

**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

**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. For info: [outreachstpeter@richmondcluster.org](mailto:outreachstpeter@richmondcluster.org)

*“I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go unto the house of the lord.”*

(Ps 121:1)



# Saint Joseph Parish

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

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

*Fr. Karl Marsolle FSSP*

**Sunday Offertory for Dec 1, 2024**

	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
<b>Operations</b>			
In Pew	\$6,055	—	—
Online	\$5,744	—	—
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>			
In Pew	\$25	—	—
<b>Christmas</b>			
In Pew	\$25	—	—
Total	\$11,849	\$11,500	\$349
YTD	\$303,748	\$253,000	\$50,748
<b>Capital Improvements</b>			
In Pew	\$751	—	—
Online	\$1,309	—	—
Total	\$2,060	\$2,596	(\$536)
YTD	\$56,495	\$57,112	(\$617)

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Rev. Karl Marsolle, FSSP, Pastor**  
**Rev. Rhone Lillard, FSSP, Vicar**  
**Rev. Peter Byrne, FSSP, Vicar**  
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[office@stjosephrichmond.org](mailto:office@stjosephrichmond.org)

**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

**Parish Office**  
 Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9 am — 12:30 pm  
 828 Buford Rd., N. Chesterfield, VA 23235  
[www.stjosephrichmond.org](http://www.stjosephrichmond.org)  
**(804) 320-4932**  
 Text: (804) 307-8390  
 Fax: (804) 451-1009  
 Sacramental emergencies: (804) 396-5665  
**Beverly Howe, Business Manager**  
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**David Pedersen, Choirmaster**  
[music@stjosephrichmond.org](mailto:music@stjosephrichmond.org)

**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

<b>Adoration</b> Bernadette Piccininni 804-291-8961	<b>Gift Shop</b> Rose Mary Cosby 804-272-3908	<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> Joe Treadwell <a href="mailto:council@stjosephrichmond.org">council@stjosephrichmond.org</a>	<b>Ushers</b> Greg Hice 804-320-4932
<b>Altar Flowers</b> 804-320-4932 <a href="mailto:office@stjosephrichmond.org">office@stjosephrichmond.org</a>	<b>Knights of Columbus</b> Ken Diman 804-320-4932 <a href="mailto:kofc@stjosephrichmond.org">kofc@stjosephrichmond.org</a>	<b>Religious Education</b> Katy Hichborn <a href="mailto:edu@stjosephrichmond.org">edu@stjosephrichmond.org</a>	<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b> Kristen Treadwell <a href="mailto:volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org">volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org</a>
<b>Event Coordinator</b> Lorraine Hewitt <a href="mailto:events@stjosephrichmond.org">events@stjosephrichmond.org</a>	<b>Library</b> Tim Olmsted <a href="mailto:library@stjosephrichmond.org">library@stjosephrichmond.org</a>	<b>Sacristan</b> Monica Mell <a href="mailto:sacristan@stjosephrichmond.org">sacristan@stjosephrichmond.org</a>	
<b>Finance Council</b> Bob Stolle <a href="mailto:finance@stjosephrichmond.org">finance@stjosephrichmond.org</a>	<b>Maintenance</b> Johnny Howe 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.**

