

Corner Cont.

the fatherless, defend the widow. And then come, and accuse me, saith the Lord: if you sins be as scarlet, they shall be made as white as snow, and if they be red as crimson, they shall be white as wool," (Is.1:10-18).

Image of infidelity in Chapter 5. "My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it ... and planted the choicest vines; within it he build a watch-tower and a winepress. Then he looked for a crop of grapes, but what I yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Juda, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had NOT DONE?" This is the grief of a loving father, who desired only what is good.

Punishment for good. "Now I will take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Juda are His cherished plant; He looked for judgement, but see, bloodshed! For justice, but hark, the outcry!" (Is 5:1-7).

Conversion is the work of every day. God will punish us if we don't. God will prune us even if we do. As the creator of all things, may we ever grow in confidence in His unbounded good will and wisdom.

Let us prepare well for His coming

God reward your support,

Fr. Rob Novokowsky, fssp

Supplies for the Homeless

As a suburban parish, we are asked to help St. Peter's ministry to the homeless. There is a bin available to collect the items in the office vestibule. Please see the list of needed items on the bulletin board.

2018 Knights of Columbus Angel Tree Final Day—Sun. Dec. 9

The Knights are collecting gifts for the children of St. Joseph's Villa. To donate a gift, remove a gift tag from the tree (located near the office vestibule) and take it with you. Return your donated gift **along with the gift tag** and place it under the tree. Please bring unwrapped gift in a gift bag; wrapping paper may be included if you wish.

All Saints Catholic School

Currently looking for a part time receptionist. www.allsaintsric.org

St. Gertrude High School

Open House. See the bulletin board for details.

Sunday Offertory

	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
Operations			
Sun. 12/2	\$7,983	\$7,980	\$3 (!)
YTD	\$186,110	\$183,540	\$2,570
Capital Improvements			
Sun. 12/2	\$1,439	\$1,250	\$189
YTD	\$44,704	\$28,750	\$15,954

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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Holy Mass Schedule

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

- ◆ **Sacramental Emergencies: 396-5665**
- ◆ **Confession: ½ hr before all Masses, Saturdays - 10:00 to 12 noon**
- ◆ Novena & Benediction: Wed. evenings.
- ◆ **Holy Days:** look for announcement
- ◆ **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday from 8 am until noon, First Fridays from 8 am until 5 pm.
- ◆ Other Sacraments: please call the office.

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

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MASS SCHEDULE — INTENTIONS — REQUESTED BY		
Sun. December 9 2nd Sunday of Advent (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11 am Dean D'Aconti & Family 4:30 pm Ramón Rafael Luina †	— DD MML
Mon. December 10 Feria of Advent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Reparation	— LM
Tues. December 11 St. Damasus I (3rd Cl.)	7 am Fr. Novokowsky 9 am Anna Maria Mills	WC DM
Wed. December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe (3rd Cl.)	6 pm Celebrant's Intention	—
Thurs. December 13 St. Lucy (3rd Cl.)	9 am Celebrant's Intention	—
Fri. December 14 Feria of Advent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Bea Gordon 8 am-5 pm Adoration 6 pm Celebrant's Intention	MAH —
Sat. December 15 Feria of Advent (3rd Cl.)	6 am Private Intention 9 am Ted Scharle †	AG AC
Sun. December 16 3rd Sunday of Advent (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Private Intention 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Celebrant's Intention	PF — —
Mon. December 17 Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl.)	7 am Jane Thurston † 9 am Joan Marie Osborne	PT PO
Tues. December 18 Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl.)	7 am Steven McGrew 9 am Celebrant's Intention	UK —
Wed. December 19 Ember Wed. of Advent (2nd Cl.)	7 am Theresa Stefanowicz † 6 pm Cathy Howe	JS CAS
Thurs. December 20 Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl.)	7 am Fr. Neal Nichols 9 am Maria Liberatore	PM ML
Fri. December 21 St. Thomas (2nd Cl.)	7 am Angela Wimmer † 8 am-12 noon Adoration 6 pm Leona Powell †	RR JP
Sat. December 22 Ember Sat. of Advent (2nd Cl.)	9 am Bill & Rita Doran	AJ

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Diane Oulette, A Special Intention, Maria Socorro Gerardo, Catharine Palm, Emily Davison, Sr. Gayanne Fox, Michelle Bouchard, Eleanor Clark, Helen Baker, Mary-Kathryn Bywaters, Lisa Kovatch, Darryl Church, Judi Evans, A Family in Trouble, The D'Aconti Family, Madeline Longo, George Rodenburg, Bridget Bean, Margaret Stacy, Mark Mayer, LaPortsia Wallace, Andrew Priddy, Dorothy McKinley, The Patrowicz Family, Justine Madigan, Joe Bush, Natalie McNeil, Charles Furlough, Ed Peters, Angela Rhys-Sonnenschein, Karen Evans, Bob Martin, Patricia Willard, Elizabeth Storm, Jeanette LaPaglia, Cathy Van Pelt, Barbara Reith, Diane Hayes, Gerard Lajoie, Betty Faina, Kathleen Stells, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Bobby Overman, Dick and Nan Wray, Mary Zacharias, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin, John Osborne, Ann Horgan.

