



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

K of C Christmas Cards for Sale
See the display in the foyer outside the parish office. Proceeds are used to support our FSSP Seminarians.

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.

Sunday Offertory for Dec. 3, 2023			
	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
Operations			
In Pew	\$8,416	—	—
Online	\$5,611	—	—
Total	\$14,027	\$10,962	\$3,065
YTD	\$297,930	\$241,164	\$56,766
Capital Improvements			
In Pew	\$1,160	—	—
Online	\$977	—	—
Total	\$2,137	\$2,404	\$2,561
YTD	\$58,688	\$52,888	\$5,800
Thank you for your continued generosity!			

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.			

“Now the God of hope
fill you with all joy and
peace in believing; that
you may abound in hope,
and in the power of the
Holy Ghost.”

(Rom 15:13)



December 10, 2023

Saint Joseph Parish

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

Rev. Karl Marsolle, FSSP, *Pastor*
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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 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>	RK
	6 pm Danny & Linda Anderson	LA
Sat. December 16 St. Eusebius (3rd Cl)	9 am Barbara Reith	SF
Sun. December 17 Third Sunday of Advent (1st Cl)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11 am Peter & Joan Marie Osborne 1:30 pm William Bogan †	— PJO JS
Mon. December 18 Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl)	9 am Erik Seeley	AS
Tues. December 19 Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl)	9 am Rob Rellihan †	CPB
Wed. December 20 Ember Wednesday of Advent (2nd Cl)	7 am Terry & Margaret Stacy †	CSV AF
	6 pm Patricia Carter † <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	
Thurs. December 21 St. Thomas (2nd Cl)	7 am Rob & Sarah Meyers 9 am Adrian Grumblatt	BH AS
Fri. December 22 Ember Friday of Advent (2nd Cl)	7 am FSSP <i>Adoration 8 am to 12 pm</i>	KB
	6 pm Fr. Marsolle, FSSP	PCP
Sat. December 23 Ember Saturday of Advent (2nd Cl)	9 am Esther Martino	JC

PRAYER INTENTIONS
Anahid Velasquez, 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.

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?

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.


Upcoming Events
Dec. 10— K of C Exemplification
Dec 17—Book Sale for Religious Ed.

Christmas Mass Schedule on Back Table

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.

Women’s Silent Retreat Registration
The parish is hosting a silent retreat for women ages 18 and up, Fri-Sun., June 21-23, 2024 at the Roslyn Retreat Center on River Road. This traditional retreat will be led by Fr. Anthony Mastroeni.
The retreat begins on Friday evening with Holy Mass at 4pm at the Retreat Center, followed by dinner. The first conference is after dinner; silence will begin at that time and last for the rest of the retreat.
On Saturday, there will be several conferences, times for confession/quiet reflection, and a Holy Hour.
The retreat concludes on Sunday with Holy Mass, breakfast, a closing conference, and a Q&A session.
The cost, which includes lodging, meals, and snacks from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast, is \$295 for single rooms with a private bathroom, and \$270 for rooms with a roommate and a shared bathroom. Shared rooms are limited.
Registration begins Sunday, 10 December for St. Joseph Parish parishioners; registration will open to other women on 15 January. Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Parish Library. Return the completed form to the office either in person during office hours, or through the letter slot in the office door. Payment is due at registration, made payable to St. Joseph Parish. Please note "Women's Retreat" on the memo line of your check. If you prefer to pay with cash, please clearly mark the envelope with your name and “Women’s Retreat.” Your place is not reserved until payment is received.
Periods of quiet, peace, prayer, and reflection are vital in our pursuit of holiness. Come hear some powerful talks geared directly toward women, enjoy some quiet time for reflection, plus have time for Adoration, Benediction, Confession, and daily Latin Mass.
“*Silence is necessary, and even absolutely necessary. If silence is lacking, then grace is lacking.*” -St. Maximilian Kolbe

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?