

# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 12, 2023  
Year A

### Church Hours

Sunday Mass 9AM

Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM

Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

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

Pastor, Gerald Kaggwa  
119 Club Drive  
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Please call the office about arranging Baptisms, Marriages, the RCIA Program, Sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation and Sick Calls, the schedule for Holy Days, and our Rosary Ministry.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

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### MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: As We Gather At Your table #315

Lord Have Mercy #913                      Glory To God #914

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: The Just man is a light in darkness  
to the upright.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16                      Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Prayer of St. Francis #534

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: I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light #599

Mediation: Bread For The World #346

Recessional: We Belong To You #646



### February Birthdays

2nd-Monique Donner, 4th-Jim Angell, 7th-Jen Clair, 9th-Bea Foley,  
13th-Bob Borden, 17th-Genia Putney & Loretta Borostovik,  
19th-Robert Smith, 25th-Brennan Williams,  
26th-Barbara Smith & Annabel Clair.

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



### February Anniversaries

14th-Joe & Mary Sychterz; 15th-Tommy & Donna Lange;  
25th-Mike and Lynne Dreelin.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 14th-Happy Valentines Day  
February 15th-Fr. Gerry incardination to DOR-2016  
February 16th-Deanery Meeting COV 11am-3pm  
February 19th-7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 20th-Presidents' Day  
February 22nd-Ash Wednesday 9am COV FdS6:30pm  
February 26th-1st Sunday of Lent/Pancake Breakfast  
(NWA Dedication in 2022)  
March 1st-Soup and Station 5:30pm #1  
March 5th-2nd Sunday of Lent

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

### Community Leader

Debby Harriman

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### Extraordinary Minister for

Holy Communion

Lynne Dreelin/Mary Dorman

Music Cantor

Michele Meanley

Collection Counters

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February 12, 2023

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION from February 5, 2023

Collection:	\$ 2,071
Second Collection: Debt Reduction	\$ 587
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 75,368
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 72,341

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:  
\$863 Pastor & Rectory Expenses for January.

### ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the rosary every Sunday  
before Mass. We begin at 8:30 am in the new  
worship area & we welcome all to join in this  
beautiful devotional prayer.



*No experience necessary!*

*We have books and rosary beads available for use.*

*If you have any questions please see Cindy Jessee.*

### LEGACY

By including the church on your estate  
plan, you are securing the future of our  
parish. Making a legacy gift to our  
congregation doesn't have to be difficult.



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It is as easy as making the church the  
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plan administrator or insurance representative and request a  
new beneficiary designation form. In many cases the form will  
be completed and mailed to your for your signature. No lawyer  
fees, no complicated processes. It's something your could do  
this week!



A Hearty Welcome  
to our new parishioners

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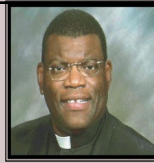


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FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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*

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

In loving memory of  
**Joseph H. Nolte Jr.**



Forever,  
**JoAnn**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Take Home Lesson for February 12, 2023

Implications of the New Law

Last Sunday, our adult faith formation lesson happened to be entitled "Christian Moral Living" and included what the Church teaches about formation of our moral conscience. The worksheet for our lesson included two verses from today's Gospel.

Today we hear Jesus urging us toward a higher standard. Jesus affirms the Ten Commandments, but then tells us to move beyond legalism to what truly fosters love.

Other than Jesus explicitly saying that being angry and holding a grudge falls under the jurisdiction of "Thou shalt not kill," how are we to know that we are really reaching the higher standard that Jesus is urging us toward?

In the first reading today, we heard "If you choose, you can keep the commandments, they will save you." (Sirach 15:15)

When we choose, we can know that we are choosing well by listening to that voice from inside, our moral conscience.

The Church teaches that when a person listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God Speaking. (CCC 1777)

Our faith formation small group discussion last week also included what the Catechism says about the formation of conscience.

In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path; we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church. (CCC 1785)

Sacred scripture, especially the teachings of Jesus Christ, the teachings of the church, the influence of family, the influence of responsible friends - all of these will help us make good moral choices based on love rather than law.

Once again we see the Catechism using the image of our path being lit with the light of Christ. That light is the light of love.

Living a life in harmony with the love of Christ may put us at odds with secular society. At times we may make choices that will cause others to ask, "Why are they acting that way?" with the only satisfactory answer being, "Because they believe in Jesus Christ."

*Since actions do speak louder than words, perhaps this week we could examine our conscience by asking ourselves:*

*If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?*

CEMETERY CLOSURE

We need to do some tree-cutting in the cemetery next week, and the cemetery will have to be closed from Mon-Friday, February 13th through the 17th. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



DEANERY MEETING

We will be hosting a Deanery Meeting next Thursday, February 16th involving priest and leaders from the Deanery's seven parishes. We will serve lunch to the attendees, and in an effort to put our best foot forward, we are asking parishioners to donate a dessert for lunch. If you can help, please drop off your dessert during office hours on Tuesday or Wednesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND LOOKING AHEAD



Looking ahead to February, Lent begins slightly early this year with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd and the first Sunday of Lent February 26th. We plan to schedule five soup and stations encounter, a Good Friday Service in the cemetery, and the traditional Holy Week services.

To supplement our devotional activities, we will have the Black Books featuring 10 minutes of daily readings during Lent and the Word Among us. More information will follow as we finalize the schedule.

On the secular side, the beginning of Lent will mark the beginning of the Annal Bishop's Appeal. It's two week in-pew process will be the first two Sundays of Lent.

