

PRESENT NORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

*We have begun the process of returning to a pre-pandemic celebration of the Liturgy.
We will continue to follow the established guidelines we have been using, which are enumerated below.
The remainder will be introduced gradually.*

1. Masks: **Fully Vaccinated.** Effective May 15, 2021, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting.
Unvaccinated. From ages 5 and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration.
2. Hand sanitizer: All entering the Church are asked to use hand sanitizer placed at the entrance.
3. Music Ministry: Choir may resume.
4. Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace: We are to continue the practice of refraining from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (bow or verbal gesture is appropriate).
5. Distribution of the cup: The distribution of the cup remains suppressed for deacons and the lay faithful until further notice.
6. Ushers: resume their normal procedures/functions as it was pre-Covid-19 except for collections. We will continue to use the baskets placed in the entrance.
7. Bulletins: We will continue to distribute them electronically until further notice.

God's blessings upon you all.

Father Gerry



DATES FOR SILENT AUCTION

December 5 and 12, 2021

Since we will not be able to use our new worship area until the new year, Father Gerry has okayed holding our silent auction in that space.

Talented and generous parishioners, and friends of parishioners, have already donated items including jewelry, quilts, hand-crafted pens and pillows, original wall hangings, and more!

Please consider all your **talents** (Painting? Woodwork? Pottery?) and **treasures** (Items around your home you would like to clear out and someone else could enjoy) and decide if you have something to donate to the effort.

Past auctions have raised \$1500-2200!

This year all proceeds will be used for our building fund.

Call or email Lynne Richardson for more information.
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 14, 2021 Year B

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11/14/2021

We are coming to the end of the liturgical year, and as we approach this conclusion of the year, we hear the Readings of this mass especially the First and the Gospel, all consider things about the Last Days. Also, today's readings give us the assurance that our God will be with us all the days of our lives and that we will have the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, guiding, protecting, and strengthening us in spite of our necessary uncertainty concerning the end time when Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

The readings invite us to focus our attention on the threefold coming of Jesus: 1) His first coming as our Teacher and Redeemer. 2) His second coming, either at our death, or at the end of time and the world as our judge, which will bring our salvation to completion. 3) His coming into our lives, His dwelling in us each and every day as we strive to have genuine Christian lives.

Jesus tells his disciples that, 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.' But we should not take these words in a literal sense. What Jesus is talking about is that everything that exists will eventually come to its conclusion. The vision, or the reflection on the last things should not lead us into pessimism or despair. We have to live thoughtful and careful because in the end we will have to give an account of all our action and all those things we failed to do. So, the question is: are we ready? Am I ready? Are my everyday decisions helping to make me ready?

Therefore, we are invited to live here and now with an awareness of where we are going, eternity, seeing this life as preparation for an endless life with God. With the busy-ness of life it is easy to forget about the purpose of our life. We may prefer to ignore the fact that we have to account for all our actions. But this should not make us afraid because, we, who embrace God's love and who want to walk in his ways, however imperfect we may be, have nothing to fear. As the Prophet Daniel says in our first reading today, "But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead many to justice shall be like the stars forever." This means that if our lives are imbued in the faith, if we communicate the Gospel to others especially to our friends, our family members especially our children then there is nothing for us to fear. That great day of meeting our God for accounting for our actions, will be a day of rejoicing, a day of salvation, a day of love and hope.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to learn the lesson from the fig tree. Perhaps, he is inviting us to re-discover ourselves, to make everything new. Nothing lasts forever, except that of God, that which comes from God.

