

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

ENVELOPES, CALENDARS, AND TAX STATEMENTS

Envelopes for next year and a 2022 calendar generously donated by Faulkner Funeral Home are available for pickup in the hall outside of the Administration Office. For those of you desiring a donation statement for this year, please place your name on the writing tablet located in the same place.



*****If you signed up for a statement it is now available for pick up!*****



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

I am proud to announce the birth of Grace Leigh Evans, daughter of Emily (Moore) Evans who entered this world on January 23, 2022 at 1:55am. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 1.9oz, was 20 1/2 inches in length.



We are beyond grateful, thankful and blessed with our first granddaughter. Happy to report that baby Grace, Emily and Noah are all doing great.

Andrea & John Moore

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*4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 30, 2022
Year C*

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 1/30/2022

The central theme of today's readings is that we should have, and show in our communities, the courage of our Christian convictions in our Faith and in its practice, even when we face hatred and rejection.

The first reading tells us how God called Jeremiah as His prophet and equipped him to face opposition and rejection. In living out his prophetic vocation he encountered rejection and persecution but did not give up. He relied on God, the one who chose him to be a prophet. Jeremiah believed that he was commissioned by God to proclaim a disturbing prophetic message. No matter how strong the opposition, he had the conviction that God was with him.

In the second reading, we hear Paul speaking with the courage of his Christian convictions in correcting the Corinthian Christian community where the exercise of God's gifts was causing competition, jealousy, and divisiveness. He courageously presents to them a "way" which surpasses all others, namely, the way of love, and instructs them to exercise their gifts with love.

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's Gospel presenting Jesus's own people having a negative reaction about him after his address at the synagogue of Nazareth when Jesus applied to himself the words of Isaiah 61, announcing a new time of liberation and healing in God's name. The passage shows us how Jesus faced skepticism and criticism with prophetic courage. His hometown people felt that Jesus should show them special preference. The proverb "Physician, heal yourself" is like saying "charity begins at home." They would not accept that his message was not a gospel of status or privilege. They failed to see that God's love goes wherever human need is found and when people have a welcoming faith to receive it. Jesus came to preach the good news about the mercy of God to those open to receive it. The challenge to us is to have an idea about God based on what Jesus taught: a Loving God who love all his people. Our impression of God should also have an effect on our daily living. God's grace is not for a small, exclusive circle, and salvation is intended for all people everywhere. If we were to draw our picture of God, let us hope that it would be the same as what Jesus taught.

As Christians, we are invited today and always to face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. Perhaps we have experienced the pain of rejection, betrayal, abandonment, violated trust, neglect, or abuse, even from friends and family members, when we reached out to them as God's agents of healing and saving grace. Perhaps we ourselves are guilty of offering such rejection. Perhaps we, too, have been guilty of ignoring or humiliating people with our arrogance and prejudice. Let us learn to correct our mistakes and face rejection from others with courage and not give up on our Christian mission, the mission of spreading the Good News of Jesus.

And let us not be like the people in Jesus' hometown who rejected Him. Because like them, we sometimes reject God in our lives. We reject God when we are unwilling to be helped by God, or by others. Such unwillingness prevents us from recognizing God's directions, help, and support in our lives through His words in the Bible, through the teaching of the Church, and through the advice and examples of others.

We need to follow Christ, not the opinion of the day, and to speak



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm:

I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel:

Luke 14:21-30

ASSIGNMENTS FOR January 30, 2022

Community Leader: Gary Richardson
Altar Server: Kaylee Kirsch
Cantor: Stuart Beckett
Eucharist Minister: Joe Sychterz
Lectors: Sychterz & DeGroot
Collection Counters: Hock/Harriman

MUSIC FOR JANUARY 30, 2022

BELL SONG: Only in God #449
ENTRANCE: The God of All Grace #301
OFFERTORY: The Summons #385
COMMUNION: Eat This Bread #334
MEDITATION: Dona Nobis Pacem #206
RECESSIONAL: Faith Of Our Fathers #507

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Walter Warren, Joe Nolte, John Dunn, Matt Ponish & Natalia Nakafeero



PARISHIONERS

Marylin Cox, Scott Kauffman, Steve Forte, Gary Richardson, Donna Thompson, James Peddicord, Paul Pearce, Eileen O'Brien, Laurie King, Cherianne Johnson, Spike & Becky Nunn, Jim Moncure, Lois & Skip Krumb, Marianne Krop, Tom Foley, Michele Meanley, Jack & Louise Petralia, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, 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.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Shirley Schultz, Judy Krumb, Joseph J. Los, Emily Evans, Arnold Fahrman, John Matthews, Ramon Placiente, Jillian Messina, Karen Tatum, Dave Hersh, Mike Shea, Pam Tibbs, Sherry Newton, Aqela Parker, Bernie Smith, Virginia Talke, Phil Melancon, Doris Melancon, Dominick Perry, Doug Meuse, Michele Brune, Noele & Mike Anglin, Anita Bomberger, Drinkwater Family, Kathy Shepherd, 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, Michael Reamy, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, LC Warren, Andy Hetzer.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Mike McLemore, Dave Gunn, Louise & Jim Shockey, Mindy Miller & Ahmet An-day, Ron & Georgia Beville, George Adams, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Christine & Henry Archuleta, Charles Carter, Pam Sands, Patti Sarosy, Ed Ruark, Kathy Goynes, William Scott Smith, Eddie Hall, David Smith, Sandy Bruce, Matt & Marianna Parowski, Penny Hoar, Gene Tunney Walker, Joe McInerney,

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: January 23, 2021

Collection: \$ 1,722
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 66,599
Total Budget Projection: \$ 63,945



Link to our website

There is no Second Collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$600 moving of the Organ to New Worship Area

NEW MEMORIALS

Remaining memorials from Stage 2

Electronic votive candle holder (1 left) - \$10,000
Memorial Narthex Bench - \$650 each
Live stream camera & accessories - \$5,000



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 has been reduced dramatically.

