# **Holy Infant Catholic Church**



Mass Times:

Tuesday 10:00 am Thursday 10:00 am Followed by Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration Saturday 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:15pm - 4:45pm Sunday 11:00 am

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Worship Committee:		
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#### Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday**: To all Parishioners & visitors of Holy Infant Church with Special Mass Intentions

<u>Please Pray for</u>...God's children who are ill, homebound, or hospitalized and need our special thoughts and prayers. Pray for Chuck Cyphert, Darrell & Jane Peck, Michael Houliston, Jim West, Raul & Marian Oviedo, Helen Rebori & Thomas Fletcher for their loss. Pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, our Sister Parish -Shepherd of the Hills, our Twin Parish in Haiti -Saint Augustin, and all members of our military, and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others.

Weekly Contributions	Targeted	Actual	Difference
Mar 13 to Mar 20	\$ 1,907.43	\$ 2,548.03	\$ 640.60
July 1st, 2022 to Date	<u> \$  72,482.34 </u>	<u>\$72,263.20</u>	<u>\$ -219.14</u>

Other collections: Justice & Peace \$30— Flowers \$125—Rosary Guild \$20—Votive \$3—Poor Box \$5 Catholic Relief Services \$244

Mar 25 & Mar 26

Liturgical Ministers Next Week	Apr 1st	Apr 2nd
Lector	P. Dobes	W. Snuffin

### Mass & Event Announcements 2023

March 25th : Saturday—10:00 AM—THE ANNU	NCIATION OF THE	LORD		
March 25th : Saturday—5:00 PM—THE FIFTH S <u>First Reading</u> : <i>Ez:</i> 37: 12-14 <u>Second Reading</u>	UNDAY OF LENT <u>:</u> <b>Rom:</b> 8: 8-11	<u>Jn</u> : 11: 1-45		
March 26th: Sunday—11:00 AM—THE FIFTH S <u>First Reading</u> : <b>Ez:</b> 37: 2-14 <u>Second Reading</u>	JNDAY OF LENT <u>:</u> <b>Rom:</b> 8: 8-11	<u>Jn</u> : 11: 1-45		
March 28th : Tuesday—10:00 AM Mass				
March 29th : Wednesday—3:00 PM CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY				
March 30th: Thursday—10:00 AM Mass				
March 31st: Friday—5:00 PM—STATIONS OF THE CROSS				
April 1st: Saturday—5:00 PM –PALM SUNDAY				
April 2nd: Sunday—11:00 AM –PALM SUNDAY				
April 3rd: Monday—6:00 PM CHRISM MASS from THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND https://richmonddioceses.org (follow the links for the Livestream)				
April 4th: Tuesday—No Mass	(10110W the links for th	ne Livestream)		
April 5th: Wednesday :- 3:00 PM CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY				
April 6th: Thursday: —5:00 PM HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Followed by Adoration & Holy Hour				
April 7th Good Friday : —4:30 PM STATIONS O	F THE CROSS			
April 7th Friday:				
April 8th: Saturday—5:00 PM EASTER VIGIL				
April 9th: Sunday—11:00 AM EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD				
April 11th : Tuesday—10:00 AM Mass				
April 13th : Thursday—10:00 AM Mass				
April 15th : Saturday—5:00 PM DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY				
April 16th : Sunday—11:00 AM DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY				
Followed by HOSPITALIT	Y in the Church Hall			

### WEEKLY THOUGHTS FIFITH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 26<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Dear Friends, this weekend we arrive at the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of OUR Lenten journey. Let us be thankful to God who has brought us this far as we strive to walk the way of Jesus; prayer, penance and alms giving.

In the Gospel Reading of last Sunday John 9: 1-41 we heard Jesus healing the man blind from birth. His disciples had earlier on questioned whether his blindness was a result of sin; "Rabbi who sinned, this man or his parents?" Jesus responded; "Neither he nor his parents sinned. It is so that the glory of God might be made visible through him." (Jn.9:3)

In today's Gospel from John 11:1-45 the same glory of God is displayed at the resurrection of Lazarus by Jesus after four days in the tomb.

In the preceding Readings in the Gospel of John, we hear of the growing antagonism between Jesus and the Jewish leaders widening. The Jewish leaders throw out of the Temple the man cured of the physical blindness, who eventually confess Jesus as a Messiah.

In Jn. 5:1-16: The tension grows when authorities find the man carrying his mat on the Sabbath after Jesus healed him at the pool of Bethesda. He had waited for 38 years. Again in Jn. 5: 3-17 the Jews continue to find fault with Jesus as he calls himself Son of God; hence making himself equal to God. For this blasphemy, they plotted to kill him. It is against this background that his disciples urged him not to return to Bethany. Thomas urged his fellow disciples to go and die with him.

Mary and Martha had sent a message to Jesus to come and heal their brother Lazarus. The two sisters were confident that Jesus would come in due time. Jesus recognized that the death of Lazarus would not end in death but bring glory to God and his son Jesus Christ. (Jn.11:14)

On arrival at Bethany, Jesus found Martha and Mary grieving the loss of their brother; somehow complaining to Jesus; "if you had been here my brother would not have died." (Jn. 11: 20-21) Jesus assures the two sisters; "*I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will live never die. Do you believe*? Yes, Lord I believe, you are the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus where he prays in a loud voice. He calls Lazarus to come out of the tomb. At this sign many people come to believe in Jesus as the Son of God, Messiah, Life, and Resurrection.

Jesus had shown his power over death so that when he dies those who believe in him will share in his resurrection. As Jesus calls the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus' tomb, so too will his disciples find the stone rolled way from the tomb of Jesus.

Have a blessed remaining time of Lent.

## **2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal** Let Us Find Strength In One Another

Annual Goal \$5,440.00 vs Actual \$2,185.00

We invite you to give today at https://www.richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal Make Checks Payable to the "RICHMOND CATHOLIC FOUNDATION" and mail to: The Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond, PO Box 79212, Baltimore MD 21279-0212



**Easter Flower Offering:** In Memory of: Edward & Stephanie Chocola, Joseph C Sr & Henrietta Dobes; Dolores Pechanic- by Joe & Pat Dobes : Julia & Denis Siu—by Sidney Lam— William Dyer—by Jeanne Dyer—Deceased Members of the Vogen Family—by Stephen & Reginia Vogen—Mary L Snuffin—by Wil and Barbie Snuffin - Michael Mowbray—by Neil Mowbray—Michael & Eva Moretti—by Mike & Julia Moretti : Kenneth Burner—by MaryAnn Baugher : The Akers, Schuck & Kessler Families—by Brad & Maryanne Akers William & Lucy Markert and Clifford & Lillian Schaefer—by Robert & Clare Schaefer

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• April 6th: Thursday: —5:00 PM HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Followed by Adoration (Please fill out the sign up sheet in the foyer, there will be 6 20 to 30 minute time slots available)

• Thank you all for giving so generously to the Catholic Relief Services Campaign. We have collected \$494 so far and we have \$130 left to go to match last year's \$624!

• Our Easter Flowers donations are at \$420. Again, thank you all for your sacrifices.