

**December 10, 2023  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**“Prepare the Way  
of the Lord...”  
Mk 1:1-8**



# Holy Rosary CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Mass**..... 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.  
11:00 A.M. Livestreamed Mass each Sunday on  
YOUTUBE: To watch access our website at  
[www.hrccrichmond.org](http://www.hrccrichmond.org)  
**Sunday Adult Bible Study** ..... 9:30 A.M.  
and 6:30 P.M. via Zoom  
**Weekdays:**  
Wednesdays.. Daily Mass....9:00 A.M.  
Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday after  
Daily Mass until 12noon  
Holy Days.....TBA  
Bible Study-Thursdays.... 10 A.M. via Zoom  
**Confessions:** Sunday 7:15 A.M.—7:40 A.M.  
and 10:00 A.M.—10:30 A.M. before Mass.

*For information about joining Holy Rosary, please see an Usher or Greeter. For Sacramental information please call the Church Office during business hours.*

**OFFICE HOURS-CLOSED MONDAY—** (In Case of an Emergency call 434-288-0184)  
**TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY... 9:00a.m.-3:00pm-THURSDAYS-9:00a.m.-2pm**  
**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.*



General Fund Collection

Current Year: July 01, 2023 through June 30, 2024  
Budget vs. Actual as of December 3, 2023

| Collections | Needed Weekly | Y-T-D        | Budget    | Difference    |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| \$7,698     | \$6,923       | \$151,295.80 | \$159,229 | —(\$7,933.28) |

12/03/2023 Attendance 8AM—79 11AM—134

Debt Reduction Collection (Building Fund)  
Current Year: July 01, 2023 through June 30, 2024  
Budget vs. Actual as of December 3, 2023  
Collection \$3,041.00— Needed Weekly \$1,994.00  
Y-T-D— \$46,437.42  
Budget—\$45,862.00— Difference —(\$575.42)  
Loan Payment Monthly: \$9,879.00  
Outstanding Balance on Loan **\$1,050,679.34**

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



Please consider making Electronic Contributions throughout the year. 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!

Scan the QR code to give online: Just point your camera at the code and click the link that pops up. It’s easy!



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, 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.



**For the Week of December 10**

- Sunday:** Is 40:1-5,9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 17:9a,10-13

**Happy Birthday**

- December 10:** Danyale Little, Litasi Ndayizgiye
- December 11:** David Murray
- December 13:** David Cornwall
- December 14:** Ericka Garland, Kailyn St. Julian-Ball
- December 15:** Sara Harper
- December 16:** Elina Dusabimana



**Liturgical Ministers for December 17 8:00AM**

Lectors—Martha Williams and Joanna Haliday  
EOM of Holy Communion—Patricia Clarke  
Altar Servers—Rob Jones and Christiana Huynh  
Ushers—Clarence McGill, Floyd Underwood, David Murray, David Cornwall  
Greeters—Carolyn Page and Sheila Stanley

**11:00AM**

Lectors—Marie Cornwall and Alain Holly  
EOM of Holy Communion—Sam Patterson  
Altar Servers—Rose Scott, Victor Kimbrough, Gilbert Menefield  
Children’s Liturgist—Arshae Davis and Christina Frias  
Ushers—KiAundra Hurt, Kayla Hill, Kiyah McBride, Isaac Mason  
Greeters— Alice Jones and Gail Candido  
Counters— Sheila Miles, Gail Candido, Lyndon Patrick



- Sunday December 10, 2023**  
8AM Mass—Linda Jackson-Hills  
11AM Mass—The Parishioners of Holy Rosary
- Wednesday December 13, 2023**  
9AM Mass—Lucy Marie Romano Parisi  
Eucharistic Adoration following Daily Mass until 12 Noon in the Chapel
- Friday December 15, 2023**  
12PM Mass at Richmond Community Hospital

\***Bible Study** will be held every Thursday 10:00am via Zoom. Contact Joanna Haliday at [joanna.holiday@yahoo.com](mailto:joanna.holiday@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](mailto:marioedance@gmail.com) for Zoom link.

\***Our Sunday Livestream Services can be seen on You Tube visit: [www.hrccrichmond.org](http://www.hrccrichmond.org)**

\*The Sunday Bulletin can be downloaded from our website: [www.hrccrichmond.org](http://www.hrccrichmond.org)

**Question of the Week**  
**December 10, 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:** When you hear Isaiah comfort the people by promising that God is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs into his arms, what is your response?

