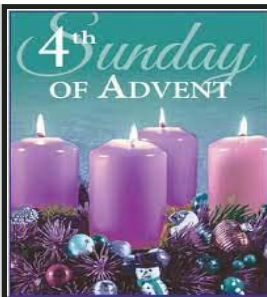


**December 24, 2023**

**“Do not be afraid, Mary,  
for you have found  
favor with God”.**



# Holy Rosary CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Mass**..... 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.  
11:00 A.M. Livestreamed Mass each Sunday on  
YOUTUBE: To watch access our website at  
www.hrccrichmond.org  
**Sunday Adult Bible Study** ..... 9:30 A.M.  
and 6:30 P.M. via Zoom  
**Weekdays:**  
Wednesdays.. Daily Mass....9:00 A.M.  
Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday after  
Daily Mass until 12noon  
Holy Days.....TBA  
Bible Study-Thursdays.... 10 A.M. via Zoom  
**Confessions:** Sunday 7:15 A.M.—7:40 A.M.  
and 10:00 A.M.—10:30 A.M. before Mass.

*For information about joining Holy Rosary, please see an Usher or Greeter. For Sacramental information please call the Church Office during business hours.*

**OFFICE HOURS-CLOSED MONDAY— (In Case of an Emergency call 434-288-0184)**  
**TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY... 9:00a.m.-3:00pm-THURSDAYS-9:00a.m.-2pm**  
**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.*



*General Fund Collection*

*Current Year: July 01, 2023 through June 30, 2024  
Budget vs. Actual as of December 17, 2023*

Collections	Needed Weekly	Y-T-D	Budget	Difference
\$7,437	\$6,923	\$166,519.30	\$173,075	—(\$6,555.70)

12/17/2023 Attendance 8AM—81 11AM—105



Please consider making Electronic Contributions throughout the year. 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!

Scan the QR code to give online: Just point your camera at the code and click the link that pops up. It’s easy!



<b>Sunday</b> <b>10AM</b> 6PM	<b>December 24, 2023</b> Mass— Ronald Pollard Mass— The Parishioners of Holy Rosary
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>9AM</b>	<b>December 27, 2023</b> <b>NO MASS</b> Eucharistic Adoration following Daily Mass until 12 Noon in the Chapel
<b>Friday</b> <b>12PM</b>	<b>December 29, 2023</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](mailto: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](mailto:marioedance@gmail.com) for Zoom link.

\***Our Sunday Livestream Services can be seen on You Tube visit: [www.hrccrichmond.org](http://www.hrccrichmond.org)**  
\***The Sunday Bulletin can be downloaded from our website: [www.hrccrichmond.org](http://www.hrccrichmond.org)**

*Debt Reduction Collection (Building Fund)*  
*Current Year: July 01, 2023 through June 30, 2024*  
*Budget vs. Actual as of December 17, 2023*  
Collection \$1,837.00— Needed Weekly \$1,994.00  
Y-T-D— \$50,331.92  
Budget—\$49,850.00— Difference \$481.92  
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....** Anthony Booker, brother of Joyce Johnson and Joslyn Ford, 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.



**For the Week of December 24**

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
**Monday:** Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18  
**Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a,2-8  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

**Happy Birthday**

**December 25:** Naya Tunstall  
**December 28:** Evelyn Craft, Kiyah McBride, Martin Miles, Sheila Miles, Kristina Ndayizgiye  
**December 29:** Andre Yancey, Angel White



**Liturgical Ministers for December 31**  
**ONE MASS 10:00AM**

Lectors—Tiara Churchwell and Furmose Gomez  
EOM of Holy Communion—Carolyn Page  
Cantor— Gilbert Menefield  
Altar Server—Walter Jones  
Ushers—TBA  
Greeters—TBA  
Counters— Donita Harper and Phillip Robinson

**6:00PM- NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**

Lectors— Kanika McBride and Hope Jackson  
EOM of Holy Communion—Bernie Seabrook  
Cantor—Dr. Robinson  
Altar Servers— Rob Jones, Rose Scott, Ameenah Zakia  
Ushers—TBA  
Greeters—TBA

**Question of the Week**  
**December 24, 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:** Name one area of your life where God has surprised you with love, abilities, or even a pregnancy. How is God's Spirit upon you in this dimension of life?

**Children:** Gabriel's greeting to Mary was, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." This is God's greeting to each of us – he loves us just as we are. What are some of your personal strengths that God rejoices in?

**Reading 1:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16

**Reading 2:** Rom 16:25-27

**Gospel:** Lk 1:26-38

**DECEMBER 27**

We ***will not*** have a 9:00AM Daily Mass on Wednesday December 27.