In your charity, please remember the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. Requiescat in pace. Amen.

We will have limited Office Hours Dec. 4th through the 10th

Christmas Day—Holy Day of Obligation
For clarification of the Christmastide Schedule: December 24 is not a Holy Day of Obligation; December 25 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Christmas Card Sale—Don't be late!
The Knights of Columbus are selling cards in the vestibule December 9 only. Please leave payment with the Parish Office; checks made payable to Knights of Columbus, memo line: Christmas Cards.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2019
See Fliers on Back Table
This pilgrimage is limited to 50 (one bus load). Please consider now whether you'd like to come as we are also advertising outside the parish.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 15—Rorate Mass: 6 am; Pot-Luck breakfast Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests
Dec. 25 — The Schedule is published on a separate sheet. See the back table.
Dec. 29—Savvy Seniors Activity

Clean-up Day

Come for a fun-filled spruce-up of the parish on Sat. Dec. 22nd at 10 am. Many hands—light work. Breakfast. Info: Michelle volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org

Ride Needed

A parishioner in the Forest Hill area needs help getting to the 4:30 Mass on Sundays. Call the office.

Rorate Mass – Dec. 15, 6 am.

We begin outside at 6 am with the Rorate Hymn. Candlelit Mass. Casual Breakfast Potluck to follow. A Sign-up will appear on the preceding Sunday. Help needed with the candles: set up Fri. 7 pm; lighting 5:30 am.

Savvy Seniors Activity

Sat., 29 Dec., 10 am, Fr. Adrian Hall, for a viewing of "Come to the Stable." Please RSVP: 804-440-1618

Catholic Young Adult Rome Program

Ages 14-18. Separate programs available for boys and for girls. Information can be found on the bulletin board in the main vestibule.

Comboni Sisters Raffle Winners

Thank you to all who supported the sisters in their missionary work. They announce the prize winners, and their home parish: 1st, St. Paul; 2nd, Epiphany; 3rd, Lourdes; 4th, Holy Rosary; 5th, Lourdes. Next year!

Religious Ed Classes

Reminder: there is a two week Christmas break. No classes on Dec. 23rd and 30th. Classes resume Jan. 6th.

Christmas Party?

Normally, we have a get together around the back end of the 12 days of Christmas. Epaphany is on a Sunday this year. Currently, no plans are in place. If you'd like to help in this effort, please call the office.

Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

I wish to thank Dulce Villarroel for her generous donation of the Kitchen and Dining Ware Sale last Sunday. Thank you to all who patronized the sale, and to her helpers, Maria L. and Lorraine H. We raised the princely sum of \$1,720.

Thank you to all who have responded to the Finance Council's call for an increase in the 1st and 2nd collections. Please keep up the good work. The council is working on a system of regular reporting so that you are better informed, without being confused or bored to tears. It's a balance. Your generosity will result in a beautiful parking lot, and other things besides.

The parking lot mess. It will get worse before it gets better, but the good news is it will be gorgeous when it's done! The drainage system is now in. A new dumpster pad is going in at the storage shed. We have roughed-in some electrical lines; more coming. Next week will begin the concrete curbing. The curbs will be define the parking area next to the building, and some islands will beautify the sea of blacktop. And more light poles will be added to brighten some of the dark spots. When will it be done? Not before the time. Like for a good wine, or a smooth whiskey, we must be patient and wait. In the meantime, we'll have wine and cheese!

The Great Prophet? Who is called this in the old Testament? For him, being great came at a great cost: he was martyred, by being sawed in two, by his charming son-in-law, King Manassas. His book reveals the Messiah so clearly it reads more like a gospel. Isaiah. Through Isaiah, God's message is sobering. Current 'snow flakes' would label it violent and offensive. Oh yes; God tears down the false, in order to build up the true. Isaiah also soars.

Outward show? Not impressed. "Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom, give ear to the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah." These two cities, long-destroyed by then, are symbols of the rebellion which endures. "To what purpose do you offer me the multitude of your victims, saith the Lord? I am FULL, I desire not the holocausts of rams ... Offer sacrifice no more in vain: incense is an abomination to me ... when you multiply your prayer, I will not hear: for your hands are full of blood." God is rejecting the mere external compliance with his laws.

Conversion is possible. God loves it. "Learn to do well: seek judgement, relieve the oppressed, judge for