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address confessions before Mass- which are just fine.)

Yes, I would agree. The purpose of coming to Mass and especially the Sunday obligation is to adore (which is why the priest stops confessions during the Consecration, steps out, kneels and adores). The reason I am willing to compromise and hear confessions during Mass is that many of our faithful drive from very far away and some have crazy work schedules and cannot make it to confession at scheduled times during the week. That being said, if you've got to go and it's being offered, go!

Does this mean if someone can make it during the week, they should?

Absolutely. Our parish offers about 13 hours of confession time weekly. If someone is serious about "getting back" their state of grace, they should make it to the confessional as soon as possible and not just when it's eventually convenient, at some point. 6:30 a.m. during the week is a really good time!

The line is sometimes very long though and it gets tiring waiting there.

St Anthony Mary Claret was told the same thing. He answered: "Consider the priest in there who's been hearing confessions for the past hours..."

Father, I swung by and you were busy. I asked for an appointment and the next available time is in 2 months. Really???

Yes. Unfortunately, that is the reality. It means that all my available appointments until the time requested are booked. At the end of the

day, it's simple arithmetic- 900:1 Think of it in the professional world: can you swing by a doctor's office without an appointment? If you have a medical emergency, you go to the E.R. Our version of that would be our emergency line for sacramental emergency purposes.

Father, do you give spiritual direction?

From the pulpit and briefly in the confessional. If you want to prepare a list of questions and run them by me in the context of an appointment, I can do that, as my schedule allows.

Father, what are the pros and cons of St Joseph's parish?

Pros: I think we are very blessed with very good people. We are blessed temporally and spiritually. This parish has great potential. Deo Gratias.

Cons: we are clerically understaffed.

More to come, God bless you!

Fr. Karl Marsolle FSSP

Sunday Offertory for April 25, 2021

	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
Operations			
In Pew	\$4,951	—	—
Online	\$5,848	—	—
Total	\$10,799	\$9,211	\$1,588
YTD	\$446,059	\$396,073	\$49,986
Capital Improvements			
In Pew	\$447	—	—
Online	\$1,253	—	—
Total	\$1,700	\$1,923	(\$223)
YTD	\$85,075	\$82,689	\$2,386

Thank you for your continued generosity!

"Let every man be swift to hear, but slow to speak, and slow to anger. For the anger of man worketh not the justice of God."

(James 1:19-20)



Saint Joseph Parish

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Schedule for Holy Mass

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

Holy Days of Obligation: see calendar
Confession: ½ hour before all Masses,
Saturdays - 10 am to 12 noon

Devotions:

- 1st Sat. Rosary & Meditation after Mass
- Miraculous Medal Novena after Wednesday evening Mass
- Adoration: Wednesday 7 pm-8 pm
Fridays 8 am-12 noon

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Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests
Louise Caouette-Diman
935-3399

MASS SCHEDULE	INTENTIONS	REQUESTED BY
Sun. May 2 4th Sunday After Easter (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Phillip Bowles 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Celebrant's Intention	RB — —
Mon. May 3 Feria in Paschaltide (4th Cl.)	9 am Roxanne Escobar † & Family	KB
Tues. May 4 St. Monica (3rd Cl.)	9 am Sam Sponeybarger	SS
Wed. May 5 St. Pius V (3rd Cl.)	6 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory <i>1 hr. Adoration after 6p. Mass</i>	KZ
Thurs. May 6 Feria in Paschaltide (4th Cl.)	7 am FSSP 9 am Stephen Seeley	KH AS
Fri. May 7 St. Staniuslaus (3rd Cl.)	7 am Justin Liberatore <i>Adoration: 8 am to 5 pm</i> 6 pm Carolyn Mondy †	ML BCH
Sat. May 8 Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl.)	9 am Heather Colberg	WC
Sun. May 9 5th Sunday After Easter (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Otilia A. Kastus † 11 am Jack & Ellen Dickson † 4:30 pm Pro Populo	JE TD —
Mon. May 10 St. Antoninus (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Jacob Seeley	— AS
Tues. May 11 SS. Philip & James (2nd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Sr. Mary Faith, OP	— OS
Wed. May 12 Vigil of the Ascension (2nd Cl.)	7 am Mary Abernethy 6 pm Billy Powell † <i>1 hr. Adoration after 6p. Mass</i>	HCS JP
Thurs. May 13 Ascension of the Lord (1st Cl.)	7 am Roberto Villarroel † 9 am Raquel Bowles 6 pm Pro Populo	DV LH —
Fri. May 14 Feria after Ascension (4th Cl.)	7 am Katie Dolph Lewis <i>Adoration: 8 am to 12 noon</i> 6 pm Frank Piccininni	JP BP
Sat. May 15 St. John Baptist de la Salle (3rd Cl.)	9 am Mary M. Pfab †	CBP

