

September 24, 2023



*“ The last will be first, and the first will be last.”  
Mt 20:1-16*

# 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 Facebook: To watch access our website at [www.hrccrichmond.org](http://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

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

Collections	Needed Weekly	Y-T-D	Budget	Difference
\$6,525	\$6,923	\$77,803.30	\$83,076	—(\$5,273.70)

09/17/2023 Attendance 8AM- 75 11AM- 125

Debt Reduction Collection (Building Fund)  
Current Year: July 01, 2023 through June 30, 2024  
Budget vs. Actual as of September 17, 2023  
Collection \$1,071.00 — Needed Weekly \$1,994.00  
Y-T-D- 24,062.62  
Budget—\$23,928— Difference +\$ 654.62  
Loan Payment Monthly: \$9,879.00  
Outstanding Balance on Loan **\$1,050,679.34**

† Please remember to write a separate check for Debt Reduction.



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!



**PRAY FOR THE SICK...** Deacon Will, Juanita Garnett, 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 September 24**

- Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24,27a/Mt 20:1-16a
- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Dn 7:9-10,13-14/Jn 1:47-51
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9,14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45



**Sunday September 24, 2023**  
8AM Mass—Michael Branch  
11AM Mass— Patricia Parker  
**Wednesday September 27, 2023**  
9AM Mass—Andrew Yancey  
Eucharistic Adoration following  
Daily Mass until 12 Noon in the Chapel  
**Friday September 29 , 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](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.

\*The Sunday Bulletin can be downloaded from our website: [www.hrccrichmond.org](http://www.hrccrichmond.org)



- September 24:** Kimberly Battle, Lolita Thomas
- September 25:** Clarence McGill, Sharon Scott
- September 26:** Jessie Jefferson, Anikka Jones, Nikita Jones, Ameenah Zakia
- September 27:** Garland Peterson
- September 30:** Rev. Msgr. Walter Barrett, Patrick Diggs, Libra Ndayzigiye, Roderick White

**Liturgical Ministers for October 1**  
**Pastor Installation**  
**10:00AM-ONE MASS**

- Lectors— Tiara Churchwell and Furmose Gomez
- EOM of Holy Communion– Daryl Spriggs
- Altar Server– Jadira Jones, Rose Scott, Victor Kimbrough, Phen Hammond
- Ushers– David Murray, Kiyah McBride, McCoy Welch, Alice Robinson, Damian Njoku, Sr.
- Greeters–Ellen Davis, Sheila Stanley and Alice Jones
- Counters– Joe Fernandes and Raja Mason

Question of the Week  
September 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:** Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how God will treat those who come to be part of the church, even those who come late.

**Children:** : This Gospel reminds us that God is always seeking us out and welcoming us into his generous love. Through whom has God reached out to you? Who is always encouraging you to say "yes" to God?

**Reading 1:** Is 55:6-9

**Reading 2:** Phil 1:20c-24,27a

**Gospel:** Mt 20:1-16a

The Month  
of October—  
Traditionally  
the Month of  
the Rosary

The Legion of Mary will pray the Rosary on the following Sundays in October:

- October 1st— 9:15am in the Sanctuary
- October 8th— 10:30am in the Sanctuary
- October 15th— 9:15 am in the Sanctuary
- October 22nd— 9:15am in the Sanctuary
- October 29th— 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

The Legion of Mary will conduct a **Membership Drive/Book Barrow on Saturday, September 30** on the day of our Parish Retreat. Parishioners can visit the table in the commons before, during breaks and after the Retreat.

70th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS  
"We've Got A Testimony"

REMINDER:  
DEADLINE FOR 70TH ANNIVERSARY  
FUNDRAISER DONATIONS— **OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**  
**6PM– Parish Hall**

Join Fr. Tochi and the 70th Anniversary Committee for our Holy Rosary Family History Night and Soul Food Dinner.