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

2nd-Monique Donner, 4th-Jim Angell, 9th-Bea Foley, 13th-Robert Borden,
Ingebourg O'Bourn, 17th-Gina Putney, 25th-Brennan Williams,
26th-Gretchen Borzelleca,

ANNIVERSARIES FEBRUARY

6th-Jack & Louise Petralia, 14th-Joe & Mary Sychterz,
15th-Tommy & Donna Lange, 25th-Mike & Lynne Dreelin

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?



Potential / Purpose, Promise

Have circumstances changed since you last updated your estate plan? Do your current estate planning documents carry out your commitments to your church?

If not, amend your documents now.

Did you know that over 50% of all people at the time of their death do not have a will or living trust?

Do you know who your heirs will be? Is your church included in your will? Without a will, state laws will determine who receives your estate and no charity will receive a gift from your estate. Be sure your estate planning is up-to-date and expresses your wishes.

KITCHEN EXPANSION

With all the construction associated with the New Worship Area, we have neglected to keep you informed about the kitchen expansion, long a goal of our building project; we have begun its expansion. Initially, we thought we should expand into the present nave as part of the fellowship hall plan, but discarded the idea in favor of expanding across the hall. If you haven't noticed, the room across the hall from the kitchen has been completely renovated and new kitchen equipment installed. We will begin renovating the present kitchen *this coming Tuesday* and our goal is to have everything completed by the dedication, to include a wall in what will become the Narthex (part of the church that acts as a welcoming and greeting area).

After Mass please take time to view the expansion.

REGRETS



We are saddened to announce the death of a past long time parishioner Lynn Baker who died on January 11, 2022. She was one of the founding members at COV and was involved in her church community fully until moving away in 2013. Please keep her and the family in your prayers. There will be a private burial service in Middlesex County in the spring of 2022.

Her obituary can be found in the Richmond Times Dispatch.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our Adult Bible Study small group will undertake a five lesson study entitled "The Eucharist in Scripture" on Tuesday afternoons during Lent. Anyone interested in joining the group should complete the sign up sheet after Mass or contact John Weidner at jaweidner1@verizon.net or 240.780.1872.

THE CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

Cordially invites your presence and prayers to the

Mass of Dedication of our Church and Consecration of the Altar

by The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, Bishop of Richmond,
on Saturday, February 26, 2022, 11:00am to 1:00pm.

A reception with light refreshments to follow.

Please RSVP by February 7, 2022

To churchofthevisitation@va.metrocast.net or call 804-758-5160.

Masks per CDC guidelines are requested.



Journey Together: Synod on Synodality 2021-2023

How will the Church of the Visitation develop a response for the Diocese of Richmond?

“Synod” is a Greek word that literally means “on the same path” so Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to “journey together” on the same path in communion with one another.

All parishioners are asked to listen to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and prayerfully discern God’s will for us. In doing so, we are asked to consider several key questions contained in the Synod Participants Guide, which is being provided electronically along with the bulletin and which will be available in paper form after Mass.

During February and March, our Parish Council and others will be conducting a number of consultations designed to give all parishioners an opportunity to provide input to the Synod process. These consultations will be in small group settings, usually after a daily or Sunday Mass, and should last no more than an hour.

Sign up sheets for consultations will be available after Mass next Sunday, January 30. Additional consultations will be arranged for evening hours or as needed to accommodate any parishioner who wants to participate in the Synod process.

One outcome of the consultations will be input for Bishop Knestout as he prepares for the World Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome in October 2023. Even more important, we hope that the discussions that occur during the synod consultations will improve the path we are on together as a parish.

Please direct any questions about the Synod or offers to assist with consultations to John Weidner, Parish Council Chair, at jaweidner1@verizon.net, 240-780-1872.

DEDICATION

Our dedication is now planned for Saturday, February 26th, at 11:00am. We are busy planning the event with Kathy Kauffman heading a committee consisting of her, Tom and Mary Dorman, Tom Hawksworth, and Noelle Harvey. A reception will follow the dedication. Waiting until February 26th does not mean we will not celebrate Mass in the New Worship Area before then. Our plans are to begin to methodically move Liturgical elements into the area and celebrate Mass several times beforehand to ensure the facility is ready for an eventful dedication ceremony.



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Here we are, Holy Spirit!

As we prepare to participate in the local phase through synod consultations, we are asked to listen to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and prayerfully discern God’s will for us. In doing so, we are asked to consider several key questions concerning the synod’s three themes of Communion, Participation and Mission. These questions are contained in the Synod Participants Guide, which is being provided electronically along with the bulletin.

Small group consultations have been planned to allow parishioners an opportunity to have their voices heard as part of the Synod process and should last no more than an hour. The Parish Council is scheduled to participate in the first consultation on Feb 3 and other specific ministry consultations are planned.

Consultations open to any parishioner are currently scheduled as follows:

After Daily Mass, Wednesday, Feb 9, 10:00 AM

After Daily Mass, Thursday, Feb 17, 10:00 AM

After Sunday Mass, Feb 20, 10:00 AM

Thursday evening, Feb 24, 6:00 PM

After Sunday Mass, March 6, 10:00 AM

After Sunday Mass, March 13, 10:00 AM

Parishioners are asked to sign up to attend one of these consultations, using sign up sheets available after Mass.

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