

Beige Catholicism. We've divorced pleasure from responsibility. This has huge moral consequences: if pleasure's fine without responsibility, then artificial contraception is okay, as well as homosexuality, divorce and remarriage, gay marriage, and abortion. How can this happen? If a member of the clergy is living impurely, can he be an effective or convincing salesman of the Church's teaching regarding marriage and chastity? No, he'll avoid the subject--mostly because he no longer believes it to be true.

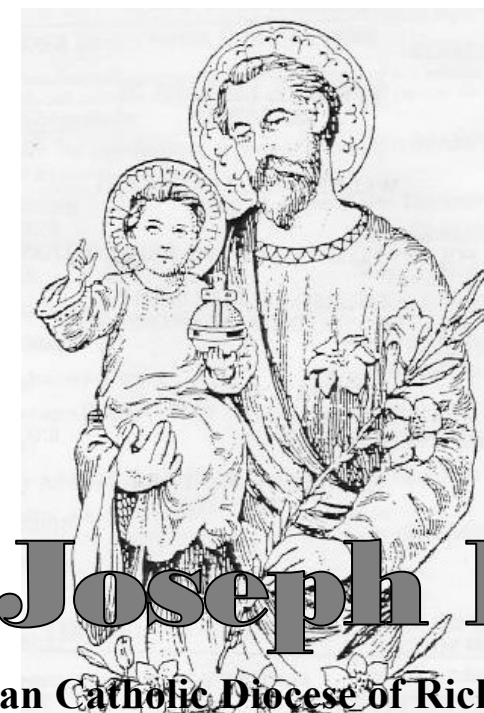
Unchanging. The Church's teaching is Christ's teaching. However, in the 1960's, many clergy gave to the faithful permission to disregard official Church teaching on contraception. In some quarters, this permission has been exposed as an evil fraud. But it remains widespread, so that it could be called *unofficial* teaching. Under Pope Francis, the Church seems poised to play the same shell game regarding divorce and remarriage. Don't be scandalized; don't be fooled. The Church's teaching is not changing, because the teaching is Christ's. An excellent summary of the current situation is found in Fr. Raymond De Sousa's recent article in the National Register. [1]

The Chaos Continued. The pope has called for decentralization of the Church, and local practices regarding communion for the divorced and remarried. Can the teachings of Christ be national? Cardinal Arinze comments: "Are you going to tell me that we can have a national bishops' conference in one country that would approve something which, in another conference, would be seen as sin? Is sin going to change according to national borders? We'd become national churches." [2] Decentralization will encourage bishop against bishop, priest against priest.

Let's come to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament more. Hang on tight to your rosary. — God love you, Fr. N.

1. <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/what-argentinas-amoris-laetitia-guidelines-really-mean>
2. <https://cruxnow.com/analysis/2016/09/25/communion-debate-pope-francis-opts-decentralization/>

“Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear, for the king hath greatly desired thy beauty.”
(Ps. 44. 10, 11)



Saint Joseph Parish

Roman Catholic Diocese of Richmond
Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This Friday we have First Friday Adoration from 8 am to 5 pm. Beginning on the second Friday of October we will have Adoration from 8 am to 12 noon with Benediction at 11:45 am every Friday *except* First Fridays, which will continue as normal. Thank you to all those who have signed up as committed adorers. We are always open for more as we have much to pray for. See you there.

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Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am (Low)
11 am (High)
4:30 pm (Low)
Monday 7am & 9 am
Tuesday 7am & 9 am
Wednesday 7 am & 6 pm
Thursday 7 am & 9 am
Friday 7 am & 6 pm
Saturday 7 am & 9 am

- ◆ **Sacramental Emergencies: 396-5665**
- ◆ **Confession: ½ hr before all Masses, Saturdays - 10:00 to 11:00 am.**
- ◆ Novena & Benediction: Wed. evenings.
- ◆ **Holy Days:** look for announcement
- ◆ **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament: First Fridays from 8 am until 5 pm.
- ◆ Other Sacraments: please call the office.

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Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

Fr. John Hardon, who was one of the good Jesuits, maintained that all major defections from the Catholic Church are fueled by one thing: a rejection of the teaching regarding marriage. His thesis was not without convincing evidence. In addition, he was able to argue the thesis that individual defections from the Church boil down to the same rejection. **Dr. Ray Gerendi**, as a protestant pastor, said his church was full of ex-Catholics who showed up because of divorce and remarriage. **St. Thomas** says the first evil effect of sins against chastity is spiritual blindness. In other words, the quickest way to misunderstand the Church's veracity is living unchastely. Therefore, many people who say the Church is wrong about this or that, don't see a connection between their impurity and their inability to understand. No amount of argumentation will suffice to convince them, until they give up their impure lifestyle. The same holds true for abortion: all who accept abortion, accept impurity. **Nancy Pelosi** admitted that the abortion debate boiled down to the birds and the bees. She's correct about one thing, anyway.

People walked away from Christ on two occasions: when he taught the Eucharist, and Marriage. In Matthew 19, "If a man divorces his wife and marries another... he commits adultery with her." Even the disciples reacted with incredulity: If this be so, "it is not expedient to marry." Our Lord neither agrees with them, nor backs down: "All men take not this word, but they to whom it is given," (Mt 19:11).

