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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

**Corporal Works of Mercy—Items Needed**  
St. Peter's programs for the homeless need volunteers and 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.**

**Online Giving**

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

**COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES**

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**"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."**

(James 1:22)



# 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
	1st Friday	8 am-5 pm
	Other Fridays	8 am-12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE — INTENTIONS — REQUESTED BY		
<b>Sun. May 9</b> 5th Sunday After Easter (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Otilia A. Kastus † 11 am Jack & Ellen Dickson † 4:30 pm Pro Populo	JE TD —
<b>Mon. May 10</b> St. Antoninus (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Jacob Seeley	— AS
<b>Tues. May 11</b> SS. Philip & James (2nd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Sr. Mary Faith, OP	— OS
<b>Wed. May 12</b> Vigil of the Ascension (2nd Cl.)	7 am Mary Abernethy 6 pm Billy Powell † <i>1 hr. Adoration after 6p. Mass</i>	HCS JP
<b>Thurs. May 13</b> Ascension of the Lord (1st Cl.)	7 am Roberto Villarroel † 9 am Raquel Bowles 6 pm Pro Populo	DV LH —
<b>Fri. May 14</b> Feria after Ascension (4th Cl.)	7 am Katie Dolph Lewis <i>Adoration: 8 am to 12 noon</i> 6 pm Frank Piccininni	JP BP
<b>Sat. May 15</b> St. John Baptist de la Salle (3rd Cl.)	9 am Mary M. Pfab †	CBP
<b>Sun. May 16</b> Sunday After Ascension (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am To Honor O.L. of Sorrows 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Steszewski Family	CADP — KS
<b>Mon. May 17</b> St. Paschal Baylon (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Max Theodore Augood †	— RO
<b>Tues. May 18</b> St. Venantius (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Ann Winters	— JVS
<b>Wed. May 19</b> St. Peter Celestine (3rd Cl.)	7 am Fr. Karl Marsolle <i>No 6 pm Mass or Adoration</i>	CBP
<b>Thurs. May 20</b> St. Bernardine of Siena (3rd Cl.)	7 am Private Intention 9 am Michael Rowland †	— AVC
<b>Fri. May 21</b> Feria of Ascension (4th Cl.)	7 am Joe Guerrero † <i>Adoration: 8 am to 12 noon</i> 6 pm Renato Signorini †	AG CS
<b>Sat. May 22</b> Vigil of Pentecost (1st Cl.)	9 am Thanksgiving to St. Jude	MCA

**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.*

**Ascension Thursday—May 13**

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

**Mass Schedule Change—Wed. May 19**

Due to the schedule for confirmations, the 6 pm Mass and hour of Adoration are cancelled. The Church will be open for private prayer following the 7 am Mass until 12:30 pm.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

We have resumed our regular Adoration schedule. Sign up today on the vestibule bulletin board. For info: [berniepicci@gmail.com](mailto:berniepicci@gmail.com)

**Altar Server Practice**

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

**New Location!**

**Rosary at the Abortion Clinic**  
Every first & third Saturday at 9 am at 201 N Hamilton St, Richmond, VA 23221

**Upcoming Events**

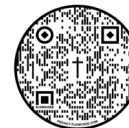
**May 15**—Rosary at the Abortion Clinic  
Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests  
Altar Server Training

**TODAY—Baby Bottle Campaign**

9 May—20 June Take a baby bottle home and fill with change, bills or checks (made out to PHCC) to support the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield. Don't want to take a bottle? Online donations also gratefully accepted at: [phccchesterfield.net](http://phccchesterfield.net)

**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](mailto:info@faithdirect.net).



**Sunday Offertory for May 2, 2021**

	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
<b>Operations</b>			
In Pew	\$7,332	—	—
Online	\$3,187	—	—
<b>Ascension Thursday</b>			
In Pew	\$20		
Total	\$10,539	\$9,211	\$1,328
YTD	\$456,598	\$405,284	\$51,314
<b>Capital Improvements</b>			
In Pew	\$846	—	—
Online	\$787	—	—
Total	\$1,633	\$1,923	(\$290)
YTD	\$86,708	\$84,612	\$2,096

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Special Collections April 2021**

Collection	Total
Altar Flowers	\$690
FSSP Seminary Burse	\$3,309
Holy Land Franciscans	\$475
Poor Box	\$1,623.38
St. Bernadette Fund	\$2,106

**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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