Our goal is slightly reduced this year to \$7,180, but remains a formidable challenge. As a Mission Church, however, the Diocese will return 50% of all monies collected to the parish for our use.

SOCIAL SUNDAY



Join us today for Social Sunday after Mass. Enjoy this opportunity for camaraderie, story-telling, and good coffee.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

A small group is scheduled to meet after Mass each Sunday in the "Comfort Room" during January and February to discuss several lessons in the Journey of Faith series.

This week's lesson is C14: Social Justice  
*All are welcome to attend.*

Contact John Weidner for additional information.

FATHER GERRY'S INCARDINATION

Next Wednesday marks the anniversary of Father Gerry's incardination in 2014 within the Diocese of Richmond. If you wonder what is an incarnated priest, incardination specifies the relationship of clerics to the Church and the service which they render in it. Taken from the Latin term incardinare (to hang on a hinge) incardination is traditionally used to refer to the **attachment of the priest or deacon to a diocesan Church headed by the diocesan Bishop.**



DECLUTTER CAMPAIGN



In the past month, we have engaged in a campaign of cleaning out rooms and storage areas of clutter. It's been a great success and the work of many hard working individuals. The excess chairs have been moved, shelves cleaned out, papers sorted attics cleaned out, classrooms revitalized, candle wax removed, filters replaced, and excess materials stored properly. We are fearful of attempting to name the many parishioners who helped in the effort in the event we miss a worthy individual.

To all who helped, A GREAT THANKS!!!!!!

WORSHIP AREA RECOGNITION



After an enduring and lengthy process caused by supply chain failures and a few manufacturing mistakes, we have completed the plaques and individual plates recognizing the memorial donations received during the new worship area capital campaign. Before we hang them up in the Narthex, we ask you to view your plate to ascertain its correctness. Please take a moment to check it this week or next. If you note an error, please tell Lisa Forte, Debby Harriman, or the office. *To all plate holders, we thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity.*

SOUP AND STATIONS



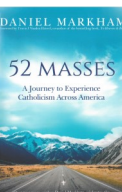
As lent approaches we are preparing for Soup and Stations which will begin on March 1st.

*A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.*

Quart containers for your delicious soups will be provided, and remember to label the containers according to what soup you prepare. Bread bakers are needed as well. Thank you.

52 MASSES

In response to some questions about the book's availability, it can be purchased through Amazon. We have bought some copies for display and will do so in the Narthex when they arrive.





The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time "A" February 12, 2023

One day someone asked Mother Teresa, "What God wants us to do and how will He judge us in the end?" She responded, "I believe that when we die and the time comes for us to be judged, God will not ask how many good things we did in our lives, but only with how much love we did them." We need to obey God's law, appreciating its main principles. The two main principles are reverence and love.

This is the spirit in which we have to understand the Gospel of today. Jesus begins by saying that he did come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it, and he goes on to explain what he means by fulfilling the law. That trying to keep the law is not enough, one has to go beyond mere observance of the commandments. That is what Jesus is saying by: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven". For How could anyone be more righteous than the Pharisees and the scribes? The Pharisees followed the law and did what they were supposed to do. They paid their debts, observed their religious rituals, they fasted. They said loud prayers for all to hear and were leaders in their communities. They were respected by people because they were the ones who knew the Laws of God than anyone else. And that's why they were the ones to teach other how to observe the Laws of God. Yet we hear Jesus telling us: "Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of God."

It is evident therefore, that being a strict follower of the rules isn't good enough. Jesus expects us to be better than just followers of rules and laws. For Jesus, righteousness is not a question of merely observing the Commandments; it is not a question of what I must do to observe the law. It is a question of how I do, what I am supposed to do. It is my attitude that matters.

The goodness of the Pharisees was superficial; they only kept up appearances. Likewise, for us, just because we appear to be good on the outside doesn't necessarily mean that we are good on the inside. We may never commit Murder, adultery, or theft, but our hearts can be filled with hatred, lust, untruthfulness. We may never be convicted of theft, but we can rob another person of their value in the eyes of others, by the way we talk about them, or what we say behind their backs. You may never physically hurt or harm another person, but you can ignore them and give them little or no attention.

Jesus wants us to be good outside and good on the inside. This is a question of Character, personal character that you are what you are. What people see is exactly what you are. It is not a matter of keeping the law, or observing it, but to live by the law and make it part of our lives. It is genuine love that matters, not just words or appearances.

To observe means to follow the letter of the Law; to live it means to go beyond the letter of the law. True Christians follow the law and commandments of God and the Church out of love. They love God, they love Jesus, and they love their brothers and sisters. Their only concern is how they can serve with love.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.F.

### Please Remember in your Prayers

Carson Collins, Rose Lohr, Cindy Simmons,  
Larry Tewey and Johanna Langer



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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.*

### #2 THE IMPORTANCE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

Some important prayers that are used during this rite include the [Anima Christi \(en español\)](#) and the [Tantum Ergo](#).

**We will start Adoration March 2nd after 9am Mass.**

#### ENVELOPES, CALENDARS, AND TAX STATEMENTS

Our 2023 envelopes are available for pickup on the admin table in the Narthex. Also if you desire a tax statement for this year, please place your name on the writing tablet located in the same area, and take a free calendar. Tax statements are in the basket from the previous week sign up sheet.



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**Alma and Fritz Sitterding**

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In Loving Memory of  
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**Barbara Hollingsworth**



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becomes a memory  
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#### 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"**  
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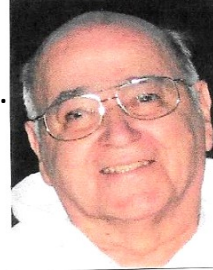
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