

PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES

Sunday, December 10

- 8:30 am RCIA, Room 7
- 9:00 am Rel. Education Grades K-12, FLC
- 10:30 am Mass - OLPH Parishioners**
- 11:30 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Olive Branch Open
- 11:30 am Knights Coats for Kids & Christmas Tickets
- 2:00 pm Christmas Caroling Practice, SH
- 5:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party, SH
- 5:00 pm Roanoke College Mass

Monday, December 11

- 12:00 pm Mass - Paul Purcell †**

Tuesday, December 12

- 6:00 pm St. Gerard Rosary and Mass
- 6:30 pm Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- 7:30 pm Guadalupe Fiesta, SH

Wednesday, December 13

- 3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (3-6:30 & 7-9 pm)
- 4:00 pm Olive Branch Open
- 5:30 pm Confessions
- 6:30 pm Mass - John & Cathy Wizorek (intentions)**
- 7:00 pm Valleywide Reconciliation, OLN

Thursday, December 14

- 10:00 am Bible Study, FLC
- 12:00 pm Mass - Jessica Stephenson †**
- 7:00 pm OLPH Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 15

- 12:00 pm Mass - Joseph Marques †**

Saturday, December 16

- 8:30 am Dominicans, FLC
- 3:00 pm Olive Branch Open
- 3:30 pm Confessions
- 5:00 pm Mass - OLPH Parishioners**
- 6:30 pm St. Francis Bag Collection, Commons

Sunday, December 17

- 8:30 am RCIA, Room 7
- 9:00 am Rel. Education Grades K-12, FLC
- 10:30 am Mass - Reyes Ponce Sr. †**
- 11:30 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am St. Francis Bag Collection
- 11:30 am Olive Branch Open
- 12:00 pm Franciscans, SH
- 2:00 pm Christmas Caroling Practice, FLC

**Advent Reconciliation Services
listed on the back.**

	December 16 Saturday 5:00 PM	December 17 Sunday 10:30 AM
Altar Servers	Tyler White	Elijah Buchanan Brooklyn Hemphill
Lectors	Frank Kristoff Nancy Harbach	Susan Thompson Kathryn Anderson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Scott Lear Parish Deacon Jack Miller	Mike McGuire Joe Tucciarone Vicky Rowland Parish Deacon Jeffrey Krajnik Brenda Holtzlander Linda Tucciarone
Linen Washer		Teadora Andrade
Ushers	Bogdan Czachor Jerry Ferguson Al Scalera Garry Secor	Maria Carrier Mark McGuire Gary Rowland Greg St. Clair

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 10 - December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:1-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

*Please pray for our sick, that they may be
strengthened by the love of Christ.*

Rob Ahlers
Elizabeth Dean
Linda Doubraba
Stephen Dufrene
Johanna Espelage

Barbara Henry
Megan Hickok
Pat Hickok
Judith Perrine
Joe Poythres

Amy Sadler
Mary Swinson
Lourdes Taylor
Joseph Wallace
Marlene Vonderhaar

VALLEY WIDE RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR ADVENT

December 13	OLN	7:00 pm
December 20	St. Gerard	12:00 pm

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help with decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, December 22 at 1:00 pm and on Sunday, December 24 right after the 10:30 am Mass. Please come and join us.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are having a Christmas party on Friday, December 15 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm in the Social Hall. Tickets are \$15 a person. *The Knights are also singing Christmas Carols at the Veterans Care Center in Roanoke on Sunday, December 17. Practice sessions are Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 - 3:00 pm in the Social Hall and Sunday, December 17 from 1:00 - 1:45 pm in the Family Life Center. All are welcome to participate. See Paul Wyar for more information and to sign up.*

ST. GERARD CATHOLIC CHURCH will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe this coming Tuesday, December 12 here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help with the rosary at 6:00 pm, Mass at 6:30, followed by a fiesta in the Social Hall. You are invited.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER - CALL FOR VOCATIONS "A voice is calling" Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at 804-359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



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WEEKLY OFFERING	RECEIVED	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE	Capital Fund	Received
			Favorable (Unfavorable)	Dec. 2023	\$ 155.00
Dec. 2nd & 3rd, 2023	\$ 14,293.40	\$ 11,880.28	\$ 2,413.12	Year to date	\$59,164.50
Year to date				June 30th 2024	
July 1, 2023	\$232,047.98	\$249,485.78	(\$17,437.80)		
thru June 30, 2024					

Thank you for your continued support of our beautiful church! Our offertory income is from the collection at weekend Masses, including e-giving. This is the primary income of our parish. It does not include secondary income, e.g., social hall rental income or miscellaneous donations. The "Budgeted" weekly offertory number comes from the total offertory budgeted to meet expenses for the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30), divided by 52 (weekends).



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