



**July 9, 2023  
14th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**“ Come to me , all you who  
labor and are burdened and  
I will give you rest.”**



# **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 2, 2023**

Collections	Needed Weekly	Y-T-D	Budget	Difference
\$9,933.00	\$6,923	\$9,933.00	\$6,923	\$3,010.00

**07/02/2023 Attendance 8AM-78 11AM148**

**Debt Reduction Collection (Building Fund)**

**Current Year: July 01, 2023 through June 30, 2024  
Budget vs. Actual as of July 2, 2023**

Collection	\$4,078.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,994.00
Y-T-D	\$4,078.00	Budget	\$1,994.00
		Difference	\$2,084.00
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, Kathryn Johnston, Deacon Will, McCoy Welch, Sr., 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 9: Roxanne Wall
- July 11: Danette Hughes, Jackson Igweike, Gerard Dean-McBride, Jurnee Ross, Andrew Williams
- July 12: Theodore Maloney, Sophia Murray
- July 13: Jane Henderson, Lauren Hunter
- July 14: Gwendolyn Marsh, Cairo Ohree
- July 15: Taiheem Churchwell, Melanie Titmus, Juwan Williams



- Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9,11-13/Mt 11:25-30
- Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday:** Gn44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday:** Gn 46:1-7,28-30/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33



- Sunday July 9, 2023**
- 8AM** Mass—William Seabrook
- 11AM** Mass—David Francis Nelson
- Wednesday July 12, 2023**
- 9AM** Mass— Christopher Payne
- Friday July 14, 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)**



In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life's burdens.**

**AIDS Ministry Spiritual Highlights**

We must let go of all our own pretensions, become meek and humble like Jesus and serve others.

**AIDS Fact:** "Many of the same systems, organizations, and approaches that were developed to fight HIV are now integral to the lifesaving efforts to protect vulnerable populations from COVID-19." CDC



**MINISTRIES CHAIRSPERSONS MEETING  
WITH FR. TOCHI  
AUGUST 4th at 6:00PM**

**AFRICAN MASS & RECEPTION  
HOLY ROSARY  
AUGUST 12th, 2023  
11:00AM**

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

**Question of the Week**  
**July 9, 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:**

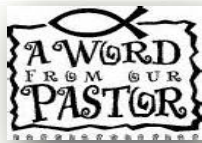
**Adults:** As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you consolation and peace?

**Children:** : Jesus invites us to bring him our burdens and promises us that he will give us rest. How do you rely on Jesus during times of trouble? When has Jesus helped you?

**Reading 1:** Zec 9:9-10

**Reading 2:** Rom 8:9,11-13

**Gospel:** Mt 11:25-30



Dear brothers and sisters,

It is with joy that I begin my ministry as your pastor. I wish to share with you one of my favorite scriptures, "Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints." (Jude 1:3).

My dear friends, as I shared with you on my first Sunday, my only mission is to accompany you to the foot of the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. At the foot of the Cross, we shall all be redeemed, healed, restored, and saved. I need you all to succeed for together, we shall keep our faith alive, our hope sustained, and our love nourished.

For those who have not been back or those who have been away for whatever reason, we miss you and need you back, our family will be joyful with your return.

God bless you and your families, Amen.

Fr. Tochi Iwuji



**"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! As stated on Sunday June 4th , each family was 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.**

**Angela F. Jackson**

**Chair, Fundraising Committee**

**Catholic Saint**

**Patron Saint of Ecologists and the Environment**



Born to a Christian mother, Lily of the Mohawks, now known as St. Kateri Tekakwitha was an Algonquin-Mohawk. Kateri was raised by her uncle after her parents died of the smallpox epidemic when she was four years old. When she was 19, St. Kateri converted to Catholicism. She was baptized and renamed Kateri in honor of St. Catherine of Siena. After her baptism, St. Kateri left her village and moved to the Jesuit mission village for the remaining five years of her life.

St. Kateri is known for her virtue of chastity as well as her perseverance in her religiosity despite being shunned by many members of her tribe.

She is the fourth Native American to be venerated in the Catholic Church, and the first to be canonized.

## Commonwealth Catholic Charities

*CCC's Annual School Supply Drive is starting! Please reach out to Marnie Mills if your parish would like to collect backpacks and school supplies for Foster Care and Refugee Resettlement youth. Call 540-353-3885 or email [marnie.mills@cccova.org](mailto:marnie.mills@cccova.org)*

### Save the Date!

**November 25:**

**Hope Soccer Festival, Roanoke, VA.**

Visit [www.cccova.org/hopesoccer](http://www.cccova.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:**

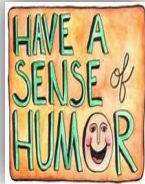
**Art Gallery Opening, CCC, Richmond.**

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.cccova.org/careers](http://www.cccova.org/careers).



*A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.*

*The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.*

*The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".*

**Parish Giving**



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



**EPIC August 19:**

*Is a one-day diocesan event for middle-school youth (rising grades 6-8). We will attend as a parish at St. Edward Catholic Church (2700 Dolfield Dr.).*

*This event is intended to be a high-energy day that is focused on two things: building community and friendships with other middle-school youth, and encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith. Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass.*

*They will also interact with high-school teens who attended Discipleship Week in the days prior to EPIC. At the end of the day, middle-school youth will walk away feeling excited about their community and their faith. Join us, it is going to be EPIC! Please call Tanya in the office to register.*

### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:**

*Please inform the church office of any changes to your address, phone number or email address. This will help us to keep our records up to date.  
Thank You!*