



Spiritual Resolution Checklist

- ☐ Daily spiritual reading
- ☐ Mental Prayer (at least 15 minutes daily)
- ☐ Frequenting the Sacraments
(Confession at least monthly and Holy Communion more often than just once a week)
- ☐ The Rosary daily

Please know that you and your families are in my prayers, especially at the Altar of Our Lord.

Fr. Karl Marsolle FSSP

Special Collections November 2023

Collection	Total
Altar Flowers	\$468
FSSP Seminary Burse	\$1,734
Poor Box	\$1,126.13
St. Bernadette Fund	\$2,668

Adoration Bernadette Piccininni 291-8961	Gift Shop Rose Mary Cosby 272-3908	Parish Pastoral Council Joe Treadwell council@stjosephrichmond.org	Ushers Greg Hice 804-320-4932
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For parish social groups and activities, please see the bulletin board by the parish library.

K of C Christmas Cards for Sale

See the display in the foyer outside the parish office. Proceeds will be used to support our FSSP Seminarians.

Marriage Banns

Miss Mary Mick is marrying Mr. Travis Habiger. This is the third posting of the banns.

Online Giving

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

“It is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed.”

(Rom 13:11)



December 3, 2023

Saint Joseph Parish

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

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Schedule for Holy Mass

Sunday	8:30 am (Low) 11 am (High) 1:30 pm (Low)
Monday	9 am
Tuesday	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: 30 minutes 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 for 1hr following 6pm Mass
1st Friday 8 am-4:45 pm
Other Fridays 8 am-11:45 am

MASS SCHEDULE — INTENTIONS — REQUESTED BY		
Sun. December 3 First Sunday of Advent (1st Cl)	8:30 am Benedict Seeley 11 am Celebrant's Intention 1:30 pm Celebrant's Intention	AS — —
Mon. December 4 St. Peter Chrysologus (3rd Cl)	9 am James Blake 6 pm Celebrant's Intention	MB —
Tues. December 5 Feria in Advent (3rd Cl)	9 am Joseph Dreon 6 pm Celebrant's Intention	CF —
Wed. December 6 St. Nicholas (3rd Cl)	7 am The Zilli Family 6 pm Celebrant's Intention <i>Adoration Cancelled</i>	KZ —
Thurs. December 7 St. Ambrose (3rd Cl)	9 am Christopher Jones	JMB
Fri. December 8 Immaculate Conception of the BVM (1st Cl)	7 am Krystal Solzbach <i>Adoration Cancelled</i> 10 am Pro Populo 6 pm Bosco Sanctafamilia	SB — NH
Sat. December 9 Feria of Advent (3rd Cl)	9 am Pamela Wallerstein	CJW
Sun. December 10 Second Sunday of Advent (1st Cl)	8:30 am FSSP & the TLM 11 am Pro Populo 1:30 pm Fr. Byrne, FSSP	— — BC
Mon. December 11 St. Damasus I (3rd Cl)	9 am Chris & Wendy Ferrara	JSM
Tues. December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe (3rd Cl)	9 am Patricia Tarkington †	EMD
Wed. December 13 St. Lucy (3rd Cl)	7 am Mike Connell, Sr. † 6 pm Grace Mondy <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	MDC HF
Thurs. December 14 Feria of Advent (3rd Cl)	9 am Bonaventure Sanctafamilia	JVS
Fri. December 15 Feria of Advent (3rd Cl)	7 am Jared & Heidi Fagan <i>Adoration 8 am to 12 pm</i> 6 pm Danny & Linda Anderson	RK LA
Sat. December 16 St. Eusebius (3rd Cl)	9 am Barbara Reith	SF

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Theresa Ward, Patricia DiGirolamo, Tom Hancock, John DeMajo, James Walsh, Katie Crawford, Nick Heinz, Toby Thurston, Lorise DeSimone, Taylor Campbell & Family, Michelle Hinkley, Dr. Robert Quarles, Louise McMurray, Audrey Rose Harlan, Lottie Campbell, Andrew Bailey, Christine Womack, and all the chronically ill & homebound of our parish.

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

Parish Advent Mission

Mon. 4 Dec.—Wed. 6 Dec. Fr. Jambon is preaching each day. Please see the handout on the back table of the church for full details.

