

# Holy Infant Catholic Church



<b>Mass Times:</b>	
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 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, Ellie and Mike Cox 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.

<u>Weekly Contributions</u>	Targeted	Actual	Difference
Sept 9 to Sept 15	\$ 2,462.32	\$ 1,585.51	\$ - 916.81
July 1st, 2023 to Date	\$ 27,085.52	\$ 21,002.78	\$ -6,167.74

Other collections: Votive \$22 - Poor Box \$22—Haiti \$50—Rosary \$50

Sept 16 & Sept 17

Liturgical Ministers Next Week	Sept 23rd	Sept 24th
Lector	J. Early	J. Coleman

### Mass & Event Announcements 2023

*As the Lord is kind and merciful, so should we be forgiving toward one another.  
Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love.  
He alone is Lord.*

Sept 16th : Saturday—4:15 PM-4:45 PM—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
5:00 PM MASS—24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5: PM—Readings: Sir 27: 30 & 28: 7 — Rom 14: 7-9 Gospel—Mt 18: 21-35



Sept 17th : Sunday— 11:00 AM MASS—24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11: AM — Readings: Sir 27: 30 & 28: 7 — Rom 14: 7-9 Gospel—Mt 18: 21-35



Sept 19th : Tuesday— 10:00 AM MASS



Sept 21st: Thursday—10:00 AM MASS

Followed by Holy Hour & Eucharistic Adoration



Sept 23rd : Saturday—4:15 PM-4:45 PM—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
5:00 PM MASS—25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SPECIAL COLLECTION: RETIRED RELIGIOUS



Sept 24th : Sunday—11:00 AM MASS—25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SPECIAL COLLECTION: RETIRED RELIGIOUS



### NOTICES:

- WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION! November 19th, is our 70th Anniversary Celebration! We ask you to share with us your fondest experiences at Holy Infant over the years. There will be a box in the Foyer for you to submit your essay or you can email your story to: Office@holyyinfant-elkton.org. We will be displaying your stories for everyone to enjoy at our Celebration, so if you prefer not to use your name on your letter just your initials. We are looking forward to your story!
- SIGN-UP SHEET! Volunteers are needed to help with the many tasks required to make this event Special. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby of these tasks. Please choose one that suits you best.

**WEEKLY THOUGHTS 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Dear Friends, last Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross a symbol on which Christ died and attained us Salvation. For believers, the cross is a sign of victory. On Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> the Church celebrated the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows- we can call it Mary’ way of the cross. Let us pray for the virtues of obedience and humility for all called to be the disciples of Jesus.

In the Gospel Reading of last Sunday, we heard Jesus exhorting his disciples to be loving, forgiving and exhaust all peaceful avenues to bring back an erring brother or sister. The aim is to restore harmony, peace, unity and acceptance. We hear in the Gospel Reading of this Sunday Jesus responding to the question of Peter on the necessity and importance of the willingness to forgive in the parable of the king and his servants.

Indeed the king is a very wealthy man. He has the ability of lending big amounts of money and small or soft loans to his subjects. The king is committed to collect debts. In the process, the king realizes his desperate servant despite the promises, will never be able to pay back the debt. The king exercises mercy as he cancels the debt and let the servant go.

The forgiven servant and debtor behaves differently and harshly when he meets with a fellow servant owing him a small amount of money. He mercilessly mishandles the debtor, takes him to court and eventually have him thrown in prison. This matter makes the people disgusted. It is reported to the king’s court. The king summons the wicked servant and gives him a punishment similar to his fellow servant.

Forgiveness is set before us as a way of life to discipleship and holiness. Jesus in his great pain prayed for his killers; “Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.” (Lk. 23:34)

Nelson Mandela in his book “**A Long Walk to Freedom**” before he left prison said; As I stand before the door of my freedom, I realize that if I do not leave my pain, anger and bitterness behind me, I will still be in prison.” Let us not imprison ourselves inside the walls of anger and bitterness. Holding on to grudges makes me weaker. Forgiveness makes me strong, free and joyful.

Have a great week!

**Parishioners Corner:**

- Our 2024 Retired Religious campaign begins next weekend—we have set collection envelopes in the pews for our early donors. Please give generously.
- Learn to Lead, special collection to aid our Catholic Schools begins October 1st. There are envelopes in the foyer for you to mail-in your donation or place in the Collection Plate.
- September 29th at 7:00pm Come join the Eucharist Revival Awareness Team here at Holy Infant. We hope to see you there!
- A very special thank you to all who have signed up to help with our 70th Anniversary. Keep signing up everyone and don’t forget to tell your story for us to share on the big day!

**2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal**  
***Let Us Find Strength In One Another***  
**Annual Goal \$5,440.00 vs Actual \$12,895.00**

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



*Friday September 29th*  
*Holy Infant*  
*Catholic Church*  
*Join the*  
*Eucharistic Revival*  
*Awareness*  
*Team*  
*At 7:00PM*

