

**April 30, 2023  
Fourth Sunday  
Of Easter/  
World Day of Prayer  
for Vocations**

**“Jesus is the  
Good Shepherd.”**

# 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 23, 2023**

Collections	Needed Weekly	Y-T-D	Budget	Difference
\$5,221	\$6,827	\$287,128.82	293.561	—(\$6,432.18)

**04/23/2023 Attendance 8AM-70 11AM-169**

**Debt Reduction Collection (Building Fund)**  
**Current Year: July 10, 2022 through June 30, 2023**  
**Budget vs. Actual as of April 23, 2023**

Collection	\$2,191.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,994.00
Y-T-D	\$84,015.80	Budget	—\$85,742.00
		Difference	—(\$1,726.20)
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 30:** Rose Scott
- May 1:** Justin Madera, Veronica Welch-Williams
- May 2:** Ntakirutimana Siliaki
- May 3:** Terry Thomas
- May 4:** Joan Gary-Quash
- May 6:** Ah'Leesha Ignacio-McLean, Uwimana Siliaki



- Sunday:** Acts 2:14a,36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
- Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14



- Sunday April 30, 2023**
- 8AM** Mass—Capri Stanley-Smith
- 11AM** Mass—Parishioners of Holy Rosary
- Wednesday May 3, 2023**
- 9AM** Liturgy of the Word & Communion
- Friday May 4, 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)**



Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us and hear his words, “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.”

By your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to your suffering brothers and sisters.

**AIDS Ministry Spiritual Highlights**

Do you have personal questions about HIV(AIDS)? The CDC’s national health information hotline, provides answers to your questions regarding HIV, how to protect yourself, and where to get an HIV test. 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636) | 1-888-232-6348 TTY [www.cdc.gov/info](http://www.cdc.gov/info)



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**  
**April 30, 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:** What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?

**Children:** Jesus said “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is he asking of you?

**Reading 1:** Acts 2:14a,36-41

**Reading 2:** 1 Pt 2:20b-25

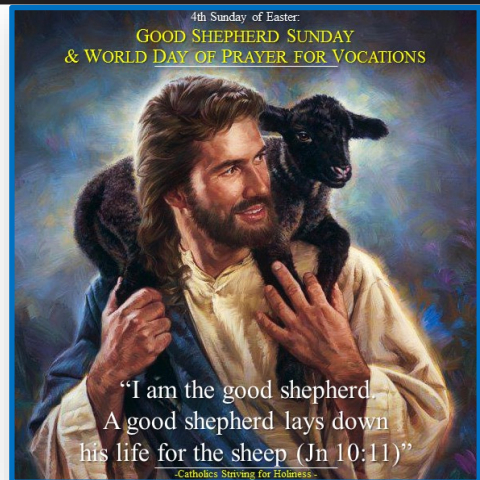
**Gospel:** Jn 10:1-10

**RICE BOWL COLLECTION**

Thank you parishioners for your generous donation of **\$653.00** to Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program. Your Lenten gifts change lives around the world.



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 at 804-222-1105 if you are able to assist in any way. Thank You!



This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, which is at the same time the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In the Gospel of the Mass (Jn 10:11-18), Jesus presents Himself as the Good Shepherd of His flock which is the entire human race, non-Christians included.

As the Good Shepherd: He “lays down his life for the sheep”; He knows his flock and his flock knows him; He is also concerned with “the other sheep which do not belong to this fold” and thus, He is at the service of the unity of “one flock and one shepherd.”

These are the characteristics of the Good Shepherd: total self-giving; intimate knowledge and union with his flock; sincere concern and at the service of unity among all men.

**TOTAL SELF-GIVING** has to be carried out not just once, but rather, daily, as Christ does in the Holy Eucharist. For this **SELF-FORGETFULNESS** is absolutely necessary, for if one is enclosed in his own world and concerns, he would be incapable of noticing the needs of the flock entrusted to Him by Our Lord.

**INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP AND UNION WITH THE FLOCK**, which Jesus carried out, first, through PRAYER, asking God for each one of us; then through his **COMPASSION and GENEROUS SERVICE** towards everyone, especially those who were lost and in most need: the sinners, the sick, the poor, the lonely.

**SINCERE CONCERN AND UNIVERSAL SERVICE TO ALL MEN**, knowing that Jesus has come in order to save us all: not only the just, but above all, the sinners; not only the Jews, but the Gentiles as well. This can be translated by asking God to grant us a huge and merciful (forgiving) heart where all can fit in, not only our family and loved ones, but those whom we don’t know and EVEN those who are against us or who have caused us harm.

Resource: [www.catholicsstrivingforholiness.com](http://www.catholicsstrivingforholiness.com)

## 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-Correction

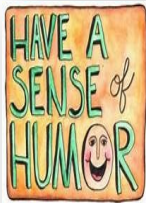
Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at the 11am Mass.

Bizimana Noah Siliaki, son of  
Elina & Siliaki Nduwayo

Libra Minani Ndayizigiye, son of  
Denise Simon & Litimoni Ndayizigiye

~~Please keep them in your prayers~~

\*\*Libra Minani Ndayizigiye was referenced as being the daughter of Denise Simon & Litimoni Ndayizigiye in last weeks bulletin.



### GIVE ME A BREAK

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both. As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, 'Oh, my God! Help me!' At once, the ferocious attack scene froze in place, and as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, 'I thought you didn't believe in Me!' Come on God, give me a break!!' the man pleaded. 'Two minutes ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!'

## 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!



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at the 11:00am Mass.

The Children of Litimoni Ndayizigiye & Denise Simon

Litasi Jolji Ndayizigiye  
Sara Marie Ndayizigiye  
Verenica Kristina Ndayizigiye

The Children of Siliaki and Elina Nduwayo

Hararamana Cristi Siliaki  
Manirakiza Thomas Siliaki  
Havyarimana Jessica Siliaki  
Nduwimana Siliaki

### 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).