Holy Day of Obligation

Fri. 8 Dec. is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses as follows: 7 am (low), 10 am (high), & 6 pm (low).

Illness? Stay Home.

I would like to recall some basic principles regarding church attendance when ill. Keep in mind the Catechism of the Catholic Church does not say that you must be “seriously ill” to have just reason to miss Mass. It says that illness (without qualification) constitutes a “serious reason” that justifies missing Mass on a Sunday or holy day.

Hopefully these questions will help one make a prudent decision.

-Am I contagious? (If so, please stay home!)

-Can I travel safely without putting my life or others' in danger due to the effects of my illness?

-Can I sit through Mass without running relays to the bathroom?

-Should I “tough it out” and attend even though I am sick and do not feel well but could contaminate someone for whom a flu might be lethal?

-Is my immune system compromised (from a condition, or sickness) and the slightest illness would be severe?

-Must I stay back to care for someone who is sick?

Upcoming Events

Dec. 3—Fr. Jambon Book Sale

Advent Wreath Making

Dec. 4-6—Parish Advent Mission

Dec. 8—Holy Day of Obligation

Low Mass: 7 am & 6 pm; High Mass: 10 am

Parish Office Closed

Dec. 10—K of C Exemplification

Dec 17—Book Sale for Religious Ed.

Christmas Mass Schedule on Back Table

TODAY—Fr. Jambon Book Sale

Fr. Jambon's books are available for purchase after all Masses today in Fr. Adrian Hall.

TODAY—Live Advent Wreath Making

Today, Sun. 3 Dec. in Fr. Adrian Hall after the 11 am Mass. Candles not provided; they are available in the gift shop. All other supplies provided. A meal will also be provided. St. Nicholas will be there. Questions contact Michelle DeSimone oladynshoe@gmail.com

LAST DAY—2024 FSSP Liturgical Calendars

Mon. 4 Dec. is the final day to be included in our bulk order. Please see the poster on the parish office window. The calendars are available for direct purchase at fraternitypublications.com.

Used Book Sale

Sun. 17 Dec. we will have our next used book sale. If you have any books to donate (only books, please), they may be dropped off in the alcove near the 1st Grade classroom. Our sales are always by donation only, and all proceeds go to support our Rel. Ed. Program.

Women's Silent Retreat—Save the date!

21-23 June 2024 The parish is hosting a women's silent retreat at the Roslyn Conference Center here in Richmond. Details and registration coming soon.

Christmas Flower Donations

Those who contribute online and wish to have their loved ones remembered in our bulletin, please email a list of names to the parish office by Tues. 19 Dec.

Pastor's Corner



Dear Faithful,

The season of Advent is upon us! It begins a New Year as far as the Liturgical cycle goes. It behooves us to look at this past year and reflect. What if this was my last year? Would I be satisfied with it? Was it a fruitful year spiritually speaking? Did I set goals, practical goals? Did I structure my spiritual life? Did I make a list of non-negotiables and try to keep to them?

Unfortunately, rooted in fallen human nature, there is a certain lack of fortitude, a lack of commitment especially regarding the spiritual life. There is a great term for it in French: *mollesse*. It comes from the Latin *mollitia*. There is not really a counterpart for it in English; these translations come close: softness, listlessness, lack of energy, sluggishness, sloth. What it translates into in the spiritual life is a form of effeminacy: a shrinking away from a goal difficult to obtain. (Very different from ‘femininity’ which denotes qualities or attributes regarded as characteristic of women, which is something beautiful and ordained by God).

We should be realistic: the spiritual life is hard work. It is a commitment. It will not always be easy. I will have to face myself, my pride, my misery. I will have to learn humility, to depend on God. But the wonders and the graces and the fulfilment I will find in my faith will far outweigh any effort I can put in. Will I commit?

If we do not have a spiritual life or if it is not structured, I suggest at the very least 4 pillars, 4 non-negotiables in our resolutions for this coming year:

-15 minutes a day of mental prayer (At least)

-Daily spiritual reading

-Frequenting the Sacraments (Confession at least monthly and Holy Communion, if possible, more often than just once a week)

-The Rosary daily

May this year not be a waste spiritually. At its end, we will be one year closer to our death. Will this be our last one?