

# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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4th Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2022  
Year A

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## Church Hours

Sunday Mass 9AM  
Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM  
Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

Parish Office Hours 9AM-2PM  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Pastor, Gerald Kaggwa  
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## MASS/MUSIC

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Entrance: O Come O Come Emmanuel #39

Lord Have Mercy #913                      Glory To God #914

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation: The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24                      Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: People Look East #43

Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread, and drink this  
cup we proclaim your death O Lord until we meet again.

Lord's Prayer: page 26

Lamb of God: #922

Communion: Bread of Life #72

Mediation: Lo How a Rose E're Blooming

Recessional: Soon And Very Soon #582



## December Birthdays



1st-Tom Shoemaker, 4th-Mike Ballato, 5th-Louise Petralia,  
8th-Frank Lohr, 11th-Vera England, 12th-Jerry Suyes,  
16th-Cindy Powers, 18th-Lynne McMurtrie & Mary Dorman,  
19th-Lois Kramb, 22th-Linda Gray, 23rd-Christine Williams,  
25th-Colleen Hoffman, 26th-Tom Hawkworth, 27th-Betsy Brown, Anne Costello  
& Patricia Figueroa, 31st-Doug Olson.

If you would like to add your name to the Birthday/Anniversary list please contact the office.



## DECEMBER 2022

1st-Chuck & Carol Walsh, 8th-Robert & Paula Wilson,  
14th-Bob & Ingrid Borden, 20th-Fritz & Peper Heunemann,  
22nd-Branch & Michele Meanley, 30th-Bill & Donna Brandl.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Today 4th Sunday of Advent  
December 24th-Christmas Eve Mass 7pm/6:30-Sing a long  
December 25th-Christmas Day 9am  
January 1st-Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
January 8th-Epiphany of the Lord  
January 15th-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

Community Leader  
Bill Puttmann

Altar Server  
Ray Kostaskey

Lectors

Pat DeGroot/John Weidner

Sacristan: Noelle Harvey

December 11, 2022

Extraordinary Minister for  
Holy Communion

Noelle Harvey/Barbara Smith

Music Cantor

Cindy Powers

Collection Counters

Tutak/Harvey

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION from December 11, 2022

Collection: \$ 2,670  
Second Collection:  
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 57,203  
Total Budget Projection: \$ 56,457

Our second collection today is for Catholic Virginian.

We signed the following principal checks this week:  
\$777 Electric bill; \$262 Parish Life; \$1510 Diocesan  
Assessments; \$1050 Choir Chairs; \$1238 Rectory &  
Pastor expense-November



## CHOIR INVITATION

The choir is preparing for the annual Christmas Eve  
Sing-a-Long, the Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Day  
Mass. We welcome any singers and/or instrumentalists.

We practice Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8 o'clock.

This is a great time to be part of the choir.

For more information call Carol McCormack.

Carol McCormack@ 804-725-1656.

## MARY'S CHOICE RVA BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Baby bottles are due back today. All donations  
directly benefit the mothers and their babies living  
in the new maternity home in Richmond. If you  
weren't able to pick up a bottle but want to donate,  
go to [maryschoicerva.org](http://maryschoicerva.org) and click on the  
"How to Help" tab. Thank you

Mary's Choice RVA

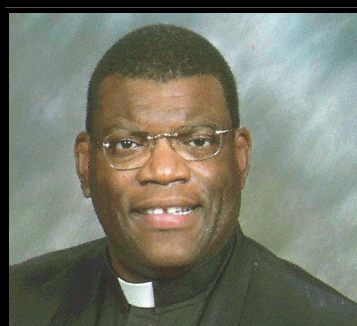


## CONGRADULATIONS

Two Sundays ago we  
welcomed Josiah Reffo  
into the full communion  
of Catholic Church. It  
was the first time he  
joined us at the  
Eucharistic Table of  
the Lord.  
Proud of you Josiah!



