

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm | Friday: 9:00 am - 12 pm

OUR MISSION

A Catholic community living the apostolic mission to love God, love our neighbor, and make disciples.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sundays: 8:00 am, *10:00 am & 12:00 pm

ADVENT WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 am

*Livestream Mass

HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday—Thursday: after Weekday Masses Friday: 7:15 am (and Divine Mercy Chaplet)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Advent Reconciliation Service or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Thursday of the month: 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Families will meet with Deacon Steve and are required to attend two (2) Baptismal Preparation Classes in the parish if you are seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for children under 7 years of age. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

Children are required to register and attend Religious Education classes for the current school year in order to participate in the Sacramental Preparation program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Contact Donna Consla for more information.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

One-year preparation beginning in 10th Grade is required. Contact Donna Consla if your child is in the 10th grade and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

In the Diocese of Richmond, couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church should notify Father Anthony at least 6 to 9 months prior to requesting a wedding date.

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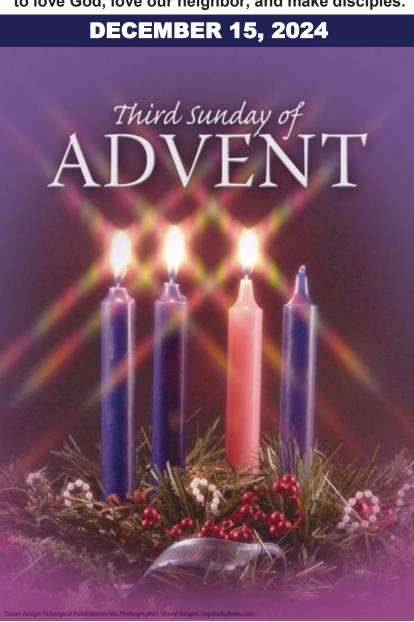
Christ strengthens our faith and bestows God's grace in a time of anxiety and pain. Please call the Parish office to make arrangements to celebrate this sacrament if you are ill, facing surgery or enduring current illness.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Contact Father Anthony in the Parish office or the Office of Vocations (804) 359-5661 or via email at vocations@richmonddiocese.org, if you are discerning a call to the priesthood or consecrated life.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church or entering the catechumenate, please contact Deacon Bob Smithberger in the parish office. Inquiry is welcome at any time.





YEAR C

THIS WEEK AT HOLY SPIRIT

(Subject to change, please check our website or call the Parish office)

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING MASS.

*Public/Livestream

SUNDAY. DECEMBER 15

8:00 am

Jerry Schroeder †

10:00 am * Mass with Baptism

Florencio & Eufrosina Oliva †

12:00 pm Mass with Baptism

Parishioners of Holy Spirit

1:30 pm Grade K-5 Formation 3:00 pm Christmas Concert (WS/B/K)

6:00 pm Life Teen (A) **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

6:00 pm **SVDP Outreach Ministry** Middle School EDGE 6:30 pm

TUESDAY. DECEMBER 17

8:00 am Mass/Rosary (WS) Lulu Suarez-San Pedro †

10:00 am SVDP Outreach Ministry 6:30 pm Simbang Gabi Rehearsal (WS) Adult Scripture Study (B) 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 am Mass/Rosary/Novena (WS) All Souls in Purgatory †

12:30 pm Canasta Card Prayers (A)

Wedding Rehearsal for Trisha Tamares and 4:00 pm

Patrick Reyes Nuptial Mass (WS)

7:00 pm Parish Council (L)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 am Mass/Rosary (WS) All Souls in Purgatory †

10:00 am SVDP Outreach Ministry

1:00 pm Wedding Mass for Trisha Tamares and

Patrick Reyes (WS)

5:30 pm Youth Choir (L)

SVDP Marketplace Setup (A/K/2) 6:30 pm

7:00 pm Adult Choir (WS)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet (WS) 7:15 am

Mass (WS) Brian Mayor 8:00 am

8:30 am Potluck Breakfast Social Gathering (B/K) Bible Study—Faith Sharing Community (L) 9:30 am

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (VIGIL)

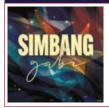
9:00 am SVDP Marketplace (A/B/K)

4:00 pm Simbang Gabi Choir Warm-up/Rehearsal (L) Simbang Gabi on the 4th Sunday of Advent 5:00 pm

Vigil Mass (WS) Anne Marie Holland †

Simbang Gabi Reception (A/B/K) 6:00 pm

SIMBANG GABI MASS & RECEPTION



Saturday, December 21 at 5 pm

Reception immediately following Mass. Food sign-up sheets and monetary donation envelopes are located in the commons. Thank you for your support!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR THE SICK

Dana Cruz, Fr. Danny Cogut

Pray for all the names listed in our book of intentions.

