



**SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Emergency – If someone is dying or there has been a death, please call: 804-402-1221**



Catholic Diocese of Richmond  
1820 Bicentennial 2020

**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm**

**Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices**

**Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**December 15, 2019**

**Mass Intention: Emily Condlin (L)**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

**ENTRANCE #364**

Come O Long Expected Jesus

**PSALM #772**

O Lord, come and save us.

**OFFERTORY #367**

O Come Divine Messiah

**COMMUNION #357**

O Come O Come Emmanuel

**RECESSIONAL #373**

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

**Holy Communion – This is a reminder that Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have not been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion, we would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin.**

**PRAYER LIST**

David Adams, Michael Baecher, Judy Burneston, Steve Campbell, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Joy Galloway, Kay McClure (daughter of Nancy Eckler), Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Diane Lindenfelser Ouellette, Marilyn Reilly, David Simons, Chris Thomas, Beulah Taylor, Bob Wilkins. Thank you for your prayers.

**If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.**

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.: Mass Intention: Angelina Shults  
Tues.: Mass Intention: Anna Dyer  
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm  
Wed.: Mass Intention: Lucy Maiolani  
Thurs: Mass Intention: Margaret Frances Barlow  
Fri: Mass Intention: Joseph Sciscent

**MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Happy Gaudete Sunday!

Gaudete means 'rejoice.' So rejoice!!!

Today is the mini-celebration day on the way to Christmas. The priest wears rose vestments and the rose candle is lit in the Advent wreath because rose is the color for joy. And today, everyone is supposed to be joyful and rejoice in anticipation of Christ's birth just a few weeks away.

So rejoice! Smiles on all faces!

You always have something to rejoice about. No matter how bad things may be, you can always rejoice because our faith give us reasons to rejoice that are indestructible.

The gift of the Eucharist is indestructible. So rejoice.

You can confess (and should confess!) your sins this advent and God will forgive every one of them (we have confessions 30 minutes before and after every Mass). So rejoice.

Christ voluntarily became human so that when you die you can become divine. So rejoice.

God has a plan for your life. So rejoice.

God walks with you every moment of every day. So rejoice.

You are part of the Church God founded and dwells in and can never be destroyed. So rejoice.

You are surrounded by a multitude of saints and angels and even a loving Mother who is praying for you and cheering you on every day. So rejoice.

I could go on for a long time; because there are many, many, many reasons that our faith gives us to rejoice.

It is Gaudete Sunday. So rejoice!

Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collected</b>	<b><u>3,351.60</u></b>
<b>Gain</b>	<b>\$ 63.60</b>

**OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY**

107 lunches were served on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. 86 dinners were served on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Many thanks to all who do this labor of love for God's people.

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**The Food Pantry** helps feed the poor of our community. We are always in need of canned veggies, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit, cereal, snack bars, and canned chicken and tuna. No donation is too small; think of the poor when you are doing your shopping.

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*St Patrick Bible Study is partnering with St Peter to staff the Clothes Closet. Clothing is distributed on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are in need of men's clothing - specifically, long pants, belts, T-shirts, shirts, sweaters, and belts. Also need both men and women warm socks and warm coats. Your donations can be dropped off in the basement. The Clothes*

*Closet will operate until the end of April. Right now, warm winter clothing is needed. Later on, we will need lighter weight clothing. Because there is no room to store light weight clothing, please try to only donate winter clothing at this time. If you want to donate time to the Clothes Closet or have any questions, you may contact Kathy Buttner at [kathybuttner@hotmail.com](mailto:kathybuttner@hotmail.com).*

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Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

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**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve – December 24, 5:00 pm with carols starting at 4:30 pm

Christmas Day – December 25, 10:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1, 12:05 pm

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**Bicentennial Prayer of the Diocese of Richmond**

Father of lights, the radiance of your Son has guided the advance of the Gospel across the Diocese of Richmond for two centuries, strengthening our Church from the Eastern Shore to the Cumberland Gap. Grant that the nearness of your Son may dispel the darkness of our sins, so that as our love increases more and more, we may dare more than ever to fearlessly proclaim the word. Holding fast to the word of life, may we shine like stars in the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

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**OFFICE HOURS** – 10:00am to 3:00pm, Tuesday through Friday.

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