# **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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#### Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday: To all Parishioners & visitors of Holy Infant Church

<u>Please Pray for</u>...Please remember God's children who are ill, homebound, or hospitalized and need our special thoughts and prayers: Michael Houliston, Patsy Froehlich and Family, Barbie Snuffin, Sidney Lam, Kathy Reiderman, Gina Bing and Family, Ellie Cox and family, the Victims of the Haiti Earthquake as well as prayers 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.

If you would like to add someone to the list, please email, send a note or call the church office. In the future the list will be regenerated every three months. Thank you.

Weekly Contributions	Targeted	Actual	Difference	
Sept 3—Sept 9 July 1st, 2021 to Date	\$ 1,692.31	\$ 2,261.00	\$ + 568.69	
July 1st, 2021 to Date	<u>\$ 16,923.10</u>	<u>\$19,071.09</u>	<u>\$ + 455.68</u>	

<u>O</u>ther collections: Justice & Peace \$25—Parish Improvements \$50—Votive \$12—Poor Box \$52 Haiti Relief Fund \$50

Sept 18/ Sept 19

#### Liturgical Ministers Next Week

	September 25th	September 26th
Lector	M. Oviedo	W. Snuffin

# Mass & Event Announcements 2021

### COVID 19- DELTA VARIANT EFFECTIVE 07/31/2021

Due to the Delta Variant of the Covid –19 virus, our Pastor strongly urges us all to wear a face mask while attending Mass to protect our most vulnerable parishioners.

#### Saturday, Sept 18th —5:00 PM Mass & Sunday Sept 19th — 11:00 AM Mass 25st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME First Reading: **Wis:** 2:12, 17-20 Second Reading: Jas: 3:16-4:3 Gospel: MK: 9:30-37 কৈৰ্জ Jesus speaks of his own rejection, torture, and shameful death. True discipleship, he says, is concerned not with status but with service to the poor, with justice and peace. Tuesday, Sept 21st —10:00 AM Mass & Thursday, Sept 23rd—10:00 AM Mass September 25th and 26th marks the annual kick off of our Retired Religious Campaign Last year Holy Infant Catholic Church raised \$538.00, this year we are hoping to match that amount. Give in gratitude. Last year a donor to the Retirement Fund wrote, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of the elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Your gift to the next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine and so much more. Again, thank you for all you do to support these important charities. Saturday, Sept 25th—5:00 PM Mass & Sunday Sept 26th—11:00 AM Mass 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SPECIAL COLLECTION - RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND Go<u>spel</u>: *Mk:* 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 First Reading: **NM:** 11: 25-29 Second Reading: Jas: 5: 1-6 è construction de la construcción de la construcció Moses and Jesus both attest to the fact that the work of the Spirit cannot be confined by an institution, and that no one can claim a monopoly of the Spirit's charism, or wisdom. Beware of the growing rich while neglecting the rights of and needs of others. Tuesday, Sept 28th —10:00 AM Mass & Thursday, Sept 30th—10:00 AM Mass Saturday, Oct 2nd- 5:00 PM Mass & Sunday Oct 3rd- 11:00 AM Mass 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<u>First Reading</u>: *Gn:* 2: 18-24

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Second Reading: Heb: 2:9-11

Gospel: *Mk:* 10: 2-16

Conjugal love, lived in fidelity to God's original plan, is to be one of the principal manifestations of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. Through baptism into Christ, we join with him in having one and the same Father.

Tuesday, Oct 5th —10:00 AM Mass & Thursday, Oct 7th—10:00 AM Mass followed by Adoration

## WEEKLY THOUGHTS 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Friends, welcome to the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time and the third Sunday in September 2021. Last week, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The next day Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September was the memorial of our Lady of Sorrows. May our Lady of sorrows accompany all of us experiencing, loss, suffering, pain and grief because our Lady has been at these painful situations.

Last Sunday, Jesus left us with a challenge individually to respond to the question; "Who do you say I am?" Jesus had labored to put before his disciples that their Messiah would suffer rejection, be put to death and eventually rise up to new life. Jesus went on to point out the requirements for true discipleship; "self-denial, take up ones cross- trials and finally follow Jesus. The invitation to walk the way of Christ was not expected of the Messiah as opposed to a conquering Messiah.

The Gospel Reading to us today takes us back to theme of the Cross as Jesus predicts a second time his death. He does it in terms of discipleship that implies powerlessness and vulnerability. This kind of talk made it very uncomfortable for his disciples to hear of betrayal, suffering and death in waiting for the Messiah. Certainly the disciples knew that something important was just about to happen in Jerusalem, and their understanding of the kingdom entailed power and prestige for instance as to who will be the vice President or Prime Minister. Indeed they felt very ashamed before Jesus when he asked them about the power struggle talk on the way.

For Jesus, anyone who wants to be first must be the last and the servant of all. In other words, they are not to seek honor but defer to one another. This is the radical tenet of the kingdom of God. Lowliness is the pathway to greatness in the kingdom. If we wish to be first, we must be prepared to be last. If we wish to be great we must be prepared to be like little children. If we want to be leaders, we must be prepared to be servants of all. To help them understand what he meant, Jesus resorted to a visual lesson.

He took the child in his arms; illustrating his acceptance of this little one making it a policy that His true followers must accept the principle he had laid down. No one would claim to accept the Father and reject Jesus- the Son of the Father- To welcome one is to welcome the other.

We all have a universal call to holiness as disciples of Jesus. Let us walk the way of Christ by welcoming and serving the vulnerable, defenseless children, the despairing poor, the mentally ill and marginalized in our society. Mother Teresa of Calcutta is a great teacher of being concerned to these categories of people without power and most vulnerable.

Let me pray for the grace to accept the challenge of being last and being a servant to all as well as accepting those insignificant with love, compassion like Jesus.

# **2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal** Building Our Family of Faith

Annual Goal \$4,430.00- Raised to date \$10,727.00!!!!

Your contribution makes a difference Holy Infant has been awarded \$5,211.00 as a share of your contributions and we are deeply grateful for your generosity this year! we invite you to continue to give today at <u>https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org</u>



