

TO VIEW OUR MASS @ 9AM-SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

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<http://www.church-of-the-visitation.org/>

Under "Bulletin" or "Links" there is a Facebook icon-just click and you will go directly to the Facebook page and be able to view the livestream.



*Remember you **do not** have to have a Facebook account to view the live stream.

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**During Mass you can respond in the comment section to interact with others who are also viewing the Mass. "We're all in this together!"*

LIVING OUR MISSION CHECK



Last week we received a check for \$1,119 from the Diocese representing parishioner donations for the last quarter. The five year campaign comes to an end this October, and we thank those parishioners who donated previously and those who are faithfully competing their pledges.

BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND JULY 11-12TH



Forgotten recently during the Pandemic the Richmond Diocese Bicentennial Celebration will be remembered again across the Diocese with a special Mass setting next weekend July 11-12th. Among other things, we will say a Bicentennial petition during the Prayer of the Faithful and recite the Bicentennial Prayer. A letter from the Bishop will also be read to all assembled. Several months ago, we published a lengthy history of our Diocese.

An excerpt from that history follows:

"Thirteen Bishops have governed the Church of Richmond over its history. Today, the Diocese includes 200,000 Catholics (5% of the population), 191 Priests, 161 Deacons, 139 Parishes, and 30 Schools".

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY FROM FATHER GERRY

All people were created equal and free by God, but sometimes to gain this freedom especially from our fellow human beings we have to fight for it. That is why Independence Day is one of the important days in the history of any country.

4th of July is therefore an important day in the United States. On this day we celebrate the values on which this Nation is founded. Unity, Liberty, Freedom for all and of course One Nation under God.

Let us pray that the Lord continues to bless our Nation with peace and love. That all of us and especially our leaders, will strive to work for justice for all, and that we take care of one another especially the weakest in our society.

Let us also remember with gratitude the sacrifices of those men and women who fought and those still fighting for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020

Year A



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Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, (that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens), and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

The people and indeed the Jews, whom Jesus was addressing in this Gospel and among whom he lived had a lot of suffering. Life imposed heavy and painful burdens upon them. Their religious leaders imposed even more, presenting them with an impossible set of laws, rules and regulations that could never be met while at the same time presenting them with an angry and vengeful God who could seemingly never be satisfied. Jesus, presented to them a God who is a Father, a God who is caring, gentle, generous, and loving, a God who is there to comfort and support his people.

This is the God the Prophets were proclaiming to the people, like in today’s first reading. Prophet Zachariah says: “Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy Jerusalem, See, your king shall come to you, a just savior is he.”

This is a new image of God. And this is the God Jesus revealed and still reveals to us today. A God who is not distant from our life struggles and joys. A God who is just and who loves his people, he comes to save not destroy.

All of us have experienced some sorts of burdens in our life. some of us are weighed down with shame and guilt of who we are or what we have done, others lack of a job, others family problems, others illness of self or of a loved one... the list goes on. It is a fact of life that we all carry some heavy loads, even if other people do not notice.

But Jesus offers you/us something that can make life essentially beautiful for you and for me. "Come to me," He cries, "all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart. And you will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Everything depends upon how close you will let Jesus come to you. And how you will trust him so as to let him, know your feelings! Things you would rather not let other people know. But if Jesus becomes your friends, then you will disclose all your problems and worries to him.

Jesus extends his healing invitation to all of us. He wants us to share the hardships and complications of our daily lives with him. He wants us to accept his guidance and encouragement which will give us rest. Jesus’ invitation to come to him is an invitation of love. Because love is the cure/medicine during trying times. Love makes the yoke easier and the burden lighter.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:
Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm:
*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God*

Second Reading:
Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

*Father suggests you say the
Prayer for Spiritual Communion
during communion time.*



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are truly
Present in the Most
Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things
And I desire to possess
You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this
Moment to receive You
Sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually
Into my heart.
I embrace You as being
Already there, and unite
Myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be
Separated from you.

Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Mary Heeke, Vincent Recupido Jr., Boby Gail McGough,
Clayton & Margaret Webb, & Julian Alter*



PARISHIONERS

Jack Petralia, Tom Wash, Paul Pearce, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Min Tassone, John McCormack, Jim Moncure, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Lorie & Sal Messina, Lee & Pat Paul, Georgia Beville, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Michelle Chmiel, Tom & Cindy Jessee, Richie Siford, Carter & Peggy Williams, Karen Dame, Joe Nolte, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Mary Ann & Kenneth Gulick, Nancy Wirth, Chris Henkel, Vincent Recupido, Bettie Hodge, Bob & Ingrid Borden, Laurie King, Becky Nunn, Bill & Linda Gray, Peg Meushaw, Carol Smith, Allen Hines, Pat & Lee Reamy, Janine Jaboulay, Anne Paparella, Carole McPherson, Jeanne Lessner, Colin Walsh.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Tommy Garbedian, Ray Kostaskey, Doris Melancon, Dominick Perry, Kimberly Lavinder, Frank & Gerri Lohrs daughter, Doug Meuse, Michele Brune, Noele & Mike Anglin, Anita Bomberger, the Drinkwater Family, Kathy Shepherd, Lucy Walker, Suzanne Whelan, Jim Rundle, Rundle-Kehl family, Doris & Arthur Green, Rachel, Brian & Marcus Pittman, Robbie Beasley, Sandra Bush & Children, Tom Smith, Karen Smith, Mary Gray, Denis Popp, PJ Schwedler, John Calvin Barnard, Sal Messina Jr., Colleen O'Rollins, Michael Reamy, Linda Borostovik, Sarah Kobezak, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, Shirley Schultz, LC Warren, Paul Krop, Dolores Powers, Joseph Gascoigne, John Vajda, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Remy Maine Miller, Jessie Debusk, Ryan & Jeanne Norris, Donna Newcomb, Vickie Hogge, Auggie Bain, Maria Franzoni, Pumpkin Brownley, Rita Blommel, Brenda Knupp, Ashley Scott & family, Steve Smith, Susie Loustaunau, Elizabeth Panzer, Linda Cryer, Tyra Freed, Valerie McCarthy, Joan & John Rychtarik.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY



Kathy Kauffman-2nd, Susan Lynch, Lisa Forte & Eileen Wagner-4th,
Leisa DeCollibus-5th, Colin Walsh-6th, Jaxon Wong & Stephanie Selmer-7th,
John Charbeneau-9th, Brendan O'Brien-11th, Mason Andezejczak-12th,
Tessa Stowell-13th, John Weidner-15th, Sal Messina-17th,
Bettie Hodge & Andrew Bury-20th, Kathy Swinehart-21st, Karl Bayer-22nd, Laurie Mears
& Fernando Atienza-24th, Ingrid Borden-27th, Christine Tutak-29th, Bill Harris-30th



ANNIVERSARYS FOR JULY

Bill & Georgia Campbell-7th, Tom & Bea Foley-16th

STEPHANIE SELMER

A week ago we said goodbye to Stephanie Selmer and spouse Drake who moved to 1070 Fairway Drive, Waynesboro, VA 22980. Stephanie will be missed considerably because of her commitment to our church in so many ways. She was an Usher, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Altar Server, and member of the Parish Council and the Building Committee where she served as secretary. A dedicated Servant to us and God, we will miss her and wish her well.

REGRETS

Our good friend and former parishioner, Mary Heeke succumbed to COVID-19 two weeks ago. She and spouse Bill came here in 2009, and about two years ago, she moved to a retirement community in VA Beach, close to family. We do not have any information as to a future Memorial Service although we expect to have something locally. If you desire, you can send notes or cards to Patricia Yon 3721 North Moore Ct. Virginia Beach, VA 23452

PARISH COUNCIL



Postponed for several months, the Parish Council will meet on Thursday, July 9th at 7PM in the main church. We will wear face masks and practice social distancing. If you have a report to send please send it to the church email. Thank You.

Forwarding
All
Issues
To
Heaven

God does not command that we do great things, only little things with great love.



~Mother Teresa



Greetings.

It is now six weeks since we started having public masses. These five Sundays we have celebrated together have been a source of hope and encouragement to me personally and I think to many of you as well. As we were putting together the plan for reopening, one thing kept bothering me: will it work, what if someone gets sick? But with God's grace everything is running smoothly and everyone who comes to Mass listens, observes, and follows the guidelines put in place for the safety of us all.

Many restrictions have kept us from doing what we used to, but no one complains, "we are all in this together," and we will overcome it together. So, thanks to all of you for the spirit of caring you have demonstrated during these trying times.