**2023 Christmas Flowers Donations**

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor Of</u>
Olivia Adams	Blanche T. Scott Rosa L. Morris
Eunice Alston	
M/M Carroll Antoine	
Barbara Branch	Kimberly Branch
Nancy Brooks	
Renee Shimiko-Daye	Cavan Bryant James Daye
Joslyn Ford	Joan M. Wood Dungee Wood, Pollard & Booker Families
Daniel Hand	Hand & Little Families

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor Of</u>
Sylvia Hill	Otto Hill, Jr. Sylvia E. Hill
Joyce Howell	Brent Scott & Melvin Howell
Danette Hughes	Daniel H. & Isabel S. Lee Elizabeth Wright
Vernard Jackson	Hazel L. Jackson
Kathryn Johnston	Cureton Family
M/M Robert Jones	Saddon & Jones family
Maria King	
Sheila Miles	Hazel L. Jackson Patricia M. Henry
Eloise Murphy	Julia Harris Ronald Pollard
Njoku Family	M/M Alphonsus Nwaokeorie M/M Edmund Uwalaka
M/M Sidney Parker	Robinson & Parker Deceased Family Members
Brenda Payne	
Sharon Scott	Martha E. Tinsley John S. Scott, Sr.
Rosemarie B. Scott Deborah L. Branch	James & Ruth Bonner
Wilhelmina Shelton	M/M Wm Burrell, Sr. H.P. Shelton
Gayle S. Smith	Margaret Schrier Jimmie Schrier
Sheila Stanley	Capri Stanley-Smith
Joyce Tinsley	Dorothy & James Ryan (H)
Venita Vaughan	Rachel Cosby Vaughan Jesse Edward Vaughan, Sr.
M/M McCoy Welch, Sr.	Welch/White Families
Barbara Williams	Marion Booker & Dorothy Booker
Charlette A. Wilson	Austin, Brooks & Wilson Families Sophia Chieffungo
Mary Woodley	Margaret Chavis
Alice Wright	Thomas Anthony Wright Thomas Orlando Wright Tanya M. Walston



Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. **Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.**

**AIDS Spiritual Reflections**

Mary is the model listener. She hears God's word and acts on it. Like Mary, we are called to listen to the word of God attentively and act on it. Lord, open our hearts to do your will. Let us continue to pray for our brothers and sisters living with HIV/AIDS.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

Couples Ministry Meet and Greet.

We invite you to join us as we share with you the vision for our newly established HRCC Couples Ministry.

Date: December 31<sup>st</sup> immediately after Mass.

Venue: Sanctuary.

For more information contact: Karen Garland-  
dkarengarland@gmail.com

Renetta Ball - renetta.ball@gmail.com

**HOLY ROSARY ADVENT  
AND  
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023**

Sunday December 24  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
**10AM Mass**

Sunday December 24th  
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass  
**6PM Mass**

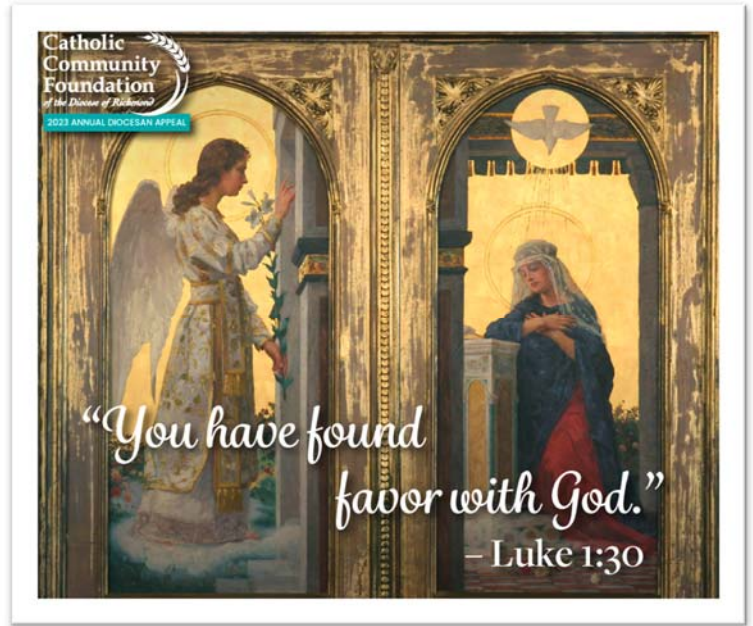
Monday December 25th  
The Nativity of the Lord  
**10AM Mass Christmas Day**

Sunday December 31  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
**10AM Mass**

Sunday December 31  
New Year's Eve  
**6PM Mass**

Monday, January 1, 2024  
**NO MASS NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
Happy New Year

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2023-2024**  
**—Sharing His Love With Others**



The dialogue of the Annunciation crackles with questions and shocking answers. “*You will conceive in your womb and bear a son.*” (Luke 1:31) “*How can this be?*” (Luke 1:34) “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you.*” (Luke 1:35) “*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.*” (Luke 1:38)

The Annunciation was a kind of verbal dance. It began with Gabriel’s lead. It ended with the Son of Man dwelling in Mary. Renaissance paintings of the Annunciation sometimes show Mary in what’s called a *contrapposto*: an asymmetrical stance of in which the line of the arms and shoulders balances, the line of the hips and legs. Mary’s *contrapposto* posture conveys a sense of movement, reaction, and surprise... and peace!

As we near the end of Advent, there is still time to support our Annual Diocesan Appeal. By giving, you can make more room for Christ to enter your life and allow the Holy Spirit to converse with you. Have you heard His voice lately? His voice communicates calm and balance while also asking for a response.

We may find ourselves both surprised and strangely at peace when He speaks. Don’t be afraid to ask and listen, as Mary did. Please respond generously. As the angel, Gabriel, told Mary, “*Do not be afraid... for you have found favor with God.*” You have found His favor, too. He is coming!