

Holy Infant Catholic Church

Dec 13 & Dec 14



MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday—10:00 am

1st Thursday of each month after Mass—Holy Hour & Eucharistic Adoration

Hospitality: 1st Sunday of Every Month following Mass

Most Holy Days: 10:00 am

Saturday: Dec 13th – Lector: P. Dobes

4:15pm—4:45pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30pm—Praying of the Rosary

5:00pm— 3rd Sunday of Advent

Special Collection: Retired Religious

Pastor Appreciation Day in the Parish Hall Following Mass

Sunday: Dec 14th- Lector: S. Lam

11:00am – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Special Collection: Retired Religious

Pastor Appreciation Day in the Parish Hall Following Mass

Angel Tree Gifts due today!

Readings: 1st Is 35: 1-6a, 10 | 2nd Jas 5: 7-10 | Gospel Mt 11: 2-11

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Up Coming Events and Announcements 2025

Dec 13th - 5:00pm –Special Mass Intention +Leticia Concepcion Sandoval-Minero by Bob & Claire Schaefer

Dec 13th & Dec 14th – 3rd Sunday of Advent – Special Collection “Retired Religious” Join us in the Parish Hall for Pastor Appreciation Day after our 5:00pm Mass on Saturday and after our 11:00am Mass on Sunday. Everyone is invited!

- Note – Many of you have already contributed to this year’s “Retired Religious” as the envelopes were printed earlier than the Richmond Diocese Collection of the 2nd Week in December. This error has now been corrected. Thank you to all who have already given this year!

Dec 14th – Angel Tree Gifts due today.

Dec 16th – 10:00am Mass & Fr. Michael Mugomba’s Birthday

Dec 17th - 2:00PM to 4:00PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation

Dec 18th – 10:00am Mass

Dec 19th – The 43rd Anniversary Celebration of Fr. Michael Mugomba’s Ordination

Dec 20th - Special Mass Intention +Patrick McLaughlin by The McLaughlin Family

Dec 20th & Dec 21st – 4th Sunday of Advent

Haiti -Fundraiser in the Foyer for St Augustine, School of the Holy Infant following our Saturday 5:00pm Mass and Sunday following our 11:00am Mass

Dec 23rd – 10:00am Mass

Dec 24th – 4:30pm Christmas Carols followed by 5:00pm Mass

Dec 25th – 11:00am The Nativity of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation Collection & Special Collection “Catholic Services”

Dec 27th & Dec 28th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dec 30th – NO MASS

Jan 1st – 10:00am Mass – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Special Collection: Holy Day of Obligation

***NOTE: No weekday Mass from January 5th through January 30th**

WEEKLY THOUGHTS THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14th 2025

Dear friends, welcome to the celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent traditionally known as Gaudete - Rejoicing Sunday. The Entrance Antiphon calls upon us to rejoice; "Rejoice always in the Lord; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Phil 4: 4-5) We have a rose candle lit signifying our getting close to the joyful Christmas day.

Last Sunday we heard from the prophecy of Isaiah of the new age and era when God would come to save his people from their enemies and sin. The Messiah God will send; will establish peace, justice and harmony or peaceful coexistence. The prophet continues to announce that at the messianic era, people will rejoice as God will ransom his people from pain, sorrow and mourning.

The Apostle James 5: 7-10 calls upon the people to be patient as they keep waiting for the second coming of the Lord.

In the Gospel of last Sunday, we reflected on the ministry of John the Baptist emerging from the desert calling the people to repentance- from sin to holiness. Many categories of people were touched and embraced baptism in the Jordan waters, as a symbol of repentance.

John's message and call to repentance touched the Pharisees and Sadducees and Herod's immoral which caused his arrest. John as last prophet had introduced Jesus to the people as the lamb of God and long-awaited Messiah. John also baptized Jesus. While John was in prison, sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus responded by pointing at miracles and cures; raising the dead, curing the deaf and blind and cleansing of the lepers- the messianic signs.

Jesus praised John of his unique vocation and bridge of the Old Testament to the New Testament. He spoke of John's greatness to the crowds; "*among those born of women, there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.*" (Mt. 11:11)

The kingdom John ushered in moves forcefully captivating even more of the powerful personalities. Despite John's greatness, believers are greater than John- who stands back to hold the entrance door to the kingdom for the believers to enter.

The generation of John and Jesus' time rejected Jesus. Both John and Jesus met a violent death. The people's expectation was for a political liberator other than a universal messiah sent to liberate mankind from sin and all forms of spiritual oppression.

Let us find time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this coming Wednesday from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at our respective Church as a practical sign of making room and space for Jesus in my life.

Have a great week.

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Weekly Contributions for Dec 6th to Dec 12th

	<u>Targeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
This Week:	\$ 2,362.33	\$ 2,138.75	\$ - 223.58
Jul 1 to Date:	\$ 54,333.59	\$ 53,132.49	\$ -1,201.10

Weekly Ministry Collections

Parish Imp. \$180	Justice & Peace \$163
Poor Box \$101.26	Votive \$22
Rosary \$0	Haiti \$295
Christmas Flowers \$240	Christmas Offering \$300
Immaculate Conception \$126	

Special Collections:

Christmas Flower Offering

In Memory Of: **The Schuck/Akers Families** by Brad & Maryanne -- **Lucas & Sophia Skrobak, Joseph & Catherine Muia, Paul & Martha Shust, Tom Shust, Sophie Muscosky, Mary Rusek & David Buonomo** by Joe & Lillian Muia -- **Victor Ziemba, Jay Leary, Deceased Members of the Ziemba & Dix Families & those persecuted and died for our faith in Jesus Christ** by Kathryn Ziemba -- **Herbert Baugher, Joseph & Norma Gasper, Kenneth Burner**, by Mary Ann Baugher -- **Michael & Eva Moretti** -- by Mike & Julia Moretti -- **Edward & Michael Meyer, Lucy Ann Yocum, Clifford & Lillian Schaefer, William & Lucy Markert** -- by Bob & Clair Schaefer -- **Edward & Stephanie Chocola, Joseph C Sr & Henrietta Dobes, Delores Pechanic, Dennis Bobbe** -- by Joe & Pat Dobes
Christmas Flower Donations by: Daniel & Marcia Donoughe -- Neil Mobray