I am grateful also for your continued financial support of our Parish. We are in difficult times but your generosity has not wavered. May God reward you abundantly.

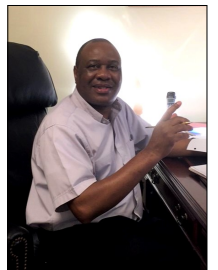
Let me express my thanks to those who volunteered to serve in some ministries; those involved in recording and livestreaming our Mass celebrations, the sacristans, lectors, and ushers. Due to the nature of this virus and how it is spread, we had to restrict the number in these ministries; a small group is easy to trace. Some have to be here every Sunday, like the ushers, and Andrea, Mike, and Ray. All are happy to do what they are doing for the good and safety of the entire parish family.

Please, for those who can, join us for Daily Mass at 9:00 AM. Wednesday Mass is open to the public and is good for those who still do not feel comfortable to be in big gatherings.

I pray for all you that you be well and stay safe, especially now as we enjoy summer and the warm weather it brings. We are also near the weekend of 4th of July celebrations; maybe you plan to travel or you expect visitors, family members and friends; be mindful of your safety and that of others.

Blessings and peace to you and your loved ones.

Fr. Gerry



MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: JUNE 21, 2020

Collection: \$ 1,291
Second Collection: Holy Father/Peter's Pence \$ 117
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 101,619
Total Budget Projection: \$ 117,024



We signed the following principal check this week:
\$205 May Phone Bill.

There is no second collection today.

As an alternative to mailing us a weekly donation, you can do it online at offertory.richmonddiocese.org. Open the site, select a donation amount and scroll down and select our church. It is a very simple process.



*Today's flowers are donated by Ed and Debby Harriman
in honor of Doris & Albert Cowles
and Eleanor & Ralph Harriman.*

THANK YOU

Dear Andrea & Visitation fellow parishioners,

I would like to thank, so very much, all of our friends at Visitation for the so nice cards and phone calls after Tom's passing. It has meant so much to me and our children- something we will not forget! We've been with you all as what we call "permanent part-time parish members" for almost 33 years now- it's hard to imagine! While Tom was sick with his cancer for eleven years, it seemed like he only was very sick for about 1 1/2 weeks, so his death seemed sudden to me and our children. But we are so very glad that he didn't have to suffer much at the end of his life and we all were able to be with him.

The children (now ages 50-41) and I have so very many wonderful memories of Deltaville, sailing, the Church of the Visitation with beautiful masses and the Elks Parties, the Breakfast Club and especially all the people there. It would not be fitting if we didn't thank you again and again for being a wonderful part of our lives for so long! We do hope to be back to visit every now and then. Should anyone wish to keep in touch via a more updated phone # my cell is 434-962-3306 or my email shepherdlynn456@gmail.com

Thank you very much and Peace,

Lynn Shepherd

CHURCH INFORMATION

Our hours for prayer when the church is open are Wednesday and Thursday from 9AM-12:00.

We are happy and enthusiastic about the opportunity to celebrate Mass publicly with our parishioners.

We believe our procedures are sound and offer a reasonably safe environment for the Mass celebration. As a further precaution, we sanitize the church on Monday weekly.

Church attendance was 55 this past Sunday with several guests. This coming week the Mass is for **parishioners in Group L-Z** with allowance for visitors, household guests, and special cases such as assigned ministers.

Under all circumstances, if you have a special need to attend Mass apart from your alphabetical grouping, please notify the office so we can add you to the roster of potential attendees.

A Few Reminders as always:

- Daily Mass for everyone and anyone is Wednesday in the main church. Father will do everything.
- If you would like to donate towards the Altar flowers, please send us a \$25 donation and we will recognize your donation in the Bulletin. If you would like to honor someone for that Sunday please include that as well.
- Remember the guidelines for receiving communion.
Receive with mask on
Move to the side (right or left)
Remove mask & Consume
Replace your mask,
Return to your seat.

If you are a lector or community leader and want to be active again, notify your leader.

We want to reemphasize that you are under no obligation to attend Mass. If you choose to, we welcome your participation. Livestreaming will continue indefinitely for those who cannot attend or choose not to.

Thank you and may God continue to Bless You.