



**April 23, 2023**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*“Jesus on the road to Emmaus.”*



# 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 16, 2023**

Collections	Needed Weekly	Y-T-D	Budget	Difference
\$5,974	\$6,827	\$281,907.82	286,734	—(\$4,826.18)

**04/16/2023 Attendance 8AM- 53 11AM-143**

**Debt Reduction Collection (Building Fund)**  
**Current Year: July 10, 2022 through June 30, 2023**  
**Budget vs. Actual as of April 16, 2023**

Collection	\$1,221.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,994.00
Y-T-D	\$81,824.80	Budget	\$83,748.00
		Difference	—(\$1,923.20)
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 24:** Richard Thomas



**April 23**

*In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.*

**AIDS Ministry Spiritual Highlights**

*How did Cleopas and his partner not recognize Jesus until the breaking of the bread? After his death and entombment Jesus probably looked a little different. Much as our brothers and sisters might look different when they are suffering the debilitating effects of AIDS. But they are wholly familiar to their loved ones who recognize their gestures, like when Jesus broke the bread, and their speech patterns when he gave the blessing. Look for the dignity of every human knowing that some among us are HIV positive or have other invisible but life threatening challenges and need our love and our recognition.*



<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 2:14,22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 23, 2023</b>	
<b>8AM</b>	Mass—Julia Harris	
<b>11AM</b>	Mass—Andrew “Billy” Booker	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 26, 2023</b>	
<b>9AM</b>	Liturgy of the Word & Communion	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 28, 2023</b>	
<b>12PM</b>	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)**



*Parishioners: Are you looking for a volunteer job that will keep you busy and ensure you gain new skills? We need a person to volunteer in the office on Wednesdays and /or Thursdays from 9-2pm. You can stay for the entire time or choose to do a few hours on those days. Please contact Tanya in the office if you are able to assist in any way. Thank You!*



**Question of the Week**  
**April 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:** Christ continues to feed us as his disciples, even after his death and resurrection. How does the Eucharist feed your faith?

**Children:** Jesus asked Peter three times to "feed my sheep." Who are you being called to help in your life right now?

**Reading 1:** Acts 2:14,22-33

**Reading 2:** 1 Pt 1:17-21

**Gospel:** Lk 24:13-35



**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**

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Easter encourage us to truly walk the path of discipleship. In the first reading Peter boldly proclaims the Good News. The psalm reminds us that God will guide us along the path of life. The second reading explains that Jesus Christ died so we could have new life. And in the gospel, two disciples encounter the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

- **The Road to Emmaus:** Two disciples were walking to the village of Emmaus after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, when they were joined by a stranger who was actually Jesus himself. The theme of the Road to Emmaus is about recognizing the risen Christ in unexpected places and unexpected ways.

- **Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread:** In the Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. This theme emphasizes the importance of the Eucharist, and that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Eucharistic celebration.

- **Witnessing and Testimony:** Christians are called to be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus, and to share their testimony of how their lives have been changed by their faith in him. This theme is reflected in the reading from Acts, in which Peter proclaims the good news of Jesus' resurrection to a crowd in Jerusalem.

- **Discipleship:** Christians are called to recognize Jesus in unexpected ways, to share their testimony of faith, to spread the good news of Jesus, and to study and apply the teachings of scripture in their lives. We are called to continual growth and transformation in the Christian faith. Being a disciple of Jesus involves a lifelong journey of learning, service, and devotion.

- **Fellowship:** We come together to share in the Eucharistic celebration, to remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and to be nourished by his presence in the bread and wine. We are not called to follow Jesus alone, but to be part of a community of believers who support and encourage one another in our faith.

## HABITAT For HUMANITY

Habitat is holding a Faith landscaping day. Saturday, May 13 from 9:30 am - 12:00 noon. They are in need of individuals and families to help as they do final plantings and preparations for three new home dedications. Holy Rosary Habitat lead Martha Harper will be recovering from surgery, so please directly contact Mr. Burdette Robinson to help at [brobinson@richmondhabitat.org](mailto:brobinson@richmondhabitat.org). Tell him you are with Holy Rosary and would like to volunteer. Grab a friend join with another HRCC family and have fun. Children ages 12 and up are able to do landscaping with an accompanying parent. Habitat will provide plants and tools, you provide the joy and gloves!



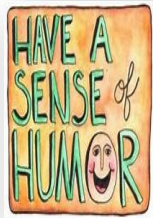
### *Sacrament of Baptism*

*Congratulations to the following children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at the 11am Mass.*

*Bizimana Noah Siliaki, son of Elina & Siliaki Nduwayo*

*Libra Minani Ndayizigiye, daughter of Denise Simon & Litimoni Ndayizigiye*

*~~Please keep them in your prayers~~*



### SHORT N SWEET

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus.'

## Parish Giving



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!

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2023 "Sharing His Love with Others"



Today, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. We cannot experience him so utterly in any other way than the Eucharist. It makes a sacred union possible: God with man, man with God, one in both soul and body. What a mysterious exchange.

Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal so that we can share the delightful news that God is here and ready to commune with those who hunger and thirst for him.

It is abundantly true that "the harvest is abundant" (Matthew 9:37). When you think about it, it's shocking how accessible God is through the Eucharist. Tens of thousands of parishes throughout the world offer the most profound, satisfying, intimate experience ever. Our local community's salvation is counting on us to reach out to help them

Please generously join our Appeal. Please help us help him reach them!