

Way
Truth
LIFE

May 7th, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father, except through me."

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 30, 2023

Collections	Needed Weekly	Y-T-D	Budget	Difference
\$6,227.55	\$6,827	\$293,356.37	300,388	—(\$7,031.63)

04/30/2023 Attendance 8AM- 67 11AM-88

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

Collection	\$2,338.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,994.00
Y-T-D	\$86,353.80	Budget	—\$87,736.00
		Difference	—(\$1,382.20)
		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.



- May 7:** Michael Davis
- May 8:** Ronald Robinson, Christina Thomas
- May 9:** Justin Allsbrooks, Clementine Marshall
- May 11:** Jonas Ndayizgiye
- May 12:** Khristian McLean
- May 13:** Hope Jackson



- Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21



- Sunday May 7, 2023**
8AM Mass—Beatrice Wilson Austin
11AM Mass— Wiley Jackson, Jr.
- Wednesday May 10, 2023**
9AM Liturgy of the Word & Communion
- Friday May 12, 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 the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever Believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

AIDS Ministry Spiritual Highlights

We encounter the risen Christ by doing the works of Christ and by recognizing Christ in our brothers and sisters living with AIDS/HIV.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following individuals who entered the church at Easter:

- Kenneth Huynh
- Madalegna Christiana Huynh
- Andrea Sophia Ochoa
- Michelle Monroe-Willis

Please keep them in your prayers



The Legion of Mary will recite the Rosary each Sunday during the month of May at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Please join them!

Question of the Week
May 7, 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:

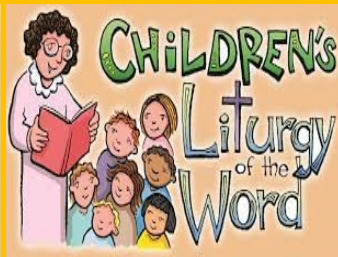
Adults: How are the promises of this Gospel passage made real in your own life? How do you experience yourself doing greater works than even Jesus did?

Children: Jesus is "the way, the truth, the life" and he asks us to do as he does. How do you try to follow Jesus' way?

Reading 1: Acts 6:1-7

Reading 2: 1 Pt 2:4-9

Gospel: Jn 14:1-12



Are you interested in helping out with Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays at 11AM Masses? We are in need of Adult Catechists at the 11AM Mass, who would be interested in taking our younger children aged 4-9 Years Old out of Church to read the Mass Readings in a simpler form. You would talk about what the readings mean for their lives. We have resources for you to use.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please contact the Religious Education Office at: (804) 222-1105.



Holy Rosary 2023
Scholarship Applications

The Myrtle T. Battle Scholarship Committee is accepting applications from high school seniors who will be attending an accredited institution of higher learning. Applications can be found on the table in the Commons.

The deadline for submitting all applications to the church office is May 15, 2023. Applications will not be accepted after this date!

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**You have questions about Confirmation.**  
**We have answers.**

**Confirmation Refresh days are here! Whether you are brand new to ministry OR you've been coordinating the Confirmation program at your parish for 20 years, you have something to gain from our Confirmation Refresh sessions. During these sessions, you will:**

- **Remember the basics of our Diocesan Confirmation guidelines**
- **Learn about a variety of programs & formats you can use at your parish**
- **Talk through the ins and outs of planning a parish Confirmation retreat**
- **Discuss situations when a candidate is an exception from the norm**

**Be able to ask questions about both preparation & liturgy**  
**All those who coordinate Confirmation at their parish are highly encouraged to attend. Confirmation Core Team volunteers are also welcome, as we will give time to talk as a group about how you might refresh your current program! We are offering 3 Confirmation Refresh days:**

- **Thursday, May 18, 2023 at Saint Andrew, Roanoke**
- **Thursday, June 1, 2023 at Star of the Sea, Virginia Beach**
- **Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at the Pastoral Center, Richmond. All Confirmation Refresh days are free and from 1-4pm. Pick the one most convenient for you!**

## VIDEO CONFERENCING ROOM

Parishioners: Holy Rosary now has a Video Conferencing Room. The technology and equipment are due to the generous donations of the Knights of Columbus and Eric Sund (IT Director of the Diocese of Richmond). Please if you have an opportunity, stop by the conference room to check it out. Also, make sure to thank the Knights of Columbus for their donation.

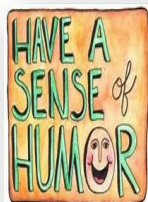
## LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

Dear Friends of St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, It is time for our Annual Lebanese Food Festival.

The 2023 Lebanese Food Festival will be held:  
Friday and Saturday,  
May 19 and 20 from 11am - 10pm  
Sunday, May 21 from 10am - 8pm

This year, Credit Cards, Punch Cards, and ATMs will be available. As usual we offer indoor and outdoor dining. There will be live music and entertainment. As always admission and parking are free. Flyer on table in the Commons.

If you have any questions check out our website at [www.LebaneseFoodFestival.com](http://www.LebaneseFoodFestival.com).



A minister dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans. Saint Peter addresses this guy, 'Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom

of Heaven?' The guy replies, 'I'm Joe Cohen, taxi driver, of Noo Yawk City.'

St. Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the taxi driver, 'Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.'

The taxi driver goes into Heaven with his robe and staff, and it's the minister's turn. He stands erect and booms out, 'I am Joseph Snow, pastor of Calvary Church for the last forty-three years.'

St Peter consults his list. He says to the minister, 'Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.'

'Just a minute,' says the minister. 'That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff. How can this be?'

'Up here, we work by results,' says Saint Peter. 'While you preached, people slept, while he drove, people prayed.'

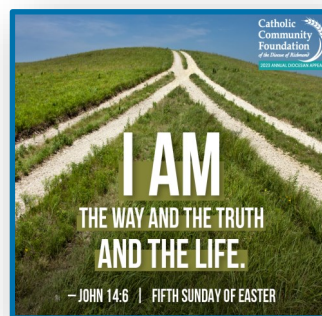


Please consider making Electronic Contributions throughout the year. This cuts down on the cost of envelopes. Check our website [www.hrcrrichmond.org](http://www.hrcrrichmond.org)

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!

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



In last week's Gospel, Jesus gave us the comforting news that we can securely follow his voice.

In today's Gospel, he explains where he's taking us: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2). What security to know that the good shepherd has prepared homes unique for each of us. Such knowledge gives us the freedom to let go of worry since he's already taken care of our needs. With that freedom, we can serve his kingdom first.

Even more exciting is that he gave us power in his service: "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these" (John 14:12). He gave our parish the gift of a mission to carry out his works here. Please give to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Through it, we can do His works!

He gave us the power to draw souls into his eternal family through Baptism. He gave us the ability to offer forgiveness through Confession. He gave us the power to fill souls with peace, warmth, and strength through the Eucharist. Please help us continue to accomplish these works by supporting our Annual Appeal. Your brothers and sisters in Christ will thank you in this life or the next. Let's get to work!