**WEEKLY READINGS**

**MONDAY**
Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2,5 Mk 9:14-29

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**
Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:38-40

**FRIDAY**
Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35 Mk 10:1-2

**SATURDAY**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Color: GREEN**
Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

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**PASTORAL CARE**

**Send a card, make a call, visit and always pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are ill, including...**

**SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Clarence Banks, Jr., Shirley Bailey, Annie Belardo, Daniel A. Brown, Barbara Bryant, Francine Bryant, Marion Bullock, Charles Cabarras, Brenda Cannon, Margaret Church, Matthew Cherry, Gloria Coleman, Vincent C. Eason, Jr., Agna Estaris, Etisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Sandra Jarvis, Shirley Jasper, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, William Mann, Emma Mills, Antonell McGlone, Harvey Nash, Pauline Nash, Vincent "Bubba" Newby, Kenswil Paige, Wendell Paige, Evelyn Proctor, Dr. H. Mark Richards, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, Valerie Smith, Linda Trotter, John Ward, Esther Whitley, Jessie Winfield, Charles Williams, Rosie Woodis

**Friends of the Basilica:** Albert Aquino, Bertha Adams, Sandra Brooks-Green, Ezra Brown (RaVae Goodwyn's Father), Kenneth Balbuena, Lucretia Brown, Rebecca Clark, Jean-Claude Condimine, Lamar Cuffee, Nick Edwards, Joseph Jackson, Michael Jenkins, Freddie Johnson, Katie Jones, Christine Jordan, Wanda Gunnoe, Doris Wade, Therace Meehan, Chassidy Moore, Bernadette McClain, Patie Neunz, Cheryl & David Owens, Brenda Speller, Robin Ward, Karen Woodbury, Milan Young, Alice Volz

**NURSING HOME/REHAB:**

*Katherine Morris,* Greenbrier Regional Medical Center, Rm 301

*Norris Phillips,* Georgian Manor, River Walk

*Emily Ponton,* Elizabeth Allen Crump Rehab, Glen Allen, VA, Rm 12B

*Kema Rodgers,* Sentara Rehab Newtown

**TO PLACE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST:**

Call the Church Office, 757-622-4487

**TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:**

Contact the Pastoral Care Team

*Tom Bomar,* 757 -461 -10 53 or 757-692-8347

*Cindy Williams,* 757 -849-9298

**Confirmation for Adults:** Confirmation preparation sessions for adults, 18 years and older, will be held on the first four (4) Thursdays of Lent from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the breezeway. The candidates will be confirmed at Pentecost. Please call the Church office (757-622-4487) to register for the sessions. Dates: March 7, 2019   March 21, 2019   March 28, 2019

**No class-March 14, 2019**

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*If you are not receiving your church, envelopes please contact Nicole Drummond in the church office. Thank you!*

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*USDA Distribution*

Mondays: 9:30am-11:30am

Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

232 Chapel St. - Norfolk, VA 23504
Resisting Happiness Parish Book Study

Session Six: February 26, 2019 (10:00 am) and February 27, 2019 (7:00 pm)

Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, open our hearts and minds. Allow us to see the beauty of our faith and show us what is possible in our lives with your grace. Send your Spirit upon us so that we may become the best-ever versions of ourselves and celebrate this true self in every moment of every day. We ask this through your son, Jesus. Amen

Chapters 25-30

This week's Work: Closing thoughts randomly compiled from the book:

God designed human beings for mission. .. Every person lets his or her light shine in different ways. Every person has a perfect mix of talents and abilities to fulfill the mission that God has in mind for you. But resistance always wants the opposite of what God wants. God wants to move you beyond all the bad habits of the mind, body, and soul, and fill you with his grace and courage so that you can go out into the world and let your light shine.

Matthew tells the story of an elderly woman who woke up one morning and thought, I am seventy-four and house bound. What can I do? She sends a letter and a book to family and friends. It was amazing, she thought, the letters and notes she got back, some straight away, but she thought the best letters were the ones she got back a year later, after the book had really changed their lives.

He continues that over the years he has been asked, “I would like to do what you do. How do I get started? He responds, “I did not set out to do what I am doing. This work that God has called me to evolved over time. All I have tried to do is to take the next step that I believe God is asking me to take. And, of course, often I have been resistant to that next step.”

God has a mission for you. No matter where we are in life responding makes use the best-ever version of ourselves.

We leave you with a wish from our guide:

“When you do break through resistance, celebrate that, and then press on to live the life God imagined for you before the beginning of time. And if you ever feel discouraged or defeated, remember this: Every moment is a chance to start anew, a chance to turn it all around.”

We have participated in this book study as a way to prepare us to have our Best-Lent-Ever. Our discussions have shown a wealth of insights for personal reflection and action. May we become the Easter People God imagined us to be.

Go to dynamiccatholic.com and search for Resisting Happiness study guide
"Stop judging and you will not be judge."

Communal Penance Service
March 14, 2019 7pm
At Christ the King Church
1803 Columbia Ave
Norfolk, VA 23509

GATE KEEPERS

The Gate Keepers Ministry is made up of parishioners who sit in the church during the week for a few hours after the 12:10pm Mass. They enable the church to be open so that visitors and parishioners can pray, meditate or get a tour of the Basilica. We try to keep the Basilica open Tuesday Thru Thursday. The Gate Keepers also provide tours after the weekend Masses when requested. The Basilica is in need of Parishioners who are willing to join this Ministry. If you are a pass Gate Keeper or want to join this ministry, please call Mark Lawson at (757) 434-5480.

Will You Be My Valentine?

"Peter, will you be my Valentine?"

"Jesus, you know everything. You know I want to be your Valentine."

Jesus also speaks to me: "Will you be my valentine?"

Will you be my friend? Which is to say: Will you give me your unconditional love?

Will you accept my peace for your tired and worn self?

Will you receive my mercy and forgiveness?

Will you believe in my love when everyone else has gone away or given up on you?

Will you be generous enough to take my love to others when they need you?

Will you be bread to my hungry, love to my needy, hope to my desolate?

Will you love yourself well and believe in the gifts I've given to you?

Will you trust me to always companion you?

Will you lay down your life for me?

"Will you be my valentine? Will you be my friend?"

I listen to the invitation. I look within and find "yes" answers in my February heart,

And so, I respond humbly, gratefully: "You know everything. You know I want to be your Valentine."

--- Joyce Rupp
**Vineyard of the LORD: "You too go into my vineyard." (Mt 20:4)**

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**Members**  
Mr. Arcino Quiero, Jr - Chair  
Mr. Eric Labat  
Mrs. Michele Chesley  
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Eric K. Brown-Chair  
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Oretha Pretlow-Pastoral Associate  
Lyndon Berry - Development Director  
Deborah Lamb  
Michelle Maull  
Luther Adams  
Barbara Wright  
Ricardo Givens  
Nicole Drummond

The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2019 at 6:30pm. All meetings are open the parishioners.