

Corner Cont.  
and their unanimous answer is: To have a "minus one policy." For example, a place that has two priests runs a one priest schedule. A place that has three priests runs a two priest schedule. A place that has four priests runs a three priest schedule. And so on, so that whenever surprises/tragedies/extraordinary circumstances/sicknesses occur, the set schedule is unaffected.

This means that, beginning later this month, the only weekly 7 a.m. Mass will be on Friday.

**This will be our weekly schedule:**  
Monday 9 a.m.  
Tuesday 9 a.m.  
Wednesday 6 p.m. (followed by Adoration)  
Thursday 9 a.m.  
Friday 7 a.m. & 6 p.m. (with Adoration on the usual schedule)  
Saturday 9 a.m.

It will be possible to switch back to a two priest schedule if a third priest is assigned permanently to St. Joseph's.  
Thank you for your understanding.  
Please know that you and your families are in my prayers, especially at the Altar of Our Lord.

*Fr. Karl Marsolle FSSP*

**Women's Silent Retreat Registration  
Now Open to Non-Parishioners**  
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. Full details and registration forms are on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Parish Library.

**PHCC Volunteers Needed**  
The Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield is in serious need of volunteers, both medical and non-medical. To help out, please call 804-777-9063.

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

Sunday Offertory for Jan 14, 2024			
	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
<b>Operations</b>			
In Pew	\$8,326	—	—
Online	\$4,633	—	—
<b>Total</b>	\$12,959	\$10,962	\$1,997
<b>YTD</b>	\$404,486	\$306,936	\$97,550
<b>Capital Improvements</b>			
In Pew	\$663	—	—
Online	\$957	—	—
<b>Total</b>	\$1,620	\$2,404	(\$784)
<b>YTD</b>	\$75,096	\$67,312	\$7,784
Thank you for your continued generosity!			

<b>Adoration</b> Bernadette Piccininni 291-8961	<b>Gift Shop</b> Rose Mary Cosby 272-3908	<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> Joe Treadwell council@stjosephrichmond.org	<b>Ushers</b> Greg Hice 804-320-4932
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<b>Finance Council</b> Bob Stolle finance@stjosephrichmond.org	<b>Maintenance</b> John Hewitt 804-320-4932	<b>Safe Environment Committee</b> Mary Poerstel 804-432-5134	
For parish apostolates, social groups and activities, please see the bulletin board by the parish library.			

*“Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil by good.”*  
*(Rom. 12:21)*



January 21, 2024

# 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 6 pm  
Thursday 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		
<b>Sun. January 21</b> Third Sunday after Epiphany (2nd Cl)	8:30 am Dyllan Shaw 11 am Larry McDowell † 1:30 pm Pro Populo	MLS JC —
<b>Mon. January 22</b> Votive Mass for Peace (2nd Cl)	9 am Anna Seeley	MS
<b>Tues. January 23</b> St. Raymond of Penafort (3rd Cl)	9 am Mamie B. Taylor & Family	MS
<b>Wed. January 24</b> St. Timothy (3rd Cl)	7 am Catherine McKenna † 6 pm Thaddeus Sanctafamilia <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	CM JVS
<b>Thurs. January 25</b> Conversion of St. Paul (3rd Cl)	9 am Susan Bill †	TMP
<b>Fri. January 26</b> St. Polycarp (3rd Cl)	7 am Jack Smith <i>Adoration 8 am to 12 pm</i> 6 pm The Heller Family	DL KS
<b>Sat. January 27</b> St. John Chrysostom (3rd Cl)	9 am New Parishioners of St. Joseph's	—
<b>Sun. January 28</b> Septuagesima Sunday (2nd Cl)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11 am Theresa McCall † 1:30 pm Anthony DeStefano †	— PH RE
<b>Mon. January 29</b> St. Francis de Sales (2nd Cl)	9 am Oliver O. Bragg	RAS
<b>Tues. January 30</b> St. Martina (3rd Cl)	9 am Jeff Davenport	JAM
<b>Wed. January 31</b> St. John Bosco (3rd Cl)	6 pm Daniel Giorgi † <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	PP
<b>Thurs. February 1</b> St. Ignatius (3rd Cl)	9 am Dr. Harry Shaia	PJO
<b>Fri. February 2</b> Purification of the B.V.M. (2nd Cl)	7 am Therese Sanctafamilia <i>Adoration 8 am to 5 pm</i> 6 pm Grace Mondy	NH HF
<b>Sat. February 3</b> St. Blaise (4th Cl)	9 am Margaret Byrne †	MJP

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Tony Zacchetti, Carol Bailey, J. P. Vittori, Suki & Beau Simpson, Samual Sponeybarger, Cliff Cosby, James & Judy Stephens, Freddie Cahoon, Andrew Piffat, Sr., Cooper Hamerman, Anahid Velasquez, Theresa Ward, Patricia DiGirolamo, Tom Hancock, James Walsh, Nick Heinz, and all the chronically ill & homebound of our parish.