† FOR THE DECEASED †

We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of all who lost a loved one.

> Pray for all the names listed in our book of remembrance.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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svdp@holyspiritvb.org

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Outreach Office Hours: Monday 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

This week, we are most in need of:

Boxes of Rice-a-roni
Deluxe Mac and Cheese
Boxes of scalloped potatoes

Please place your non-perishable donations on the wire rack in front of the parish office. Thank you.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE 7:00 PM

December 16 St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church
December 19 St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

SIMBANG GABI

December 15 - 7 pm St. Luke Catholic Church
December 16 - 5 pm Church of the Ascension

December 17 - 7 pm Star of the Sea

December 18 - 7 pm
December 20 - 7 pm
December 21 - 5 pm
December 23 - 7 pm
December 23 - 7 pm
December 23 - 7 pm
December 24 - 5 pm
December 25 - 5 pm
December 27 - 5 pm
December 27 - 5 pm
December 27 - 5 pm
December 28 - 7 pm
December 29 - 7 pm

December 22 - 7 pm St. Gregory the Great
December 23 - 4:30 pm St. Luke Catholic Church

GOLDEN JUBILEE RAFFLE TICKETS



GOLDEN JUBILEE RAFFLE

Grand Prize \$10,000* 2nd Prize \$2,000 3rd Prize \$500

Ticket Price \$100.00

Tickets sold in the commons after all Masses

DRAWING 12/21/2024 (after Simbang Gabi Mass)

TICKET SALES MUST BE MET. ALL PRIZES WILL BE ADJUSTED ACCORDING TO ACTUAL TICKET SALE

GOLDEN JUBILEE PHOTOS



Do you have photos from events at Holy Spirit from the past 50 years that you would love to share?

Holy Spirit is collecting photos to be used in our 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book that highlight events such as parishwide celebrations, trips, pilgrimages, outreach, and fundraisers.

Please scan the QR code to submit photos for use in our 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book.

For questions, please email hs50@holyspiritvb.org



Holy Spirit at 50....Moved by the Spirit!

January 20, 2025 — Top Golf (\$)

February 10 - 12, 2025 - Parish Mission

February 16 - June 3, 2025 (weekly) - Wild Goose Series

February 27, 2025 — Bible Museum (\$)

March 22-23, 2025 — Ministry Fair

June, 7, 2025 — Pentecost Vigil and Potluck

June 22, 2025 — Golden Jubilee Mass

June 22, 2025 — Choir Concert and Reception

September 6, 2025 — Fruits of the Spirit

September 15, 2025 — Jubilee Golf Tournament (\$)

October 17, 2025 — Golden Jubilee Gala (\$)

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DECEMBER 15. 2024

SPECIAL COLLECTION

We have a special collection during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses for Catholic Charities.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

BORROWED PYX

Please return borrowed pyx to the Parish Office.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



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**, click "Apply" and search for your desired location. .

Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369 or donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with any questions.

Here is the next upcoming experience:

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

PARISH REGISTRATION

Why should you "officially" register as a parishioner at Holy Spirit Catholic Church?

It is a requirement for any type of sponsorship documentation, such as Baptismal Attestation to be a godparent for Baptism, or letters of good standing for Catholic schools.

Registration forms are available online at www.holyspiritvb.org or pick up a registration form at the information desk in the commons. Call the parish office if you have any questions.

HOPE 4 LIFE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Do you feel called to serve Christ in a purposeful, courageous way that helps save lives? Hope 4 Life, the only local Catholic pregnancy center, needs your help! One of our primary roles is

standing prayerfully outside local abortion clinics, speaking words of truth, hope and love to the moms and encouraging them to choose life for their unborn child. We need volunteers to serve as either sidewalk advocates or prayer partners (on site, in support of the advocates). Though challenging, there is nothing more rewarding than being a part of God's work in saving the life of a child and the souls of the parents. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to be a voice for the voiceless.

For more information, call or text Katrina at (757) 334-6149.

2024—2025 FAITH FORMATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

All Faith Formation Classes (Grades K-5), Middle School EDGE and High School Life Teen are cancelled on December 22 through December 29 for winter break. Classes will resume on January 5 and 6, 2025.

