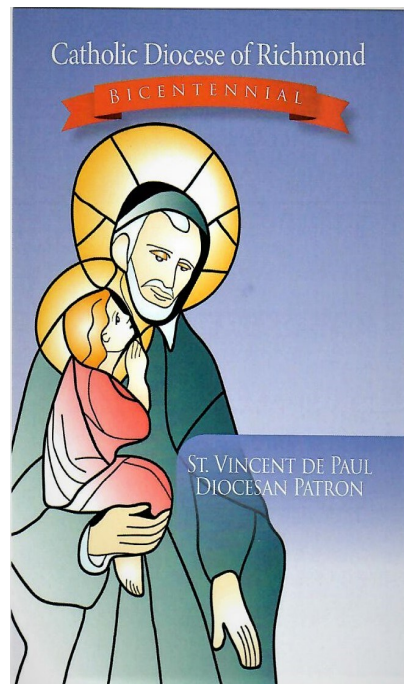


# Holy Infant Catholic Church



101 West Marshall Ave., Elkton Virginia 22827



## Mass & Event Announcements

**Saturday, September 26th, 2020 at 10:30 AM Join**

**Bishop Barry C. Knestout for**  
**our final Bicentennial Regional Mass**

**Livestreamed from**

**St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Roanoke, Virginia**

**The Mass will recognize the Catholic presence in**  
**the Western Vicariate**

**And Commemorate the Feast of St. Vincent De**  
**Paul, the patron**

**Of the Diocese of Richmond**

**To access special Mass Log On to:**  
**[www.richmonddiocese.org/livestream](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/livestream)**

**Holy Infant Special Mass: Saturday Sept 26, 2020**

**5:00 PM & Sunday, Sept 27, 2020 11:00 AM**

**Special Collection for Retired Religious Fund**

## **09/27/2020 BICENTENNIAL MASS READINGS**

First Reading	Zeph	3: 14—18
Second Reading	1 Cor	1: 26—31
Gospel	Mt	9: 35—38

Sep 19/20

## **Weekly Thoughts September 27, 2020 – Bicentennial Celebration**

Evangelization is at the heart of the Mission of the Church; “Go and make disciples of all nations, proclaim the Gospel and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Mt. 28:19-20)

The Richmond Diocese celebrates with joy and Thanksgiving the 200 years of Catholic Faith in this Ecclesiastical territory with more or less similar challenges in the time of Jesus. There were very few laborers to work in the Lord’s vineyard with so many people suffering from poverty, discrimination, disease, injustices and many more life difficulties.

The Founding Fathers of this Diocese like Jesus responded to the life challenges under various ministries as offered by Catholic Charities more or less giving preference to the poor as Jesus announced it the Gospel in his time.

Presently, the Church has a challenge to minister and respond with compassion to the Spiritually sick, dejected, blind, those possessed and blinded by materialism, lust for power and those at the cross roads.

Laborers are needed to provide a Spiritual longing that prepares us for our eternal destiny. Let us respond generously to this unique call of providing Spiritual nourishment alongside the Social services.

Have A Great and Wonderful Bicentennial Celebration.

## **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday & Sunday-** To all the Parishioners and visitors of Holy Infant Church.

**Saturday, Sept 26th:** +Daniel Schuck—by R. Schuck

**Please Pray for...** God’s children who are ill, homebound, or hospitalized and need our special thoughts and prayers: Jane and Darrell Peck, Father John Ellis and Burgess Ellis, Dieter and Irene Haase, Raul and Marian Oviedo, Sid Lam, Brad and Maryanne Akers, Rose Schuck 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.



## Diocese of Richmond

Office of the Bishop

September 26, 2020

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Richmond,

Today we continue the celebration of the bicentennial jubilee of our local Church. This Mass commemorates St. Vincent de Paul, the patron of the Diocese of Richmond, and recognizes the Catholic presence in the Western Vicariate of our diocese.

We honor Vincent de Paul (1581–1660) because he proclaimed the Gospel to the poor in a heroic way. After hearing the confession of a dying peasant, this seventeenth-century French priest was moved to help those in need. He later established a religious order of priests—the Congregation of the Mission, better known as the Vincentians—to evangelize the poor who lived in rural areas (1625). Together with St. Louise de Marillac, Vincent de Paul also founded the Daughters of Charity, a religious order of women dedicated to serving the poor (1633).

The second bishop of Richmond, Right Reverend Richard V. Whelan (1841–1850), probably chose St. Vincent de Paul to be the patron of our diocese. The Catholic Church in Virginia at that time, and for much of its history, was rural, missionary, and poor—just like the focus of the saint's ministry.

The legacy of St. Vincent de Paul radiates in charitable works carried out across the Diocese of Richmond. Parishes and Catholic Charities serve thousands of people and work to promote justice. They distribute food and clothing; offer housing assistance; minister to the incarcerated; provide counseling, pregnancy, adoption, and foster care services; aid refugees and immigrants; care for disabled persons and senior citizens; and supply disaster relief.

Serving people in need is part of the Church's mission, and is a theme of our bicentennial. According to St. Vincent de Paul, Christ, "showed... that his mission was to preach to the poor... We also ought to have this same spirit and imitate Christ's actions, that is, we must take care of the poor, console them, help them, [and] support their cause."

To commemorate St. Vincent de Paul, I have asked that his feast (September 27), be observed at all Masses this weekend in the diocese. This celebration will inaugurate an Octave of Service, from September 27 to October 4, as parishes, schools, and campus ministries carry out service projects to benefit their communities.

May the prayers of St. Vincent de Paul help us, in keeping with our bicentennial motto, to shine brightly like stars in the world (cf. Phil 2:15–16).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout  
Bishop of Richmond

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### Weekly Contributions

### Budgeted Target

### Actual Collected

### Difference

Sept 19 & Sept 20

\$ 1,523.23

\$ 3,018.00

\$ 1,494.77

July 1st, 2020 to Date

\$18,278.76

\$ 19,418.06

\$ 1,139.30

### Other collections-- Sept 19 & Sept 20 - 2020

Justice & Peace \$120—Parish Improvements \$110—Votive \$11

## BICENTENNIAL PRAYER OF THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND 1820– 2020.

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 Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit , one God for ever and ever.

## We Shine Like Stars in the World

*In Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the  
Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Virginia  
1820 - 2020*

### Refrain

We shine like stars in the world, as we hold fast to the Word of Life. The  
light of Christ will guide us on our way in times of peace and strife. From  
moun-tains to the sea, we shall pro-claim with one ac-cord, the  
good news of our Sav-ior Je-sus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

### Verses

1. We gath-er as one bo-dy, to hear your Word pro-claimed. We  
2. Through-out all ge-ner-a-tions, your peo-ple ga-ther in prayer. Our  
3. For all who've gone be-fore us, through sick-ness, war and fear, we  
4. Christ calls his sheep to fol-low, to serve all those we meet. You  
share in Christ's Com-mun-ion, sent forth with faith sus-tained.  
faith in Christ re-news us, His ri-sen life we share.  
car-ry on the miss-ion our loved ones held so dear.  
send us with your bless-ing, to be your hands and feet.