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

Mass Schedule

Please carefully note the Mass time changes highlighted in grey, and read the Pastor's Corner for an important update.

Epiphany Water

Epiphany Water is available at the front of the church. There is enough for every family to take a regular water bottle size (about 16 ounces). This holy water should be used during Epiphanytide. When it runs out, you can refill your bottle with the holy water offered at the parish year-round.

Day of Penance

Mon. 22 Jan. In all dioceses of the United States, this is a day of penitential observance for the sin of abortion.

Calling Substitute Teachers!

Our Religious Education program is in desperate need of substitute teachers. If you can help, email: [edu@stjosephrichmond.org](mailto:edu@stjosephrichmond.org)

From Fr. Marsolle

In our efforts to make our church a house of prayer, and taking into account numerous and well-founded complaints, the ushers will assist the priests of St. Joseph Parish by:

- helping people find seats 10 minutes before Mass starts
- asking the parent of a disruptive child to take the child out into the vestibule
- asking someone who will not silence their phone after repeated disruptions to do so.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Events

**Jan 21**—Used Book Sale  
**Jan. 22**—Day of Penance  
**Jan 27**—New Parishioner Event Cancelled  
**Jan 31**—Feeding the Hungry  
**Feb. 2**—Blessing of Candles before 6 pm Mass  
**Feb. 3**—St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

TODAY—Used Book Sale

Today, Sun. 21 Jan. in Fr. Adrian Hall is our used book sale. Our sales are always by donation only, and all proceeds go to support our Religious Ed. Program.

Feeding the Hungry Downtown

Wed. 31 January, St. Joseph Parish is providing meals for the homeless downtown. Please see the posters on the bulletin board by the parish library to help out. For more info: [events@stjosephrichmond.org](mailto:events@stjosephrichmond.org).

New Parishioner Event Cancelled

Thank you to all who RSVP'd. Unfortunately, Fr. Marsolle has been called away that weekend to his uncle's funeral, so we had to cancel the event. The 9 am Mass on 27 January will still be offered for the intentions of our New Parishioners.

Candlemas Candles

Beginning Sat. 27 Jan., candles to be blessed can be left in front of the Last Supper window in the church. All candles must be in place before 5:30 pm on Fri. 2 Feb. Please clearly mark them with your name and phone number. Any candles left on the blessings table near the office will not receive the Candlemas blessing.

St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Sat. 3 Feb. The priest will bless throats at the Communion Rail following the 9 am Mass.

Charitable Contribution Statements

End of the year statements for tax purposes have been sent to everyone who contributed \$500 or more in 2023. If you need your statement and do not receive it, please contact the office. Additionally, take note of how your statement is addressed—if any information is incorrect, please let us know so we can correct it in our system.

Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

In my formation, I didn't really get a manual on how to run a parish. A lot of it has been "learn as you go; learn from being burnt!" At this stage, I've concluded that I need to make more adjustments to our weekly Mass schedule.

The way St. Joseph Parish has been operating since the FSSP began serving here is a two priest schedule for two priests assigned here. This means running at full capacity, all the time. This schedule would work if *everything* went according to plan on a daily basis, but no day or week or month ever goes fully according to plan. After nearly five years here, I can certainly corroborate this. There are tragedies, hospital calls, funerals and many other necessities, surprises, requests and demands, from the sublime and legit to the sometimes ridiculous. There are also many behind-the-scenes obligations that consume a lot of each priest's time every day. We have obligations to the parish. We have obligations to the diocese. As FSSP priests, we also have obligations and extra duties to the FSSP and constitutions we should strive to live by (common prayer, meals, convocations, annual retreats, monthly day of recollection, priests council, and other duties and functions). We also have obligations to our families: fathers, mothers and siblings. Usually, our four weeks of vacation per year are spent on the latter.

All obligations aside, a two priest schedule for two priests assigned here would only work if the priests never got sick. Unfortunately, I'd say we get sick all too often. Why? Because some weeks we are running on fumes trying to keep up with the schedule, our immune system is down, and we get exposed to germs and catch what's going around. When one priest is down, the other scrambles to cover his duties for him. Sickness lingers longer than it should because the necessary time to recover must be cut short as the obligations only pile up.

Some time ago, I realized that the schedule, as it was, would eventually run the priests into the ground, so I reduced the schedule for Mondays and Tuesdays to only a 9 a.m. Mass. This change helped, but realistically it was insufficient. What is the solution? I have consulted older and wiser priests in busy apostolates