

Holy Infant Catholic Church



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Mass Intentions

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

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.

<u>Weekly Contributions</u>	Targeted	Actual	Difference
Nov 25 to Dec 1	\$ 2,462.32	\$ 2,015.00	\$ - 447.32
<u>July 1st, 2023 to Date</u>	<u>\$ 51,708.72</u>	<u>\$52,432.10</u>	<u>\$ -1,738.94</u>

Other collections: Post Cards \$3—Poor Box \$2—Rosary Guild \$508

Dec 2 & Dec 3

Liturgical Ministers Next Week	Dec 9th	Dec 10th
Lector	M. Houliston	S. Lam

Mass & Event Announcements 2023

*Lord, Rend the heavens and come down. Come and save us from our sins.
Let us turn again to you and so be found blameless when you return in glory.*

Dec 2nd : Saturday—4:15 PM-4:45 PM—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILATION
5:00 PM MASS—1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5: PM—Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b: 64: 2-7 — 1 Cor 1: 3-9 Gospel—Mt 13: 33-37
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Dec 3rd : Sunday— 11:00 AM MASS—1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11: AM — Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b: 64: 2-7 — 1 Cor 1: 3-9 Gospel—Mt 13: 33-37
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Dec 5th : Tuesday -10:00 AM MASS ❧ Dec 7th : Thursday—10:00 AM MASS

Dec 8th: Friday—10:00 AM MASS—THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— *(Holy Day of Obligation)*
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Dec 9th : Saturday— 4:15 PM-4:45 PM—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILATION
5:00 PM MASS—2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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Dec 10th—Sunday—11:00 AM MASS—2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 12th: Tuesday—10:00 AM MASS ❧ Dec 14th : Thursday—10:00 AM MASS

2023 Angel Tree:

Holy Infant participates with Elkton Area United Services to provide Christmas gifts for needy children. Our Angel Tree is set up on the vestibule with the names of needy children. Each angel lists the child's information and his/her wish list. Once you take an angel, please sign the registry. Put your gift (s) in a gift bag and make sure to label each bag with the child's information. If you have more than 1 bag for a child, please make sure there is also a label on the additional bag (s) as well. Please tape your labels securely to each bag. Return your gift to Holy Infant no later than December 17th. Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Lillian Muia at lilmuia@outlook.com.

WEEKLY THOUGHTS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3rd 2023

Dear Friends, welcome to the celebration of the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the new Liturgical Cycle B. Last Sunday, we celebrated the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe; the last Sunday in the Liturgical year. Let us continually pray for the coming and reign of Christ's kingdom of peace, truth, justice, mercy and love.

Our Advent journey begins today. The Gospel taken from Mark 13:33-37 calls upon us the faithful to be watchful and vigilant as we keep watch for the Lord's return or second coming.

Reconciliation programs and call to prayer are some of the activities we are called to embrace as we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Jesus. Some call it the first Christmas. We are also reminded to prepare ourselves and let Jesus find a dwelling into our homes and hearts. This is indeed a call to prayer and lives the Sacramental life. Let us endeavor to go to the Reconciliations Services organized here and the neighboring Churches.

The Advent time is characterized by the Advent wreath with three purple candles and one rose. These will be lit progressively on each Sunday. The lighting of the candles signify Christ the light of the world who comes to dispel the darkness from our lives and brings newness of life and hope.

The purple color symbolizes Conversion and renewal as we prepare a suitable place for Christ the source of peace and hope.

Have a great and fruitful Season of Advent and God bless.

Mass time Friday December 8th Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Infant 10:00 am

Shepherd of the Hills 12:00 Noon

Rosary Guild Arts, Crafts & Bake Sale:

December 2nd & December 3rd before and after Mass, please participate in our Rosary Guild Arts, Crafts & Bake Sale. Rosaries include Irish, regular, bracelets and pace counters. Also there are handcrafted aprons, bibs, dish towels, painted pictures, wooden Christmas trees, microwaveable cozies and snowmen. There are also delicious baked goods sure to warm your families tummy, that is if you're planning to share these delectable goodies! Proceeds are given to the many organizations in need both inside and outside our community. Thank you so much for your continued support of Rosary Guild!

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

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.
- ♦ Don't forget to purchase your early Christmas Gifts for friends and family by visiting the Rosary Guilds Arts, Crafts and Bake Sale this weekend in the foyer. There are many wonderful treasures available for purchase.