Merry Christmas



### FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of our pastor and friend, Fr. John Boddie, from whom flowed love and kindness to all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace. Money from these ads are used as scholarships given to the youth of our church. Please make your checks payable to **THE FR. JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**. Checks and ads can be deposited in the church office. The charge per space is \$100. Thank you for your continued support.  
*The Scholarship Committee*

Website for scholarship application: [www.church-of-the-visitation.org](http://www.church-of-the-visitation.org) Application deadline: Early March 2023

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*Mollie McMurtrie*  
my long time friend.  
I will miss you.  
*JoAnn Nolte*

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**Joseph H. Nolte Jr.**  
  
Forever,  
**JoAnn**

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THE YOUTH OF OUR  
CHURCH AND THEIR  
IMPORTANT JOURNEY  
  
*Carmen & Joe Brinkley*

#### CHURCH ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND SACRAMENTAL EVENTS

Below is a condensed list of such items. For more details, consult our Ministry Catalogue or call the office.

**BAPTISM/MARRIAGE:** Please contact the parish office to arrange an appointment for celebrating the sacrament of Baptism/Marriage

**CATECHUMENS:** RCIA invites people of all ages interested in becoming Catholics through Baptism/Eucharist and Confirmation.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:** Celebrated 2x a year-Spring & Fall or by appointment. Please call the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Held during Lent and Advent as well as by appointment. Please call the parish office.

**SICK CALLS:** Please call the Office at any time. We will also bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass.

**HOLY DAYS:** Please call the office for times or check our website.

**PRISON MINISTRY:** Please call the office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Knights of Columbus meet the third Wednesday of each month beginning with the Rosary at 5:45PM and the meeting starting 6:00PM, followed by a social with wives and guests at 7:00PM. All are welcome. The KOC are willing to provide transportation to any church activities. Call Grand Knight Bill Brandl.

**RECYCLABLE CANS:** Church of the Visitation recycles cans, with profits going to Church ministries. Bring your aluminum cans to the bin outside, by the yard sale building.

**ROSARY MINISTRY:** Sunday morning before Mass, 8:30am New Worship Area. No experience necessary. Books & Rosary available.

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

Light the Advent Candle four.  
Think of joy forever more.  
Christ child in the stable born.  
Gift of love that Christmas morn.



Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Shining in the cold winter night.  
Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Fill our hearts with Advent light.



#### CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Thanks to Johnna, Lynne, and an industrious crew of workers who prepared a hugely successful Christmas Brunch two Sunday's ago. Their work began on Saturday in preparation for the event and continued all the way through cleanup on Sunday.

Our Angels were *Johnna, Lynne Dreelin, Pat Marchant, Mary Sychterz, Mary Ellen Sherwood, Helen Linden, Linda Gray, Sharon Hawksworth, Tom & Mary Dorman and Germaine Hayes*. We can't forget *Kevin Hayes* who did the trash run both days. A well done to all for a special occasion.

*Thank You, Thank you, and Thank you!*

#### FELLOWSHIP HALL USAGE

At the recommendation of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen Committee, and with approval of the Finance Council and Father, we have developed a set of practices for the use of the fellowship hall.

The practices are different for church ministries, parishioners, and outside organizations. They also differ when use of the kitchen is involved. A stumbling block for many may be the Diocesan requirement for insurance coverage for non-church sponsored activities.

For more information about the usage of the fellowship hall please consult with the office. We also thank the Hall and Kitchen Committee for their thoughtful development of the basic document.



Faith Formation Angel Tree Helpers!

#### FOUR ADVENT CANDLES

As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Sometimes a white candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to symbolize that Jesus is with us.

**The Prophecy Candle:** The first purple, or violet candle, is the Prophecy Candle symbolizes hope and God's forgiveness toward man. It also can symbolize the expectation of the coming of the Messiah. (Hope)

**The Bethlehem Candle:** During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. (Peace)

**The Shepherd's Candle:** The third candle which is pink or rose, represents Gaudette Sunday and the joy that the birth of Christ brought to the world. Traditionally, on Gaudette Sunday one takes a break from Advent fasting to experience the joy of the day. The Shepherd's candle is sometimes white instead of rose or pink. (Joy)

**The Angel's Candle:** During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel. (Love)

**The Christ Candle:** If a white candle in the middle of the wreath is included, this candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and represents Christ and purity. The Christ Candle is lit every night until the Feast of the Epiphany, which is twelve days from Christmas.

#### ANGELS

The Christian tradition has retained a strong belief in angels. The New Testament has over twice as many references to angels as the Old Testament. In the Gospels, angels appear and speak only in the infancy narrative and at the empty tomb.

