



BUT SOME SEED FELL ON RICH SOIL, AND PRODUCED FRUIT, A HUNDRED OR SIXTY OR THIRTYFOLD.
Matthew 13:8

July 16, 2023
15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 “A sower went out to sow ...”
Mt 13:1-9

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 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 9, 2023**

Collections	Needed Weekly	Y-T-D	Budget	Difference
\$7,300.50	\$6,923	\$17,233.50	\$13,846.00	+\$3,387.50

07/09/2023 Attendance 8AM-70 11AM-107

Debt Reduction Collection (Building Fund)

**Current Year: July 01, 2023 through June 30, 2024
Budget vs. Actual as of July 9, 2023**

Collection	\$2,033.50	— Needed Weekly—	\$1,994.00
		Y-T-D	\$6,111.50
Budget—	\$3,988.00	Difference	\$2,123.50
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., William Burrell,
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 17: Rickie Garland, Raynor Saunders
- July 18: Fernando Bonner
- July 19: Armenious Jeffers, Jamal Miles
- July 20: Kason McLean
- July 21: Mycah Smith
- July 22: Josephine Murray, Linda Patterson, Steven Vornov



- Sunday:** Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23
- Monday:** Ex 1:8-14,22/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6,9-12/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Sg 3:1-4a/Jn 20:1-2,11-18



- Sunday July 16, 2023**
- 8AM** Mass—Anne Henderson
- 11AM** Mass—James Richard Schrier
- Wednesday July 19, 2023**
- 9AM** Mass—Lila Garlick
- Friday July 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



In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week by donating to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that together all gifts will produce fruit a hundred fold.

AIDS Ministry Spiritual Highlights

We ourselves are the ones who spread the word of good news. If we see ourselves as the seed, it reminds us that we sow God's word wherever we are, by word and example. This is our call to discipleship! All we need to do is "see with our eyes, hear with our ears and understand with our hearts."



**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 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: Using the parable of Jesus in this reading, describe how faith has been planted in your life? How long did it take for that seed to land "on good soil?"

Children: When the sower, in this week's Gospel, sowed his seed, not all of it fell in "good soil." What can you do in the coming week to make sure that you are open to God in your life? What is getting in the way of your being "good soil?"

Reading 1: Is 55:10-11
Reading 2: Rom 8:18-23
Gospel: Mt 13:1-23

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 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
Call the church office at 222-1105 or contact Walter Jones at 757-287-7889 for more details
~Donations Accepted~

Fr. Tochi Iwuji
 Joan Gary
 Richard Branch
 Deborah Branch
 Rose Scott
 Tanya LeSane
 Deacon Frank Nelson
 Kanika McBride
 Kiyah McBride
 Ameenah Zakia
 Harmony Kimbrough
 Victor Kimbrough
 Carla Kimbrough
 Shirley Johnson
 Kelly Davis
 Gloria Cokes
 Cheryl Rosser
 Alice Robinson
 JoLinda Underwood
 Jeremiah Underwood
 Mario Dance
 Mary Harris
 Charlette Wilson
 Tiara Churchwell
 Gretta Barnes
 Janice Jackson
 Berna Seabrook
 Katreena Arnold
 Candra Parker

We are blessed to have so many parishioners attending the National Black Catholic Congress IX, July 20 - 23. We are also pleased to announce that three of our parishioners are presenters at the Congress: Deacon Frank Nelson, Mario Dance and Candra Parker. Our pastor Fr. Tochi Iwuji will be attending both the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) and the African Eucharistic Congress held at the same time. Fr. Tochi will be a presenter at the African Eucharistic Congress.

The NBCC convenes every five years to join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to and with Black Catholics for a celebration of our faith and culture; and to renew and develop the African American Catholic Mission in the United States with a National Pastoral Plan. Please pray for a fruitful outcome. For additional information about the History of the NBCC and Congress IX, please visit their website at nbcccongress.org.



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
vze25nxm1@verizon.net



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!

Myrtle Taylor Battle Scholarship Recipient 2023



This year's Myrtle T. Battle Scholarship is awarded to Carrington Elijah Jones.

He is the son of Danielle Jones and grandson of Walter and Alice Jones.

He is a graduate of the first graduating class of Cristo Rey High School.

He will attend Virginia State University and his attended course of study is Engineering.

We thank him for his dedicated service to the church and we will keep him in our prayers.