



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

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

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice.”

(Phil 4:4)



Saint Joseph Parish

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

Sunday Offertory for Dec 8, 2024

	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
Operations			
In Pew	\$4,829	—	—
Online	\$9,691	—	—
Immaculate Conception			
In Pew	\$2,087	—	—
Christmas			
In Pew	\$50	—	—
Online	\$70	—	—
Total	\$16,727	\$11,500	\$5,227
YTD	\$320,475	\$264,500	\$55,975
Capital Improvements			
In Pew	\$519	—	—
Online	\$3,170	—	—
Total	\$3,689	\$2,596	\$1093
YTD	\$60,185	\$59,708	\$476

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

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Rev. Rhone Lillard, FSSP, Vicar

Rev. Peter Byrne, FSSP, Vicar

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Parish Office

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music@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

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 15 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
Mon. December 16 St. Eusebius (3rd Cl)	9 am The Steszewski Family	KS
Tues. December 17 Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl)	9 am Martinez Family	GM
Wed. December 18 Ember Wednesday of Advent (2nd Cl)	6 pm Michel Aussanaire † <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	SJP
Thurs. December 19 Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl)	9 am Levi Bentrem	FAB
Fri. December 20 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
Sat. December 21 St. Thomas (2nd Cl)	9 am Poerstel Children & Families	JMP
Sun. December 22 4th Sunday of Advent (1st Cl)	8:30 am Louis Dorley 11:00 am Taylor N. Runge 1:30 pm Pro Populo	GM FBR —
Mon. December 23 Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl)	9 am Elizabeth Esquivel & Family	TMP
Tues. December 24 Vigil of Christmas (1st Cl)	9 am Noel Martinez 7 pm Carole Stacy Vaden	GM CSV
Wed. December 25 Nativity of Our Lord (1st Cl)	12:00 am Faithful Departed of St. Joseph Parish 9:00 am Pro Populo 11:00 am FSSP 1:30 pm James F. Stells †	SJP — MM KS
Thurs. December 26 St. Stephen (2nd Cl)	9 am Fr. Joe Koury	JVS
Fri. December 27 St. John the Evangelist (2nd Cl)	7 am Ethel Dahlem † <i>Adoration 8 am to 12 noon</i> 6 pm Paul & Catherine Paolini	MD PCP
Sat. December 28 Holy Innocents (2nd Cl)	9 am All Aborted Children	SS

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.

TODAY—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.

22 Dec. & 29 Dec.—No Religious Ed

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 15—Expectant Mothers' Blessing
Dec 22 & Dec 29—No Religious Ed

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 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 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

**Traditional Men's Silent Retreat
February 7—9, 2025**

The Holy Name Society of St. Mary, Conshohocken, PA is organizing a Traditional Men's Silent Retreat at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA from February 7—9, 2025 with Fr. Gregory Eichman, FSSP as Retreat Master. Open to family and friends that are practicing Catholics – men 18 and older. Cost is \$325 includes accommodations & meals. Contact Ken Orner at stmarys.hns.treasurer@gmail.com for information.

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?