The way we can let our faith be deepened is to let ourselves be renewed by the grace of our Lord. We can thank the Lord for being with us - in whatever situation in which we might find ourselves. And the more we place our trust in Him, the more fearless we can become of what will happen in future or the last days, or at judgement time. The more we trust the Lord, the more free we are to love without conditions. Without calculating what our actions of love will cost us.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm:

*You are my inheritance,
O Lord!*

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel:

Mark 13:24-32

ASSIGNMENTS FOR November 14th

Community Leader: Debby Harriman
Altar Server: Joe Sychterz
Cantor: TBA
Eucharist Minister: Eileen O'Brien
Lectors: Pat DeGroot/TBA
Collection Counter: King/Kirsch/Angel

ASSIGNMENTS FOR November 21st

Community Leader: Kathy Kauffman
Altar Server: Kaylee Kirsch
Cantor: TBA
Eucharist Minister: Mary Sychterz
Lectors: Mary Ellen Sherwood/John Weidner
Collection Counter: Tutak/Harvey

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jim Hazel, Bill Brown, Ruth Mangrum, Tom Farrell, Elizabeth O'Brien, Elaine Wallenburg & Thomas Kobezak



PARISHIONERS

Steve Forte, Gary Richardson, Donna Thompson, James Peddicord, Paul Pearce, Eileen O'Brien, Laurie King, Cherianne Johnson, Spike & Becky Nunn, Jim Moncure, Peggy Williams, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Tom Foley, Michele Meanely, Jack & Louise Petralia,, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Lorie & Sal Messina, Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Tom & Cindy Jessee, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Mary Ann & Kenneth Gulick, Nancy Wirth, Bettie Hodge, Bob & Ingrid Borden, Bill & Linda Gray, Carol Smith, Pat & Lee Reamy, Carole McPherson, Colin Walsh.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Emily Evans, Arnold Fahrman, John Matthews, Ramon Placiente, Jillian Messina, Karen Tatum, Lynn Messina, Dave Hersh, Mike Shea, Pam Tibbs, Sherry Newton, Aquela Parker, Bernie Smith, Virginia Talke, Phil Melancon, Doris Melancon, Dominick Perry, Kimberly Lavinder, Doug Meuse, Michele Brune, Noele & Mike Anglin, Anita Bomberger, 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, Mary Gray, Denis Popp, PJ Schwedler, John Calvin Barnard, Colleen O'Rollins, Michael Reamy, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, LC Warren, JoAnn Dwyer, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Lynn & Jim Vajda, Christine & Henry Archuleta, Charles Carter, Pam Sands, Patti Sarosy, Ed Ruark, Ryan Burnette, Robert Cummins, Kathy Goyne, Michael Johnson, Doc Jones, Hunt Addison, William Scott Smith, Eddie Hall, David Smith, Sandy Bruce, Matt & Marianna Parowski, Penny Hoar, Gene Tunney Walker, Joe McInerney, The Butt Family, Greg Chambers, Bristow Family, Peg Meushaw, Dave Gunn, Chuck Taylor, Paula Harcum, Cathy Kirkland, Remy Maine Miller, Jessie Debusk, Ryan & Jeanne Norris, Donna Newcomb, Vickie Hogge, Pumpkin Brownley, Rita Blommel, Brenda Knupp, Ashely Scott & family, Elizabeth Panzer, Linda Cryer, Tyra Freed, Valerie McCarthy, John Rychtarik.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please contact the office by email or phone.

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: November 7, 2021

Collection:	\$ 2,413
Second Collection: Arch Dioceses	\$ 172
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 42,917
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 42,046



Our second collection today is for the New Worship Area.

We signed the following principal check this week:

\$311 October Electricity; \$1,806 Pastor & Rectory Expense October;
\$573 Collection Envelopes.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR NOVEMBER



2nd-Mel Placilla, 3rd-Keith Gulick, 9th-Gary Brown, 11th Steve Forte,
16th-Skip Kramb, 18th-Robert Wilson, 19th-Cathy Davenport, 21st-Edmund Meanley,
22nd-James Peddicord & Lorie Messina 24th-Dave Filippi, 27th-Laurie King,
28th-Bill Gray, 29th-Bill Brandl, 30th-Andrea Moore & Mary Foley.



ANNIVERSARY'S NOVEMBER

7th-Kenneth & Mary Ann Gulick, 29th-Aldo & Leisa DeCollibus.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL TABLE

As in the past, we will honor our relatives who have passed away with a Memorial Remembrance table displaying the photos of loved ones. Please bring in your pictures and place them in the container in the entrance and we will display them on the table during November.