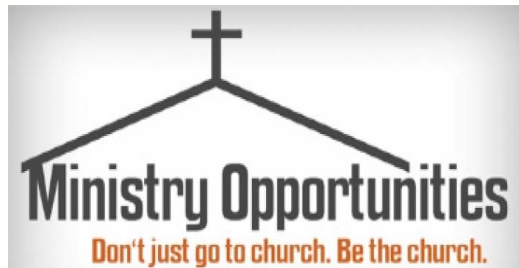
**Children:** John went out to announce the good news of the Messiah's coming. How can you be good news to your friends and family this week?

**Reading 1:** Is 40:1-5,9-11

**Reading 2:** 2 Pt3:8-14

**Gospel:** Mk 1:1-8

**UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES**



**Sunday December 10**

Ministries Fair  
 Parishioners Sign-Up for  
 the Various Ministries  
 After Each Mass

**Friday December 15**

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction  
 6:00PM

**Saturday December 16**

Children's/Youth Choir Practice  
 10:00AM

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**CANDLE OF Peace**



The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

**HOLY ROSARY ADVENT  
 AND  
 CHRISTMAS CALENDAR 2023**

Sunday December 17th  
 Third Sunday of Advent  
 8AM Mass  
 11AM Mass

Sunday December 24  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 10AM Mass

Sunday December 24th  
 Christmas Eve  
 6PM Mass

Monday December 25th  
 The Nativity of the Lord  
 10AM Mass Christmas Day

Sunday December 31  
 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
 10AM Mass

Sunday December 31  
 New Year's Eve  
 6PM Mass

Monday January 1, 2024  
 10AM Mass  
 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
 Happy New Year



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord."

We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

**AIDS Spiritual Reflections:**

The purpose of the coming of Christ was to speak to us humans about the love which the great all-powerful God has for us. The language of God at Christmas is one of love. Our vocation as Christians is to continue learning the language of love, not only at Christmas but throughout our lives.

As we prepare for Christmas we pray for the men and women suffering from HIV/AIDS may our lives be a sign of faith. We pray for those who do not know that God is "Emmanuel", may our lives be a sign of charity and love.



**Annual Angel Tree—November 19–December 17**

Select an Angel Tag from the tree in the Commons, donate a gift for boy or girl (ages infant to 16 years old). Return the gift unwrapped on or before the deadline **December 17th**.

The Social Justice Ministry thanks each of you in advance for your continued support of this event

**ADVENT BOOKS**

Advent books are available for \$1.00. A few copies of the Josephite Calendar is also available for \$5.00.

**Legion of Mary Holy Hour of Adoration**

The Legion of Mary **will not** have a Sunday Holy Hour of Adoration on December 24th. Going forward the 4th Sunday Holy Hour of Adoration will be held immediately after the 8AM Mass rather than at 9:30AM.

**Christmas and Easter Flower Fund Donations**

Parishioners are you aware that you can make donations for Christmas Flowers and Easter Flowers online in **E-GIVING**. The parish would like your donation to be at least \$25.00 due to the rise in cost for flowers. You can leave in the comment section once you make your donation who the flowers are in memory/honor of.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2023-2024**

**—Sharing His Love With Others—**



John the Baptist was a striking messenger. Camel's hair, locusts, and wild behavior drew a lot of attention!

God called the Israelites through the waters of the Red Sea into the desert to become his people. John did something similar. He drew people to the waters of baptism, a prefigurement of our sacramental Baptism. John is an image of the Church: "A voice of one crying in the desert." (Mark 1:3) The Church, from century to century, calls with love to parched souls: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water!" (Isaiah 55:1)

Our parish joins the cry of John and the universal Church. In our Annual Diocesan Appeal, your parish calls to you with the same thirst of all the souls longing for the coming of Christ. With your sacrificial gifts, you can simultaneously help us satisfy the thirst of our community, while making more room in your own heart for the coming of God.

By your prayers, you can help our call ring out loudly and call many souls to the Church. Souls are thirsting for Christ right here in our streets. They need the water that only God can give. Join our Annual Diocesan Appeal this Advent, and help our voice reach them in this thirsty corner of the country.