WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY
The Annunciation of the LORD
Is 7:10-14; 8-10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY
Dt 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY
Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY
Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

FRIDAY
Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34

SATURDAY
Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (ROSE)
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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, JC Gardner, Etisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Sandra Jarvis, Shirley Jasper, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, Deborah Lamb, William Mann, Emma Mills, Antonell McGlone, Pauline Nash, Vincent "Bubba" Newby, Kenswil Paige, Wendell Paige, Dr. H. Mark Richards, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, Valerie Smith, Linda Trotter, John Ward, Jessie Winfield, Charles Williams, Rosie Woodis


NURSING HOME/REHAB:
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, 757-461-1053 or 757-692-8347
Cindy Williams, 757-849-9298

The Basilica’s Prayer group meets every Tuesday at 6pm in the St. Joseph Chapel. All are welcomed. For more information or to submit Prayer Request please Contact Barbara Sears at (757) 775-1853 OR Sandra Jarvis at (757) 589-3797.
March 24, 2019

Third Sunday in Lent
“It may bear fruit in the future.”

The Health and Wellness Ministry will again be providing blood pressure screenings and health education on the 2nd Sunday of each month, beginning March 10, 2019. The sessions will be held after the 9:00 am mass in the breezeway.

Hermione Everett and Sis Sy Brown, Co-Chairs

Lenten Theme:
“Desert Tested Journey”

There is not a day that goes by that we are not in need of God’s overflowing grace and peace. Every morning we need his Spirit to fill us again, to strengthen us for what is ahead. Everyday we need a fresh word that He speaks to our hearts, to keep us focus on what’s important. Trying to live this thing we call life without him centering on him will do nothing but drain us dry.

In the Book of Exodus, we read the story of how God’s people had endured years of bondage under the Egyptians. They were an oppressed, abused, and mistreated people. They needed rescue, they needed a way of escape. God saw their need, He did not miss a thing, and in His perfect timing, He acted on their behalf.

We, today, are a people in need.

God met the Israelites where they were. He will meet us where we are. On the journey, they were totally dependent on God, who they needed to trust and obey or die in the desert. Even Jesus faced God’s enemy and ours, the one who has hated us from the beginning. Jesus had just been baptized in the Jordan River, even though John protested. Jesus insisted that He be treated like all the others there seeking a renewal in their relationships with God. When He came up out of the water, a Voice from heaven spoke, saying, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well-pleased” (Mt. 3:17). It was on the heels of His public solidarity with sinners and His Father’s expressed pleasure in Him that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. This would be a strange order of events if we didn’t understand that just as Jesus identified Himself with His brothers in baptism, He was also identifying with them in facing the test of His love for the Father.

ALL GOD’S TESTING HAS PURPOSE SOMEDAY YOU WILL SEE THE LIGHT, ALL GOD ASKS IS TO TRUST, WALK BY FAITH, AND NOT BY SIGHT.

From Lent to Easter at the Basilica
† Ash Wednesday, March 6 – 12 N & 7pm
Imposition of Ashes – Holy Communion
† Stations of the Cross & “Not Just Soup”
Fridays beginning March 8 to April 12
Stations – 6:30pm
Soup and an Activity, (ie. movie, trivia game, prayer & meditation, reflection)
† RCIA Rite of Enrollment & Sending, Sun., March 3, 12 Noon
Mass
† Adult Confirmation Sessions: Thurs., March 7, 21, 28 @ 7pm
† RCIA Rite of Election with Bishop Knestout, Sun., March 10 @ Church of the Holy Family
† Communal Penance Service, Thurs., March 14 7pm @ Christ the King
† Parish Mission led by Fr. Michael Renninger
Mon. & Tues., April 1 & 2, 7pm in the Sanctuary
† Confirmation, Wed., April 10, 7pm @ St. Pius
† Palm Sunday, Procession of Palms at Masses
† Chrism Mass, Cathedral in Richmond, 6pm
Mon., April 15
† Holy Thursday, April 18 – 7pm (White)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his Twelve Apostles, “the institution of the Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood, and the commandment of brotherly love that Jesus gave after washing the feet of his disciples
† Good Friday, April 19 (Red)
Commemorating Jesus’ crucifixion and death; includes Veneration of the Cross
Haitian Stations of the Cross – 3pm
Veneration of the Cross & Communion Service, 7pm
† Easter Vigil, Sat., April 20 – 8pm (White)
Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Holy Eucharist
† Easter Sunday, April 21 – 9am & 12 Noon (White)
The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated. It is considered the most important day in the Church year, as it is the day on which Jesus rose from the dead.
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Not Just Soup

Lenten Suppers

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ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adult Ministry will be hosting a Meet and Greet Mixer on April 5th at 7:30 pm. at Plaza Del Sol Restaurant located at 2200 Colonial Avenue in Norfolk.

Come out, meet, and mingle with other young adults from the Basilica of St. Mary. We will discuss upcoming events. If you would like to join the planning committee, please come out as well.

For more information, please call Kara

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.

 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. Date: March 28, 2019

The Homeless Ministry would once again like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the NEST program. Whether you gave monetary donations, hats, socks, toiletries or your time to help our homeless sisters and brothers by supporting Christ the King Church, Sacred Heart Church, First Baptist Lambert Point and Freemason Baptist Church, all was greatly appreciated. Through your generous acts, and donations of dental products from Dr. Konikoff Dentistry, we were able to provide 234 gift bags, including toiletries, bus tickets and gift cards, to our guests this year. The Basilica of St. Mary's accomplish our dream to give back to our homeless community and His people!
**Vineyard of the LORD:** "You too go into my vineyard." *(Mt 20:4)*

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The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2019 at 6:30pm. All meetings are open the parishioners.

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Mr. Arcino Quiero, Jr - Chair  
Mr. Eric Labat  
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Mr. John Butler

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