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mary Esparza, Theresa & Les McCall, Sam Sponeybarger, Carrie Wilson, Ginny Franklin, Mary Rose Poerstel, Gerti Scherle, Matthew Owen Balducci, Georgette Cote, Amanda Keller, Donna Wilson, Missy Jennings, Samantha Finnegan, Robert & Uni Kemp, Rob Welch, John Calhoun, Valentino Simoncelli, Bill Madigan, J.W. Stephens, James Wigand, Joanne Leach, Bruce Douglas, Don Jones, Peter & Joan Marie Osborne, John, Michael, & Tom Osborne, Lisa & Alexandra Kovatch, Ken Diman, Kenny Montgomery, Clarence Proffitt, The D'Aconti Family, Andrew Priddy, Charles Furlough, Ed Peters, Angela Rhys-Sonnenschein, Bob Martin, Patricia Willard, Elizabeth Storm, Jeanette LaPaglia, Cathy Van Pelt, Barbara Reith, Gerard Lajoie, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin.

In your charity, please remember the souls of all the faithful departed. Requiescant in pace.

Mass Schedule Changes

Please note the changes highlighted in grey this week while one priest is away.

Ascension Thursday—May 13

We have three Masses scheduled: 7 am & 9 am Low Masses; 6 pm High Mass.

Live Streaming

We livestream Mass daily. The link is available on: www.stjosephrichmond.org Experiencing issues with the livestream? Please email livestream@stjosephrichmond.org to let us know.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have resumed our regular Adoration schedule: every Friday 8 am—12 noon and First Fridays 8 am—5 pm. Sign up today on the vestibule bulletin board. For info, contact Bernadette: berniepicci@gmail.com

Altar Server Practice

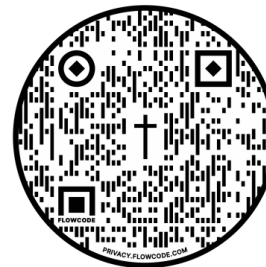
Sat. 15 May, 2 pm to 4 pm.
Please be punctual.

Upcoming Events

May 4—Knights of Columbus Meeting—7 pm
May 7—First Friday Adoration: 8 am—5 pm
May 15—Rosary at the Abortion Clinic
Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests
Altar Server Training

Annual Diocesan Appeal

This year's Annual Appeal is entirely online. View a brief instructional video on our website. Scan this QR code with your phone camera to access the diocesan giving site directly. Contact Faith Direct, for help: 866-507-8757 or info@faithdirect.net.



New Location!

Rosary at the Abortion Clinic

Every first & third Saturday at 9 am at 201 N Hamilton St, Richmond, VA 23221

Corporal Works of Mercy—Items Needed

St. Peter's shower program for the homeless needs volunteers. The shower ministry and the Food Pantry are still in need of various items. **Please take a list, available on the bin in the main vestibule, to see what items are urgently needed.**

See A Maintenance Problem?

Report any facility issues by completing the Maintenance Request form outside the parish office. Our maintenance team will address the problems during the week.

Online Giving

Thank you for your continued and very edifying generosity; the Parish depends on it. See stjosephrichmond.weshareonline.org to create an account. For help or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Pastor's Corner



Dear Faithful,

I have compiled a list of good candid questions and statements I have received since my being here and I think it would be helpful to give candid answers via bulletins.

Father, what do you do all day???

- There are 5 main things that encompass my duties (These below are not in order of importance)

1. The temporal aspect of the parish (not my cup of tea, but it is absolutely necessary. Without it, no Church!) Finances, building maintenance/upkeep/repairs/projects, and... the blessed heap of daily emails I have to triage through. Thanks be to God, I have reliable help in this domain but it is still a big time commitment on a very regular basis.

2. The spiritual aspect of the parish: This is in itself a very full-time job. Remember the ratio: over 900 parishioners and growing(!) for 2 priests. The Sacraments: yes, every single one of them, from Baptism to the Last Rites, with some that take much longer than others (marriage prep) and some that occur at the most unexpected time but for which we drop everything, unless we are at the Altar already (Sacramental emergencies). Christ Our Lord established these beautiful signs to give us grace. It is a priority and a privilege to be able to "feed His flock" with the means He intended.

3. The Diocese: I am granted faculties for my ministry through His Excellency the Bishop of Richmond. There are many guidelines and requirements promulgated by the diocese for the common good that I have to answer for.

4. The FSSP: My community also has requirements for its members and a rule of common life to be observed in our apostolates. As an FSSP priest, this is not optional.

5. My prayer life: I cannot give what I don't have. Without a good prayer life, I would quickly turn into an empty husk. Every day, I must seek My Lord and beg Him the grace I need to carry out my ministry. I have my non-negotiables: Breviary, Spiritual reading, mental prayer, rosary, devotions and the Sacraments. This is so important that it should take an emergency for me not to fulfill this daily.

Father, it seems irreverent to hear confessions during Mass on Sunday. (N.B. This statement does not

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