

smiled. I spoke to him about what I could bring him: about Jesus, God who became man to grant us forgiveness, about the Church he established, about Baptism, about sorrow for sins and the life everlasting which we were created for and long for. We spoke for a good three hours. At the end of our visit, I asked him if this was what he wanted. He answered, "YES!"

I was able to baptize my friend the next day. He died a week later. Reflecting, I thought again, "What are the odds?!" Thanks be to God for his graces and his mercy!

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

Fr. Karl Marsolle FSSP

Special Collections November 2024	
Collection	Total
Altar Flowers	\$1,495
FSSP Seminary Burse	\$2,341
Poor Box	\$1,354.61
St. Bernadette Fund	\$2,983

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

Assisting the Homeless

St. Peter Outreach is looking for volunteers to help with the shower program for the homeless on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 4 pm. Responsibilities include giving out tickets at the door, helping guests select clean clothing, handing out toiletries and towels and distributing snacks as they wait. Interested: outreachstpeter@richmondcluster.org for info.

FSSP Christmas Card Novena

Send the gift of grace this Christmas: enroll your loved ones in the FSSP Novena of Masses offered Dec. 17th to 25th. Christmas cards come in packs of 12; supplies limited; first come, first serve. Enroll by Dec. 1st - details and enrollment forms available on the bulletin board in the vestibule or at fssp.com/ccm-p

Sunday Offertory for Nov 24, 2024			
	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
Operations			
In Pew	\$6,645	—	—
Online	\$8,891	—	—
Total	\$15,536	\$11,500	\$4,036
YTD	\$291,899	\$241,500	\$50,399
Capital Improvements			
In Pew	\$991	—	—
Online	\$1,346	—	—
Total	\$2,337	\$2,596	(\$259)
YTD	\$54,435	\$54,516	(\$81)

Thank you for your continued generosity!

“They shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with great power and majesty. When these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand.”

(Luke 21:27-28)



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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		
Sun. December 1 1st Sunday of Advent (1st Cl)	8:30 am Christopher Mozol 11:00 am Primitiva Antigua 1:30 pm Pro Populo	CB MM —
Mon. December 2 St. Bibiana (3rd Cl)	9 am Irmgard Cordes	CU
Tues. December 3 St. Francis Xavier (3rd Cl)	9 am Joey Hartley	CH
Wed. December 4 St. Peter Chrysologus (3rd Cl)	6 pm Walter & Donna Smigielski <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	WLS
Thurs. December 5 Feria of Advent (3rd Cl)	9 am Virginia Craig †	CBP
Fri. December 6 St. Nicholas (3rd Cl)	7 am Kathy Bartz <i>Adoration 8 am to 5 pm</i> 6 pm Ludwig Schindler Sr. †	CH ARP
Sat. December 7 St. Ambrose (3rd Cl)	9 am Zilli Family	KNZ
Sun. December 8 2nd Sunday of Advent (1st Cl)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am FSSP & the TLM 1:30 pm Noreen Borter †	— — JMS
Mon. December 9 Immaculate Conception of the B. V. M. (1st Cl)	7 am Pro Populo 9 am Emma Bentrem 6 pm Faithful Departed of St. Joseph Parish	— FAB SJP
Tues. December 10 Feria of Advent (3rd Cl)	9 am Brandon & Hollis Daniels	SJP
Wed. December 11 St. Damasus I (3rd Cl)	6 pm Terry & Margaret Stacy † <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	CSV
Thurs. December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe (3rd Cl)	9 am Hali Yun	UK
Fri. December 13 St. Lucy (3rd Cl)	7 am Bruce Douglas <i>Adoration 8 am to 12 noon</i> 6 pm Nadine Dorley	TD GM
Sat. December 14 Feria of Advent (3rd Cl)	9 am Bonaventure Sanctafamilia	JVS

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jean Connors, Nick Heinz, Molly Mack, Ron Campbell, Mary Claire Adams, Michael Beaven, Meghan Hopkins, Fr. Joe D'Aurora, Max Bowling, Andrea Kim, Agnes Kim, Andrew Kim, Amy Ngo, Carol Bailey, James Jones, and all the chronically ill & homebound of our parish.

