remission of some temporal punishment from sin) is granted to the faithful "who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation."

Job Opportunity

Elementary Teacher at All Saints Catholic School

All Saints Catholic School in Richmond, Virginia, is seeking an elementary teacher (JK-5) for the 2023-2024 school year, with a current VA stat Teaching License. The successful candidate must instruct through engaged, hands-on teaching and learning, utilize 21st Century teaching skills, possess good communication skills, and be able to work collaboratively with an instructional team. Practicing Catholics preferred. Please send resume, Diocesan Application, three letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to All Saints Catholic School, Attn: Scott Meadows, Principal; 3418 Noble Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222 or via email to smeadows@allsaintsric.org.

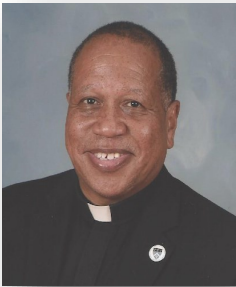
EASTER REVIVAL

Theme: "Renew Us In Your Spirit O Lord"

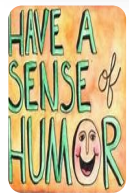
Dates: APRIL 17 and April 18

Time: 6:00PM

Place: Holy Rosary Catholic Church



Guest Speaker:
Fr. Anthony Bozeman SSJ



A CAT GOES TO HEAVEN

A cat dies and goes to Heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, 'you have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you desire is yours, all you have to do is ask.' The cat says, 'Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors. 'God says,' Say no more.' And instantly, a fluffy pillow appears.

A few days later, 6 mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to Heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer that He made the cat. The mice said, 'All our lives we've had to run. Cats, dogs and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, each mouse is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates. About a week later, God decides to check and see how the cat is doing. The cat is sound asleep on his new pillow. God gently wakes him and asks, 'How are you doing? Are you happy here?' The cat yawns and stretches and says, 'Oh, I've never been happier in my life. And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!'

Parish Giving



Please consider making Electronic Contributions throughout the year. This cuts down on the cost of envelopes. Check our website www.hrcrrichmond.org

Please support Holy Rosary Parish through your donations:

- Mail in your usual donation amount by check to Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 3300 "R" Street, Richmond, VA 23223 or go to E-Giving to set up your donations. Donations can also be dropped off at the church. Thanks!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2023 "Sharing His Love with Others"



Today Jesus specifically blesses "those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). If you haven't seen Jesus, you have a special potential for blessedness. That's us!

It's a special joy that comes from hope. Confidently hoping for the fulfillment of our desire is a joyful state. Enduring in such hope *increases* our capacity for joy.

Oh, joy upon joy! Indeed, "All the way to heaven is heaven," as a saying attributed to St. Catherine of Siena goes. Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal so we can help others access this joy. As a parish, we rejoice to have such a massive hope for one another.

Please help us reach souls who labor in quiet despair because without you, we can't reach them. Pray, donate, and sacrifice for our Appeal. By giving with the confidence that "gifts will be given to you" (Luke 6:38). *Blessed* are those who have not seen and have believed. *Believe* in what Christ can do through our parish for this local community. *Believe* because "Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5). Alleluia!