MASS SCHEDULE — INTENTIONS — REQUESTED BY		
<b>Sun. December 8</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent (1st Cl)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am FSSP & the TLM 1:30 pm Noreen Borter †	— — JMS
<b>Mon. December 9</b> 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
<b>Tues. December 10</b> Feria of Advent (3rd Cl)	9 am Brandon & Hollis Daniels	SJP
<b>Wed. December 11</b> St. Damasus I (3rd Cl)	6 pm Terry & Margaret Stacy † <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	CSV
<b>Thurs. December 12</b> Our Lady of Guadalupe (3rd Cl)	9 am Hali Yun	UK
<b>Fri. December 13</b> St. Lucy (3rd Cl)	7 am Bruce Douglas <i>Adoration 8 am to 12 noon</i> 6 pm Nadine Dorley	TD GM
<b>Sat. December 14</b> Feria of Advent (3rd Cl)	9 am Bonaventure Sanctafamilia	JVS
<b>Sun. December 15</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent (1st Cl)	8:30 am Mary Ester Brown 11:00 am Pro Populo 1:30 pm Mary Margaret Price	DB — RO
<b>Mon. December 16</b> St. Eusebius (3rd Cl)	9 am The Steszewski Family	KS
<b>Tues. December 17</b> Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl)	9 am Martinez Family	GM
<b>Wed. December 18</b> Ember Wednesday of Advent (2nd Cl)	6 pm Michel Aussanaire † <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	SJP
<b>Thurs. December 19</b> Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl)	9 am Levi Bentrem	FAB
<b>Fri. December 20</b> Ember Friday of Advent (2nd Cl)	7 am John G. DeMajo † <i>Adoration 8 am to 12 noon</i> 6 pm Tyan Moore †	JS KC
<b>Sat. December 21</b> St. Thomas (2nd Cl)	9 am Poerstel Children & Families	JMP

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Paulita Dudley, 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, and all the chronically ill & homebound of our parish.

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

**Mon. 9 Dec.—Parish Office Closed**

**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. **The 6 pm Mass is now a High Mass.**

**Expectant Mothers' Blessing**

Sun. 15 Dec. at 10 am in the main church. All mothers who are currently pregnant are invited to the Communion Rail for a blessing. Those who are unable to kneel may stand for the blessing.

**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.

**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.

**Upcoming Events**

**Dec 9—NOTE: Holy Day of Obligation**  
Low Masses 7 am, 9 am, **High Mass 6 pm**  
**Parish Office Closed**  
**Dec 15—Expectant Mothers' Blessing**

**2025 FSSP Liturgical Calendars**

These are available at [fraternitypublications.com](http://fraternitypublications.com). For those not comfortable ordering online or wishing to save on shipping, please see the poster on the parish office window.

**Final Day!**

**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!

**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.

**Give Your Spouse a Special Gift this Christmas**

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org) and click "Apply" and search for your desired location. Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at (757)-690-1369 or email [donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org](mailto:donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org) with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:  
January 7 - February 18 virtual (Tuesday evenings)  
January 21 - February 2, Myrtle Beach, SC  
March 7 - 9 Rehoboth Beach, DE  
March 14 - 16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ  
March 21 - 23 Emerald Isle, NC

**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?

# Christmastide Schedule 2024

St. Joseph Parish — Richmond  
828 Buford Rd., N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

*Confessions offered a half hour  
before Mass unless otherwise noted.*

## **Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.—Mon. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** ***Holy Day of Obligation***

7 am — Low Mass  
9 am — Low Mass  
6 pm — High Mass

## **Vigil of Christmas — Tues. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

9 am — Low Mass  
7 pm — Low Mass (*fulfills the obligation for next day*)

## **Nativity of the Lord — Holy Day of Obligation** **Tues. Night Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 pm to 11:30 pm **only** — Confession Time  
Prelude Music  
12 Midnight — Solemn High Mass

## **Wed. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**

9 am — Low Mass  
11 am — High Mass  
1:30 pm — Low Mass

## **7th Day in the Octave of Christmas — Tues. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**

9 am — Low Mass  
With singing of the *Te Deum*

## **Circumcision of the Lord — Wed. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** ***Holy Day of Obligation***

9 am — Low Mass  
11 am — High Mass  
1:30 pm — Low Mass  
With singing of the *Veni Creator Spiritus*

## **Holy Name of Jesus — Sun. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am — Low Mass  
11 am — High Mass  
1:30 pm — Low Mass  
2:45 pm — Blessing of the Epiphany Water

## **The Epiphany of the Lord — Mon. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**

9 am — Low Mass  
6 pm — High Mass