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**  
Parish Retreat by Fr. Tochi  
MARY– A GIFT & MODEL OF DISCIPLESHIP  
10:00AM-Parish Hall  
12Noon– Mass

**\*\*Bring your own Food for this Event\*\***

**October 1, 2023**  
Jubilee Kickoff and Pastor Installation  
ONE MASS- !0:00AM  
Bishop Barry C. Knestout, Presider

**October 8, 2023**  
Youth & Young Adult Sunday  
Mass at 8:00AM and 11:00AM

**October 15, 2023**  
Family & Friends Sunday  
ONE MASS-10:00AM

**October 22, 2023**  
Anniversary Mass & Celebration  
ONE MASS-10:00AM

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PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

10 DAYS: NOVEMBER 12 - 21, 2024

VISITING: CAESAREA \* HAIFA \* TIBERIAS \* SEA OF GALILEE  
CANA \* NAZARETH \* BETHLEHEM \* JERUSALEM

HOSTED BY

FR. TOCHI IWUJI

AND

DEACON FRANK NELSON

\$3999 FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

\*Air/land/tour price is \$3299 plus \$700 gov/t taxes/airline surcharges

For More Information, Please Contact:

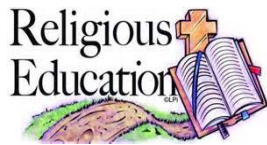
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DON'T MISS THIS TRIP OF A LIFETIME!!



### **Children Liturgy of the Word**

We are in need of more adult volunteers for the ministry of Children Liturgy of the Word. This is a fun and exciting ministry and one in which there are great rewards. Passing on the faith to our younger church members is a priceless gift. We have at least 15 children participating in Children Liturgy. We need more adult volunteers in order to continue this ministry. The diocesan policy requires that we have two adults supervising our children at all times. This is not possible with the number of adult volunteers we have now. Please call the office to volunteer your services. All adults who work with children are required to complete a Child Protective Services form and VIRTUS.

### **Children, Youth and Adult Faith Formation started on Sunday, September 17th.**

It is important that each child develops a strong faith foundation. Parents you are the first and foremost teachers of the faith for your children. As part of your faith community, we here at Holy Rosary want to support you in that role of first teachers of the faith. Please take the time to register your child for religious education each 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Forms are in Commons. Classes will start at 9:30 a.m. Thanking you in advance for your support. If you have any further questions, please call Tanya in the parish office.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Jeremiah really was more than a bullfrog!! He was also a biblical prophet!! If you want to learn more about the bible or wonder if the teachings of God's word have any relevance in your life, then we invite you to join us for the adult bible study. The sessions will take place in person between masses (9:30-10:45) and online on zoom (6:30-8pm). ALL ARE WELCOME! It doesn't matter whether you are a novice or an advanced student of the bible, whether you are Christian or Non-believer, a member of Holy Rosary or not... your presence and perspective are welcome.

### **Class resumes Nov 5th.**

If you would like more information or want to get the zoom link then please contact Mario at [marioedance@gmail.com](mailto:marioedance@gmail.com) or call 314-1681.



On **September 27**, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

### **AIDS Ministry Spiritual Highlights**

Today's gospel teaches us something about how great God is and how generous, so therefore we are called to this same greatness and generosity towards our brothers and sisters.

### **AIDS FACT:**

Globally, only half (52%) of children living with HIV are on life-saving treatment. UNAIDS, UNICEF, and WHO have brought together a new alliance to fix one of the most glaring disparities in the AIDS response. – World Health Organization (WHO).

### **SAINT FRANCIS FUNDRAISER**

Saint Francis – Manchester will hold its 3rd annual **Giving Day on Wednesday, October 4, 2023** (the Feast of Saint Francis). We hope you will consider making a gift AND **becoming a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser!** As a P2P Fundraiser, you will play a vital role in ensuring a successful Giving Day by inviting your family, friends, and colleagues to join you in **helping low-income seniors receive the care they need.**

Sign up at [givingday.saintfrancisrva.org](http://givingday.saintfrancisrva.org) or **scan the QR code.** And, in the spirit of friendly competition, there will be a prize for the Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser who generates the most donations! Questions? – contact [cheinen@saintfrancis.org](mailto:cheinen@saintfrancis.org) or 804-237-5602. Thank you!