Contact Donna Consla or Kim Blanco in the parish office for questions.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word is cancelled on December 22 and 29, 2024. CLOW will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2025

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT

The Diocese of Richmond requires **ALL** volunteers complete a yearly background check and VIRTUS training every five years.

YOUTH CHOIR



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Children in grades 2 - 8 interested in singing for the Christmas Concert and for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass are welcome to join the Holy Spirit Youth Choir.

Thursdays: 5:30 pm - 6:10 pm Location: Church Library

Contact Erin Laurence in the parish office for questions.

SIMBANG GABI CHOIR



Anyone interested in joining the Simbang Gabi Choir are welcome. Join us in the Worship Space for our next rehearsal.

Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 6:30pm



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CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CHRISTMAS

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about?

With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray?

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness, call the Parish office to request communion brought you.

LOW GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host at Mass, please contact the Parish office

QUESTION OF THE WEEK REFLECT AND RESPOND TO THE SCRIPTURE

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FIRST READING:

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a future joyful time of God's forgiveness and return to his people, Israel. What excites you most as you think about the future?

SECOND READING:

Paul encourages the Christians in Philippi to be a community that rejoices and finds peace with God. What could you celebrate this Advent season with family or friends?

GOSPEL:

John the Baptist encouraged the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live ethically in very practical ways. How could this apply to your life this week?

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

- Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

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Question: What do we call an ornamental canopy above an altar inside a church?

Answer: A Baldacchino or Baldachin.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/ls 12/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 **Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25/Mt 21:23-27 **Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72/Mt 1:18-25 **Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45 **Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

VOCATION MINISTRY



"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS"

Are you filled with joy at the Lord's invitation to serve Him in priesthood or consecrated life? This deep sense of joy is a sign that God may be calling you to share His love with others in a special way. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Rev. Mr. Christopher Weyer, Rev. Mr. Andrew Clark, Rev. Mr. Samuel Hill, Rev. Mr. Matthew Kelly, Brennen McCoy, John Paul Shanahan, Michael Anctil, Scott Campolongo, Graham Fassero, Charlie Tamayo, William Yearout, David Hairston II, Chad Wilson, Peter Olbrych, Maximus McHugh, Jack Domark, Carl Baumann, Jonathan Kenney, Neal McCaffrey, Minh Tran, Aventon Grimes, Austin Alanis, Andrew Allen, Martin Beers, Tim Soukup, Carlos Gonzalez Jr, Martin Kroll

LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR SEMINARIANS

Our seminarians could use letters of encouragement and support. If you are interested in lifting their spirits and encouraging them in their vocation to serve our Lord as future priests through cards or letters, contact the parish office for their address.

Thank you for supporting our seminarians.

ASSISTANCE DURING COMMUNION

Parishioners who are unable to walk in the communion line to receive the Eucharist during weekend Masses are asked to inform an Usher **before** Mass begins each week. This will ensure that the head usher directs the Deacon and/or the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) to your seat with the Host and that you do not miss the opportunity to receive the Lord.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please call the Parish office to add names of the <u>sick and</u> <u>recently deceased</u> to the Universal Prayer which will be read at weekend Masses.

Only family members may request names to be added for the universal prayer.

The Book of Intentions and Book of Remembrance are located in the Chapel for non-family members or for death anniversaries.

Please be assured that we pray for all the names on both books at all Masses.

CYBERCRIME ALERT

If you receive a phone call, text or email from Father Anthony requesting money or gift cards, rest assured that it is a SCAM. Please do not engage, reply, or click on any links.

PRAYER FOR THE 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER WITH ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

HEALING GRACE CD



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Now available for purchase online on Apple iTunes Music and Amazon Music. Physical CD for \$25 each is still available at the parish office.

Finding hope through Scripture, reflections and prayer offered by Rev. Matthew Kiehl and Rev. Timothy Kuhneman.

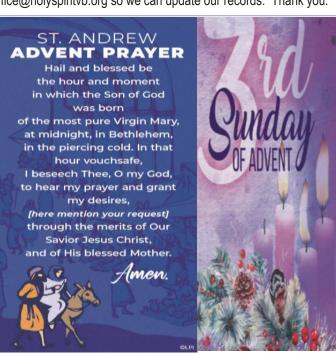
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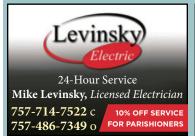
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