The Church has made few pronouncements about angels. It teaches that angels are created beings (not mini-gods)...that they are personal (not simply "forces")...and that they do not have a material body (though when necessary, they can appear in a human form).

People find comfort in knowing that there are created beings who can use their superior powers to help them, and that there are "guardian angels" to watch their every step.



#### ANGEL TREE

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED & HELPED OUT. Although we never get to meet these children & see their happy faces when they open your gifts, we can feel their love & thankfulness in our hearts.

What you do to the least of these, you do unto Me.



Fourth Sunday of Advent, 12/18/2022

On this fourth Sunday of Advent our focus is on Mary and Joseph, the parents of Jesus, the Messiah. And in a special way, today Mathew wants us to focus on the person and role of Joseph. He is a key character in the whole story of Jesus as the sent, son of God, the promised Messiah to come.

Matthew's Gospel contains more about St Joseph than any of the other Gospel writers. St Luke mentions him seven times but none of these tell us very much about Joseph himself. He only gets one brief mention in the Gospel of Mark and two passing references in the Gospel of John. But for Jesus to full fill the Messianic prophecy given by Isaiah, Joseph had to, and freely, accept Jesus as his son, thus, making Him (Jesus) a descendant of David. It is Joseph, the husband of Mary, who connects Jesus to David.

We admire Joseph because he does not question the Angel; he simply does what he is asked to do, recognizing that these instructions come ultimately from God. Like Mary he accepts God's will. We would do well to imitate Joseph in our own lives especially when we are faced with circumstances which are far from ideal. We should take him for our model and do the right thing at the time when it is needed.

We also focus on the name given to the child to be born, by the prophets, especially Isaiah in today's first reading. "The Virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel". In the Gospel we are given the meaning of Emmanuel, "God is with us".

This is indeed Good News. We have a God who does not wish to be far away from us but desires 'to be with us', to be near those he loves. Sadly, it is we who often keep God at a distance, maybe because of fear of committing our lives to him.

God who wants to be near us, to be with us, to dwell among us. But he doesn't force his way into our lives. He comes knocking on the door of our hearts, asking permission to enter our world and our lives. Like Joseph and Mary, we need to trust in God, listen to Him and be faithful. We need to experience the *Emmanuel* in our lives and change the world: The Good News and the consoling message of Christmas is that the Child Jesus still waits today to step into our hearts and to change us and the world around us by his love, kindness, mercy and compassion.

Christmas is a time of experiencing God's love through the gift of his son Jesus who comes to dwell among us. And the only gift he expects from us in return is our willingness to allow him to come into our lives and through us into the world. Because the goodness and love of God can only be present in our world when we are good to each other. His forgiveness and kindness are present when we are forgiving and kind to each other. Likewise with his compassion, patience, gentleness.

In these final days of Advent, as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the feast of Christmas, let's not, however, focus only on all the practical preparations, all the shopping, all the decorating and all the cooking. But to understand that it is far more important for us, at this particular time to focus on the actual events of Christ's birth, who Jesu really is. And what does this mean and stands for in our lives. This will make the joy in our hearts great and meaningful as we celebrate the feast of Christmas.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.F.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Paul Pearce, Carol Hollingsworth, Mary Elbourn,  
Jodie Riley, and Nennie Lennon



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If you need to add to the prayer list please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office. Remember to put family or friend by their name.

ADDRESS OF PAST PARSHIONER

Barbara Zimmerman has made it to her new home in Alabama. She is happy and healthy and it was wonderful to hear from her this past week. If you would like to send her a note, card or just to keep in touch....her new address is:

29 Cottage Circle  
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becomes a memory  
the memory becomes  
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Marilyn Cox*

SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S  
"ANYWAY PRAYER"

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build it anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

Breathe in Love,  
Exhale Peace.




In Loving  
Memory Of  
*David E. Brinkley*


In Loving Memory of  
"Vincent Recupido"  
Dolores



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Tom & Cindy Jessee

Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation  
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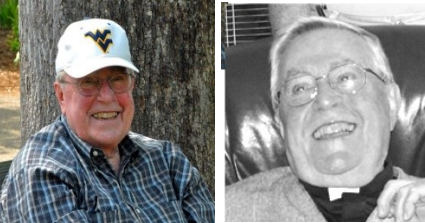


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