

Holy Infant Catholic Church



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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

Contact Numbers

Pastor:	Rev. Fr. Michael Mugomba	540-298-1341
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Church Directory:		
Finance Council Chair:	Chuck Cyphert	540-843-4056
Music Ministry Coordinators:	Saturday: Ellie Cox	540-746-0081
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Parish Council Chair:	Brad Akers	540-298-5184

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, December 9th—5:00PM—+Hope Scripture—by Maryanne & Brad Akers

Tuesday, December 12th—10:00AM—Deceased Members of the Schuck & Kessler Families—by Rose Schuck

Please Pray for... 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, Gary Youngman, Ellie & Mike Cox, and world peace and understanding. 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
Dec 2 to Dec 8	\$ 2,462.32	\$ 1,265.00	\$ - 1,197.32
July 1st, 2023 to Date	\$ 56,633.36	\$53,697.10	\$ -2,936.26

Other collections: Parish improvements \$30—Flowers \$195—Rosary Guild \$632.00

Liturgical Ministers Next Week	Dec 16th	Dec 17th
Lector	M. Oviedo	J. Early

Mass & Event Announcements 2023

As we await new heavens and a new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth and peace.

Dec 9th : Saturday—4:15 PM-4:45 PM—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 5:00 PM MASS—2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 5: PM—Readings: *Is 40:1-5, 9-11 — 2 Pt 3: 8-14 Gospel—Mk 1: 1-8*
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Dec 10th : Sunday— 11:00 AM MASS—2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 11: AM — Readings: *40:1-5, 9-11 — 2 Pt 3: 8-14 Gospel—Mk 1: 1-8*
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Dec 12th : Tuesday -10:00 AM MASS ❧❧ Dec 14th : Thursday—10:00 AM MASS

Dec 16th : Saturday— 4:15 PM-4:45 PM—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 5:00 PM MASS—3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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Dec 17th—Sunday—11:00 AM MASS—3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 19th: Tuesday—10:00 AM MASS ❧❧ Dec 21st : Thursday—10:00 AM MASS

2023 Angel Tree:

Thank you for participating in our annual Angel Tree Drive!! Just a reminder that all gifts must be brought to the church by Sunday, December 17th. Gifts will be distributed to the children on Monday December 18th.

Rosary Guild Arts, Crafts & Bake Sale:

The response to the sale has been excellent! It seems many of you are getting those wonderful hand made items for friends and family Christmas Gifts. There are some items remaining so our ladies have decided to carry the sale forward another weekend. Don't miss out and thank you so much for your donations to the Ladies Rosary Guild!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT WEEKLY THOUGHTS DECEMBER 10th 2023.

Dear friends, welcome to the celebration of the Second Sunday of Advent. Thank you to everyone who turned up to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception last Friday. Mary, like her Son Jesus, is at the center of our salvation. She is full of grace. She is one God has done great things. She is holy and enjoys a favored position as a mother of Jesus. Mary wants us all her children to possess her qualities of holiness, obedience, humility and patience.

The Readings of this Sunday continue with the theme of being alert and prepared as we keep watch for the second coming of Jesus; prince of peace and justice. The Readings of this Sunday call us all to conversion of heart as a spiritual preparation for Jesus to find room into our hearts.

In the Gospel taken from Mark 1:1-8 we hear John the Baptist announcing the message of repentance for the reason that the kingdom of God is at hand. John is the prophet Isaiah spoke of as he called upon the people; "prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight." This indeed is the actual meaning of Advent. We are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus our savior who comes to bring us the gift of peace in our lives despite the looming violence in the Middle East.

The Liturgy of the Word invites us to prepare ourselves spiritually by letting ourselves be reconciled with God and with one another. My inner conversion must be realistic or authentic leading me to action like opening my eyes to the plight of the poor around me and do something. The angel tree and kids' gifts are a concrete example of action in our community. John challenges the religious leaders of the time to embrace genuine reform as he appeals to them to produce good fruit as evidence of repentance.

Let the sign of our inner transformation shows itself in the life we live. It should go beyond coming for Sunday Mass. It should work for peace and justice beginning at home. It should work towards acceptance of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Have a great week

Parishioners Corner:

- ◆ The busy folks at Elkton Area United Services send grateful thanks for the food which has been donated through the generosity of Holy Infant parishioners. However, they cannot use food items which have expired. Please check the date before you donate.
- ◆ December 17th there will be hospitality in the Church Hall, at which time we will also celebrate the 41st Ordination and Birthday of Fr. Michael Mugomba. Please mark your calendars and come join in the festivities. Also let us know if you wish to lend a hand preparing and cleaning afterwards.

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Let Us Find Strength In One Another

Annual Goal \$5,440.00 vs Actual \$13,095.00

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

2023 Christmas Flower Offering; In Memory of: Joseph & Norma Gasper, Parents & Herbert Baugher, Husband & Kenneth Burner—by Mary Ann Baugher— Michael & Eva Moretti by, Mike & Julia Moretti— William Dyer—by Jeanne Dyer

Additional Christmas Flower Offerings made by:

