

**July 30, 2023  
17th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

*“The Kingdom of  
heaven is like a  
treasure buried in a  
field...”*

# Holy Rosary CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**FINANCE COUNCIL**.....CARROLL ANTOINE, Chair

**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.  
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 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: [www.richmonddiocese.org/office/vocations](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/office/vocations).*

**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 24, 2023**

Collections	Needed Weekly	Y-T-D	Budget	Difference
\$4,005.75	\$6,923	\$27,227.25	\$27,692	—(\$464.75)

**07/24/2023 Attendance 8AM— 55 11AM—115**

**Debt Reduction Collection (Building Fund)  
Current Year: July 01, 2023 through June 30, 2024  
Budget vs. Actual as of July 24, 2023**

Collection	\$4,501.00	— Needed Weekly	\$— \$1,994.00
		Y-T-D	12,403.50
Budget	—\$7,976.00	Difference	\$4,427.50
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...** Alphonzo Billups, Sr.,  
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 31:** Melissa Scott, Manirakiza Siliaki
- August 2:** Arielle Cornwall
- August 3:** Bizimana Nduwayo
- August 4:** Jerome Johnson, Gabrielle Murray



- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
- Monday:** Ex 32:15-24,30-34/Lk 14:25-33
- Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21,34-38/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday:** Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Lv 25:1,8-17/Mt 14:10-12



- Sunday July 30, 2023**
- 8AM** Mass—Mary Ann Pryor
- 11AM** Mass—Ruby Hurt
- Wednesday August 2, 2023**
- 9AM** Mass—Vivian Word
- Friday August 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)



In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God.

**Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

**AIDS Ministry Spiritual Highlights**

The public "claiming" of a beloved son or daughter signifies to the rest of us that this person is also a beloved child with whom God is well pleased. We pray for the parents of those with HIV / AIDS as they suffer the depths of despair and, more often these days, ascend to the height of joy in their survival. We also pray for the parents who struggle to understand that, through their child's diagnosis and journey, they discover the transformative grace of God.

**Catholic Graduate Student Organization of VCU**

Are you a graduate student at VCU and looking for a community to grow in faith and friendship with while in the midst of school? We invite you to join the Catholic Graduate Student Organization at VCU (CGSO). We are a group that aims to serve as a spiritual home away from home for VCU's graduate students. We offer opportunities for prayer, worship, Bible Study, fellowship, and lectures on the Catholic faith as it relates to professional life and graduate education. If you are interested, we invite you to send an email ([cgsoatvcusom@gmail.com](mailto:cgsoatvcusom@gmail.com)) or contact Grace Le ([minerg@vcu.edu](mailto:minerg@vcu.edu)) who is a Cathedral parishioner and leader for the CGSO and would love to chat with you.

**Question of the Week**  
**July 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:** Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it: "The reign of God is \_\_\_\_."

**Children:** Today's gospel reminds us that God's kingdom is worth sacrifice. What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life? Why are you willing to make that sacrifice?

- Reading 1:** 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12  
**Reading 2:** Rom 8:28-30  
**Gospel:** Mt 13:44-52



**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](http://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](http://www.hrccrichmond.org)**  
**Call the church office at 222-1105 or contact Walter Jones at 757-287-7889 for more details**  
**~Donations Accepted~**



**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  
[vze25nxml@verizon.net](mailto:vze25nxml@verizon.net)

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

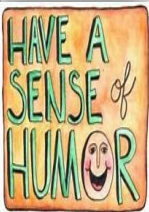
Beginning in August Confessions will be heard on Sunday from 7:15am-7:40am and 10:00am-10:30am.

Adoration will be every Wednesday after the weekday mass until noon in the Chapel.

Thanks  
Fr. Tochi

**Money Counters Needed**

Money Counters are needed to assist with counting the collection after the 11:00AM Mass on Sundays. Training will be provided and you will be asked to commit to at least one or maybe two Sundays a month. You must be a registered member of the parish. Contact the church office if interested. Thank You!



An announcement in a church bulletin for a National Prayer & Fasting Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer conference includes meals."



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!

**Diocesan Pilgrimage: National Shrine**  
**Saturday, October 21**

This fall, Bishop Knestout will lead Catholics from across the Diocese of Richmond on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, the Largest church in North America. The focus of the pilgrimage will be the National Eucharistic Revival (<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>). Holy Rosary parishioners who are interested in attending are asked to register online through the diocesan Office for Evangelization: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-pilgrimage/>.

**AUGUST IS MAKE A WILL MONTH**

Visit: [FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation](http://FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation) to write your free will and establish your legacy of faith.