

## PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES

**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

**Monday, December 18**

- 12:00 pm Mass - Margie Hoffman †**  
 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus, SH

**Tuesday, December 19****Wednesday, December 20**

- 11:30 am JOY Lunch & Games, SH  
 12:00 pm Valleywide Reconciliation, St. Gerard  
 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 - Joan & Charles Moses †**

**Thursday, December 21**

- 10:00 am Bible Study, FLC  
**12:00 pm Mass - Servant of God Pedro Arrupe †**  
 6:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm OLPH Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 22**

- 11:00 am Youth Group Christmas Cookies, SH  
**12:00 pm Mass - Janet Andrews †**  
 1:00 pm Stage 1 Christmas Decorating

**Saturday, December 23**

- 3:30 pm Confessions  
**5:00 pm Mass - Garry Green †**

**Sunday, December 24**

- 10:30 am Mass - OLPH Parishioners**  
 11:30 am Stage 2 Christmas Decorating  
 4:30 pm Lessons & Carols Prelude  
**5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Christmas -**  
**Purcell & Yates Families †**  
 9:30 pm Lessons & Carols Prelude  
**10:00 pm Christmas Mass at Night -**  
**OLPH Parishioners**

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

	December 23 Saturday 5:00 PM	December 24 Sunday 10:30 AM
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer	Elijah Buchanan Volunteer
<b>Lectors</b>	Janet deGuzman Susan Moore	Tom Fame Susan Thompson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Mary Martinez Volunteer Volunteer Parish Deacon Volunteer	Volunteer Bill Thompson Vicky Rowland Parish Deacon Volunteer Jan Hoffman Volunteer
<b>Linen Washer</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>	Bryan Boggs Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Bryan Boggs Maria Carrier Greg St. Clair Volunteer

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**December 17 - December 24, 2023**

**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

**Monday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

**Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

*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 SERVICE FOR ADVENT

Wednesday, December 20 at 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.



**EPIPHANY CELEBRATION** We are having a **BIRTHDAY PARTY** for Jesus on Epiphany, January 6th and 7th after each Mass. Please take a card off of the board in the Commons this weekend and bring a gift back for baby Jesus on Epiphany. All items collected will go to *Commonwealth Catholic Charities Baby Clothes Closet*.

**PAT HICKOK, MANAGER OF THE BOOK STORE THE OLIVE BRANCH** would like to thank all the parishioners here at OLPH for all the prayers and well wishes received during her recent illness. She would also thank those who helped run the shop in the Commons and took charge of the Olive Branch while she was out. Thanking all that helped in any way, especially Cathy Wizorek, Pat Wyble and Frances Mills.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone that purchased games for the Angel Tree project. It was a huge success and when the gifts were picked up by Commonwealth Catholic Charities last Monday, December 11 they were very surprised and pleased with the selection and how many were waiting for them. Great job!

**BRUNSWICK STEW** We are expecting cold weather so don't forget to get your stew order in. The Women's Club will be in the Commons the weekend of December 30/31 taking orders. Stew will be out for delivery January 13/14. Please pay when you place your order. Cost of the stew is the same as last year, \$5.00 a pint and \$10 a quart.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER** *"The spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has anointed me."* God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to a priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at 804-359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

WEEKLY OFFERING	RECEIVED	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
			Favorable (Unfavorable)
Dec. 9th & 10th 2023	\$ 7,452.35	\$ 11,880.28	(\$4,427.93)
Year to date			
July 1, 2023	\$239,500.33	\$261,366.06	(\$21,865.73)
thru June 30, 2024			

Capital Fund	Received
Dec. 2023	\$ 210.00
Year to date	\$59,219.60
June 30th 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).