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

No Religious Ed Today—Sun. 1 Dec.

**Holy Day of Obligation Date Change
Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

The FSSP North American Province has advised us to transfer the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with the obligation to attend Mass, to Mon. 9 Dec. this year, per the USCCB's instructions. We will offer Low Masses at 7 am, 9 am, and 6 pm that day.

Novena to Our Lady

Sat. 30 Nov.—Sun. 8 Dec. We are praying the Memorare after each Mass in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

TODAY—Live Advent Wreath Making

Sun. 1 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

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 Wed. 18 Dec.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 1—No Religious Education
Live Advent Wreath Making
Dec 9—**NOTE: Holy Day of Obligation**
Low Masses 7 am, 9 am & 6 pm

Christmas Gift Bags for the Homeless

We are once again collecting gift bags for the Homeless Ministry at St. Peter Pro Cathedral Church downtown. Lists are posted on the bulletin board by the parish library if you want to contribute items. Monetary donations can be given via a clearly marked envelope in the parish office letter slot. **Donated items should be placed in the designated bins in the main vestibule by Sun. 8 Dec.** Thanks for your generosity!

TODAY—Mary's Choice Baby Bottle Campaign

Sun. 1 Dec. We are welcoming Mary's Choice RVA for a Baby Bottle Campaign. Mary's Choice is a pro-life organization for women who have chosen life; they provide housing and support services for moms and their babies for up to 4 years. Volunteers will have bottles available in Fr. Adrian Hall for you to take home and fill with your donations. The bottles will be collected on Dec. 22. Thank you for your generosity!

Pray for Our Legislature

The Virginia legislature is fast-tracking three amendments to the state constitution. Please see the bishops' letter posted on the bulletin board in the main vestibule for more details, and pray that God's will be done.

K of C Christmas Cards for Sale

See the Knights after Sunday Masses to purchase cards. Proceeds will be used to support our FSSP Seminarians.

Thank You

The St. Camillus Prayer Group wishes to send a big Thank You to all who made our Bake Sale a great success: bakers, customers, and donors. May God bless you all for your support.

Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

Thanksgiving is a necessary component of our prayer lives. As expressed by many spiritual writers, the four ends of prayer are Adoration, Thanksgiving, Contrition and Petition. Expressing gratitude to God for his blessings and his graces will certainly help us be more aware of them and not take them for granted. I have seen many families include it in their night prayers. They take turns and list a few things they are grateful for on that day. It is a good practice and an excellent habit to foster.

I wanted to share with you an unusual and unexpected occasion of thanksgiving and rejoicing I had last month. One of my high school friends reached out to me. His name is Ben. We hadn't seen each other in over 23 years. In fact, the last time we corresponded was through letters, over 21 years ago -- I had just entered the novitiate of a Benedictine monastery in southern France, and he had joined the Navy.

Ben was a genius and he did well for himself. He became a Naval Nuclear Power Training Command public affairs officer and traveled the world in his service as an aircraft carrier pilot. He was stationed in Japan, and later bought a nice house in Hawaii where he supervised a hospital for the Navy.

When he reached out to me last month, he had moved from Hawaii back to South Carolina and had but a few weeks to live. He was diagnosed two years ago with a cancer which metastasized and spread through his entire body.

I was able to make the drive down to Charleston, SC and visit my friend. He still had all his mental faculties but was bedridden, paralyzed, and in hospice care. He could speak but with great difficulty and was listening intently to what I had to say.

Ben had not been baptized. He even mentioned that he regretted that we never had theological conversations (no one in high school thought I'd become a priest... myself included!) I told him: "What are the odds, that I, coming from the Caribbean, should get to attend high school in Nevada, that we should become friends and that I am now a Catholic Priest at your death bed?!!!" He