Also in the entrance are purple slips for you to fill out and list your loved ones. Please fill one out and return it to the basket which will be placed on the altar for all Masses in November.

ANGEL TREE COMING SOON



November 21st is the presentation of the Angel Tree with gift tags. The gifts are due December 12th. Again this year we have committed to support 25-30 children. For those who are not able to pick up a star on the 21st, we will accept donations towards Food Lion Gift Certificates. Mary Sychterz is heading this project and can be reached at 804-815-0353.

NEW MEMORIALS

As we announced a few weeks ago, we will be installing four additional stained glass windows in the Nave. Preliminary designs have been received from the manufacturer and are depicted below.



If you have an interest in purchasing one of the windows, please contact Lisa Forte @ 804-399-7766. The price of the windows is as before \$12,00.00 each.

Other remaining memorials from Stage 2

Electronic votive candle holder (1 left)-\$10,000 #1 *Moses parting the Red Sea*
Memorial Narthex Bench-\$650 each #3 *Jesus praying in the Garden*
Round Woven Offertory Baskets-\$450
Live stream camera & accessories-TBD



Upon reflection about the sale of Memorials, they have had the most significant impact in reducing the size of the loan which we will eventually have when the final bills are received. Initially, we faced a \$300k loan, but thanks to our parishioners' generosity and interest in honoring their loved ones, that final number will be reduced dramatically. To pay the most recent contractor's bill, we took our first construction draw for \$125k. One more construction bill awaits us, and we will be able to fix the final loan amount. At that time we will be more specific about monthly loan payments, etc.



Fathers Vesting Room



Reconciliation Room



CONGRATS

Congratulation to Gary and Jo Brown, who welcomed a new granddaughter to their family

"Vivian Ruth Hammond"

was born on October 23rd, and her grandparents are ecstatic and blessed.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Did you know that the laws of the state where you are living at the time of your death will determine how your estate is settled if you have no will of your own? These laws might not leave your property to the people you want to receive it And, these laws definitely don't leave any gift to your church or any other charity. Would you not rather make these decisions yourself?

When you need a will, it's too late to have one drawn. Don't wait, and don't forget your church.



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OYSTER FESTIVAL

The COV Oyster Festival booth was a BIG SUCCESS!!

Thank you Peg Williams for manning the booth for 2 days, Joe & Mary Sychterz, Ed & Debby Harriman for setup of tent & electricity. Thank you to all parishioners who baked bread, Lisa Forte who donated themed gnomes, Joe & Mary who donated lighted bottles, Eileen O'Brien who donated an oyster table runner, and those who helped at the booth, Carol Smith, Barbara Smith, Kim Rector and Debby Harriman during the event.

Thank you COV parishioners for sharing your time, talent & treasure.



RESPECT LIFE



This is an early notification of a future undertaking for COV. "Baby Bottle Campaign" is starting today for a Maternity Home, "Mary's Choice" in Richmond. You may recall we did this a few years ago: take a bottle from the basket at the exit, fill it with loose change from your purse or pocket (or a check or a bill) and return it to the basket in the following few weeks. Because the next month or so will be very busy for COV, a representative from the home will wait until January to visit with more information, needs and esp stories of young women who, like Mary, the mother of God, choose life for their baby. *Carol Smith*

COV IN BOOK

Daniel Markham, the author of the upcoming book, 52 MASSES, will visit Church of the Visitation for Mass on Sunday, Dec. 5th.

Daniel is profiling the parish's successful efforts to construct the school building in Uganda as part of the book project that will take him to Mass in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico over the course of the year. He welcomes the opportunity to meet with any and all parishioners who are interested, whether for him to learn more about our parishes or to share his experiences and hopes for his book with the Church of the Visitation community. We are honored that Daniel chose COV to profile in his book, the only church so honored in the Commonwealth of Virginia. To celebrate his visit, we will have a social hour after Mass (our first since the pandemic) in order for him to converse more easily with parishioners. We will also take the opportunity to display our new worship area for his viewing.



Addition-chairs



Thank you