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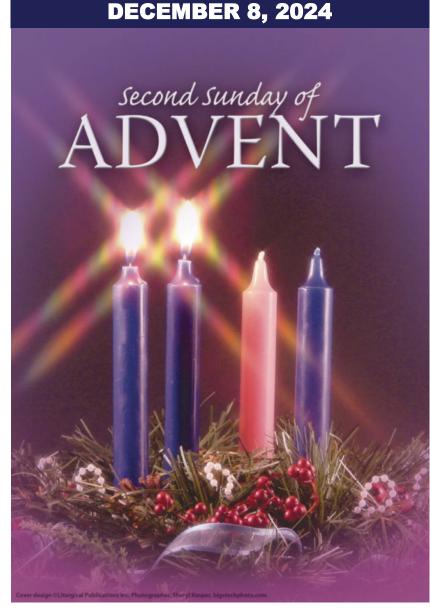
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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm | Friday: 9:00 am - 12 pm

OUR MISSION

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



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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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY SPIRIT

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

PLEASE SILENCE <u>ALL</u> CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING MASS.

*Public/Livestream

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Mass

Juanito & Maria Go †

10:00 am * Mass with Baptism

Parishioners of Holy Spirit

12:00 pm Mass with Baptism

Johnny Lucero †

1:30 pm Grade K-5 Formation 6:00 pm Life Teen (A)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

* HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION *

12:00 pm Mass (WS) Parishioners of Holy Spirit

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

7:00 pm Mass (WS) Cesar Reyes Benitez, Jr. †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 am Mass/Rosary (WS) Joy Estrada Lucero †

10:00 am SVDP Outreach Ministry

11:00 am Memorial Mass for Dahlia Suzara-Estacio (WS)

1;00 pm Women's Choir Sectionals (L)
6:30 pm Simbang Gabi Rehearsal (WS)
7:00 pm Adult Scripture Study (B)
7:00 pm Haiti Ministry Meeting (L)
7:00 pm Confirmation Session 2 (A)

7:00 pm Reconciliation Service (Church of the Holy Family)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

12:00 pm Sunshine Club Christmas Luncheon (Away)

7:00 pm SVDP Meeting (L)

7:00 pm Reconciliation Service (Church of the Ascension)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADELUPE

8:00 am Mass/Rosary (WS) *Edith Causey* †

10:00 am SVDP Outreach Ministry

5:30 pm Youth Choir (L) 6:00 pm Benediction 7:00 pm Adult Choir (WS)

7:00 pm Women's Cursillo –4th Day (L)

7:00 pm Men's Club (B/K)

7:00 pm Reconciliation Service at Holy Spirit (All spaces)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND

MARTYR

7:15 am Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet (WS) 8:00 am Mass (WS) *Linda Altmyer* †

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (VIGIL)

9:00 am OCIA Day of Prayer #2 (L, WS, Ch) 5:00 pm 2nd Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass (WS)

Charles Faidley †

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 pm

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PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR THE SICK

John Santos

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.

Divina Mendoza, Dr. Reynaldo C. Guerra

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

Thank you to our sponsor.

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svdp@holyspiritvb.org

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

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



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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

This week, we are most in need of:

Bags of Christmas candy
Box of hot chocolate packets

Christmas cookie mix – sugar or chocolate chip

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 10 Church of the Holy Family
December 11 Church of the Ascension
December 12 Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

SIMBANG GABI

December 15 - 7 pm
December 16 - 5 pm
December 17 - 7 pm
December 18 - 7 pm
December 20 - 7 pm
December 21 - 5 pm

St. Luke Catholic Church
Church of the Ascension
Star of the Sea
Church of the Holy Family
St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

ST. ANDREW ADVENT PRAYER

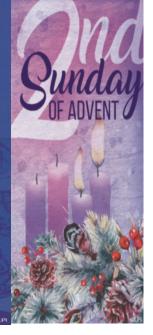
Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born

of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe,

I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,

[here mention your request] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ,





Christmas Flower Memorials and Christmas Flower Memorials B Liturgical Decor Honoraloved one and help beautify our Church for Christmass Envelopes available at the Welcome Desk. CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS ARE DUE

GOLDEN JUBILEE RAFFLE TICKETS

TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024



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





SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

December 9, 2024 Mass Times: 12 noon and 7 pm



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.

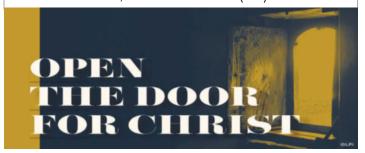
HOPE 4 LIFE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



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 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Grades K—5

Meets on Sundays: 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Grades 6-8: (Middle School EDGE)

Meets on Mondays: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Grades 9-12: (Life Teen)
Meets on Sundays: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

FEE: \$65 1 child | \$90 2 children | \$110 3+ Children REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

For more information, contact Donna Consla in the parish office at extension 113 or by email at dconsla@holyspiritvb.org

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

We are looking for volunteers and aides for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10 am Mass.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact Donna Consla in the parish office at ext. 113 or by email at dconsla@holyspiritvb.org

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 for rehearsals starting this Tuesday, December 3 in the Worship Space.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30pm Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 6:30pm



YEAR C

DECEMBER 8, 2024

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED WHY DO WE DO THAT?

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LAS POSADAS

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

"Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus 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.

BORROWED PYX

Please return borrowed pyx to the Parish Office.

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 Baruch offers the Israelites in Babylonian exile a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. Is there a broken relationship you could help heal this Advent season?

SECOND READING:

Paul prays with joy over the partnership he experiences with the believers in Phillipi. What relationships in your life bring you joy?

GOSPEL:

Luke is careful to place the activities of John the Baptist in their proper historical and political context, showing how God acts in human history. Can you think of a time in your personal history when you felt God present?

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

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Question: Who does the first and second readings during Mass?

Answer: The Lector.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14 **Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 **Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/ls 12/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

VOCATION MINISTRY



"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS"

John the Baptist's call to prepare for Christ can also be a call to prepare your heart for a vocation. Is Christ calling you to serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? 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 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival — Make straight the paths, Lord! Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name .

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



YEAR C

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.

Music by Erin Laurence and Justin Kauflin.

100% of the proceeds go directly to Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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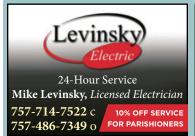
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