Christ, as Supreme Law Giver, promulgated His new law, which rescinded the allowance granted by Moses. From that moment there was opposition to His teaching. There has been opposition ever since. People say 'the Church will change her law!' If they were more honest they would say 'Christ will change His law!' No one is that honest. King Henry VIII had an interesting 'solution'.

Pressure to change this law has been omnipresent from day one--from within and from without. Currently, we seem to be losing the battle. On the one hand, we shouldn't sugar coat the problem, on the other hand it's nice to know it's always been thus, and the Church can never change her official teaching.

Upcoming Events

October 2—External Solemnity of the Holy Rosary Procession after High Mass

October 4—St. Francis pet blessing after 9 am Mass

October 4—KoC Business Meeting near the St. Joseph Room at 7 pm

October 10—Renovations begin

October 31—All Saints' Eve Festivities

External Solemnity of O.L. of the Rosary

There will be a Rosary procession after the 11 am Mass today, followed by the Consecration of the North American District of the Fraternity of St. Peter to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In Thanksgiving

The flowers on the altar were donated in honor of Our Lady of Consolation for favors granted.

St. Francis Feast Day

Bring your service animals and pets to the pavilion where Father will bless them after the 9 am Mass on Tuesday, October 4th in honor of St. Francis's feast day. Youth Choir practice will begin immediately following the blessing.

Marriage Course

Due to the renovations and the resulting upheaval within the building, we are cancelling the Fall 2016 session and hoping to reschedule for Spring 2017.

All Saints' Eve Festivities

Get your saints, angels, and Bible character costumes ready and bring a friend! Our parish celebration for All Saints' will be on October 31st. More details coming soon . . .

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Items from Lost & Found will be displayed in the Social Room today. You are welcome to anything on the table, since these items have not yet been collected by their rightful owners. By Monday it will all be gone.

Are You Considering a Vocation?

The monks at Mary Mother of the Church, Benedictine Abbey in Richmond, invite men 18 to 50 to a Vocations Weekend on Oct. 14th to 16th. Contact the Vocation Director, Fr. John Mary Lugemwa, OSB (804) 708-9653 or vocations@richmondmonks.org or visit www.richmondmonks.org

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Terri & Marc Schessel, Gene Franco, Rob Hamrick, Thomas Drury, Barbara Reith, Andrew Weeks, Diane Hayes, Scott Dorsett, Bob Bailey, Patricia Fredrich, Patricia Willard, Sarah Crawford, Sarita Remouns, Miesha Vargas, Larry Cochran, Brayden Berberich, Tracy Patrowicz, Marc Schessel, Jeff Stivers, Bob Rice, Pat Nobel, Betty Proffitt, Danny Doran, Andria Morris, Michael Rowland, Jean Spadaro, Caroline Laing, Ron Crawford, Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal, Gerard Lajoie, Carol Gentry, Robert Petrella, Betty Faina, Mitchel Shaw, Liz Grapes, Kathleen Stells, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Antoinette McLaughlin, Bobby Overman, Dick and Nan Wray, Fr. Adrian Harmening, Abigail Maria Alvey, Mary Zacharias, Casey Stalvey, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin, John Osborne, Ann Horgan, Karin Haley.

In your charity, please remember Giancarlo di Fazio and all the souls of the faithfully departed. May they rest in peace.

HELP

Thank you to all who helped yesterday packing and moving the Library. What teamwork! This coming week will be crucial in meeting our Oct. 9 deadline, so workers are needed Mon—Sat from 10 am to 10 pm. If you can help at all for a few hours, please email volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org or call Anne-Marie 804-714-5135. Your help will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Minor Interruption

The parish office will be closed Oct. 6th & 7th while we move to our temporary location in the St. Joseph Room. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Offertory Collections

Sunday September 25, 2016

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 6,633
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date	\$ 7,247
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 1,632

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct. 2	External Solemnity of O.L. of the Rosary (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Paulita B. Dudley 11 am Dr. Severina Ramos Lopez + 4:30 pm Pro Populo
Mon. Oct. 3	St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am In Honor of O.L. of Ransom
Tues. Oct. 4	St. Francis of Assisi (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Private Intention
Wed. Oct. 5	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Thanksgiving to St. Joseph 6 pm Celebrant's Intention
Thurs. Oct. 6	St. Bruno (3rd Cl.)	7 am FSSP 9 am Celebrant's Intention
Fri. Oct. 7	Our Lady of the Rosary (2nd Cl.)	7 am Christopher & Megan Dudley 6 pm In Honor of the Sacred Heart
Sat. Oct. 8	St. Bridget of Sweden (3rd Cl.)	9 am Kathleen Rodenburg +
Sun. Oct. 9	21st Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am To Honor O.L. of Ransom 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Angela Villanueva Rios +
Mon. Oct. 10	St. Francis Borgia (3rd Cl.)	9 am Celebrant's Intention
Tues. Oct. 11	Maternity of The B.V.M. (2nd Cl.)	9 am Elaine Celentano +
Wed. Oct. 12	Feria (4th Cl.)	6 pm Elwood Brown, Jr.
Thurs. Oct. 13	St. Edward the Confessor (3rd Cl.)	9 am Jean Thorpe +
Fri. Oct. 14	St. Callistus I (3rd Cl.)	6 pm Stanley J. Miara +
Sat. Oct. 15	St. Teresa of Avila (3rd Cl.)	9 am Joseph J. Reardon, Jr. +