

**July 23, 2023**  
**16th SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**“ His enemy came and sowed**  
**weeds all through the**  
**wheat.” MT 13:24-43**



# 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: [www.richmonddiocese.org/office/vocations](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/office/vocations).*

**OFFICE HOURS-CLOSED MONDAY— (In Case of an Emergency call 434-288-0184)**

**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 01, 2023 through June 30, 2024  
Budget vs. Actual as of July 16, 2023**

Collections	Needed Weekly	Y-T-D	Budget	Difference
\$5,988	\$6,923	\$23,221.50	\$13,846.00	+\$2,452.50

**07/16/2023 Attendance 8AM- 71 11AM-110**

**Debt Reduction Collection (Building Fund)**

**Current Year: July 01, 2023 through June 30, 2024  
Budget vs. Actual as of July 16, 2023**

Collection	\$1,791.00	— Needed Weekly—	\$1,994.00
		Y-T-D	\$7,902.50
Budget—	\$5,982.00	Difference	\$1,920.50
Loan Payment Monthly:	\$9,879.00		
Outstanding Balance on Loan	\$1,050,679.34		

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



**PRAY FOR THE SICK... Fr. Jay, Alphonzo Billups, Sr., Deacon Will, 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.**



- July 23:** Janice Jackson
- July 25:** Donita Harper, Jadira Jones, Fatima Jordon Jeanette White
- July 26:** Kevin Huynh
- July 27:** Chinelo Igweike, LaFreda Williams
- July 29:** Rudolph Morton



- Sunday:** Wis 12:13,16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43
- Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
- Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5,9-15/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
- Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Jn 11:19-27



- Sunday July 23, 2023**
- 8AM** Mass—Lila Mae Garlick
- 11AM** Mass—George Pollard, Sr.
- Wednesday July 26, 2023**
- 9AM** Liturgy of the Word & Communion
- Friday July 28, 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](http://www.hrcrrichmond.org)**



Hearing today's Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

**This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our community.**

**AIDS Ministry Spiritual Highlights**

Trust in God's mercy, and be open to God's loving kindness. The weeds will grow. But God is patient, knowing our love He will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

**AIDS Fact:** The United Nations agency focused on ending the AIDS epidemic released a new report that claims there is a clear path to end the epidemic by 2030.



**MINISTRIES CHAIRSPERSONS MEETING WITH FR. TOCHI**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th at 6:00PM**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th**

**Youth & Young Adult Talk with Fr. Tochi  
10:00AM-1:00PM**

**AFRICAN MASS & RECEPTION  
HOLY ROSARY**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th, 2023  
11:00AM**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18th  
6:00PM**

**Question of the Week**  
**July 23, 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:** How would you describe "the weeds" which have polluted your own faith, or the faith of people whom you know.

**Children:** The good and the bad have the same opportunity to rule our life. What are you doing (bad habits, poor choices, etc.) that you need to weed out? Who can help you with that?

**Reading 1:** Wis 12:13,16-19

**Reading 2:** Rom 8:26-27

**Gospel:** Mt 13:24-43



**Gifts for Rectory**

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:**

For those who are able to help update the Rectory; there are several ways this can be done. There is a gift registry on Amazon. It is under the name Father Tochi and you would select the drop- down gift list. We also have a E-giving drop-down for those who would like to give a monetary contribution.

The link to Amazon is: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/3Q46D2DK9HUH9?share=false>

Thanking you in advance for your generosity!



**"WE'VE GOT A TESTIMONY"**

We have kicked off our "We've Got A Testimony" 70th Jubilee Anniversary Fundraiser ! Help us celebrate seven decades of faith, community, and service by supporting our fundraising efforts. Together, we can make a meaningful impact as we embark on this special milestone in our church's history. You can be a part of this exciting journey! **Each family has been asked to donate \$170.00 to help the parish reach it's goal of \$17,000.** Donation envelopes for the 70th Anniversary Fundraiser can be found in the basket on the table in the Commons or you can make a donation online thru E-Giving.

**Deadline for donations—September 17th 2023.**

**12th Annual**  
**Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament**  
**Monday, October 9, 2023**



**Entry Fee**

\$440 entry fee per team

\$110 per single player (If paid in advance) or  
\$120 per single player (If paid at tournament)

Payments can be made electronically on the church website at [www.hrccrichmond.org](http://www.hrccrichmond.org) or by calling the church office 804-222-1105 with your credit or debt card number.

**Includes:** Green fees, cart, range balls, Continental breakfast, lunch and prizes

**Location**

Brickshire Golf Club  
5520 Virginia Park Drive  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
(804) 966-7888

**Prizes**

- Bishop's Cup Trophy for 1st Place Parish Team
- Tournament prizes for 1st place winner
- Longest drive (Men & Women)
- Closest to the pin (Men & Women)
- Prize Drawings and Give-A-ways

**Registration form can be found on the church Website: [www.hrccrichmond.org](http://www.hrccrichmond.org)**  
**Call the church office at 222-1105 or contact Walter Jones at 757-287-7889 for more details**  
**~Donations Accepted~**



**Servers Needed!**

Parishioners of Holy Rosary, we are in need of volunteers to serve as Altar Servers at 8:00am and 11:00am masses. Young people (who have had first communion) as well as adults are invited to serve! No training, no worry, we will provide training! We desperately need you as some of our servers are going off to college in August. Please prayerfully consider this vital ministry!

Thanks,  
Walter Jones  
[vze25nxml1@verizon.net](mailto:vze25nxml1@verizon.net)

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

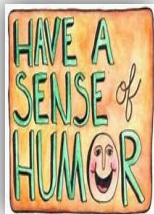
Beginning in August Confessions will be heard on Sunday from 7:15am-7:40am and 10:00am-10:30am

Adoration will be every Wednesday after the weekday mass until noon in the Chapel.

Thanks  
Fr. Tochi

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:**

Deacon Frank will celebrate Liturgy of the Word and Communion on Wednesday July 26 at 9:00AM.



The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.



Please consider making Electronic Contributions throughout the year. This cuts down on the cost of envelopes. Check our website: [www.hrccrichmond.org](http://www.hrccrichmond.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!

**Commonwealth Catholic Charities**

**Save the Date!**

November 25: Hope Soccer Festival, Roanoke, VA.

Visit [www.cccofva.org/hopesoccer](http://www.cccofva.org/hopesoccer) to learn more about playing or becoming a sponsor! All proceeds will benefit the Ndarugiriye Mariam Scholarship Fund 2012 for refugee youth and CCC's Refugee Resettlement program.

**September 15, 4:00-7:00:**  
**Art Gallery Opening, CCC, Richmond.**  
Bring your family for a day of art, fun and food!

**We are hiring!**

We are hiring a new position for a **Mission Advancement Associate** in Richmond!

If you know anyone interested in applying, please visit: <https://www.paycomonline.net/v4/ats/web.php/jobs/ViewJobDetails?job=62067&clientkey=F4BFB179DE57FCD49FFDFF07729FAB6E> or careers [www.cccofva.org/careers](http://www.cccofva.org/careers).

**Money Counters Needed**

Money Counters are needed to assist with counting the collection after the 11:00AM Mass on Sundays. Training will be provided and you will be asked to commit to at least one or maybe two Sundays a month. Contact the church office if interested. Thank You!