

## **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: Aug 23rd —Lector: P. Dobes

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

4:30pm—Praying of the Rosary

5:00pm— 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday:** Aug 24th—Lector: J. Early

11:00am - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:1st Is 66: 18-21 — 2nd Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13 — Gospel Lk 13: 22-30

# **Up Coming Events and Announcements 2025**

Aug 26th - Mass: 10:00AM

Special Mass Intention for The Reagan Grandchildren by Bridget Reagan

Aug 28th - Mass: 10:00AM

Special Mass Intention for The Reagan Family by Bridget Reagan

Aug 30th & 31st— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mass: 10:00AM

Special Mass Intention for +Bart & +Inez Reagan by Bridget Reagan

Sept 4th - Mass: 10:00AM

Sept 6th & 7th—23 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> – Hospitality in the Parish Hall Following our 11:00AM Sunday Mass

Sept 9th & 11th Mass: 10:00AM

#### Parishioners Corner:

The strike against the only Catholic church in Gaza has had a direct impact on our brothers and sisters and other innocent victims in Gaza. They urgently need the assistance of the Catholic Community of the United States. The Diocese of Richmond has been asked to take up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support by giving to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) or Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Both organizations have well established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region, which allows for a quick and efficient response. We will be taking up this special collection on August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, we kindly ask for your donation and support. We ask that you pray for the suffering people of Gaza. Please note on your check or cash envelope, GAZA and we will keep you informed as to the amounts collected and the dates the funds are sent to the Diocese.

Please Pray for... All God's children who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and need our special thoughts and prayers. 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. Pray for our brothers and sisters, James West, Michael Sigafoose, Grace Condolff, Wanda Lohman, Jose Duran, Paul Kudrav, Christian Nicholson, Bill Mallette, and Len & Diane Young.

WEEKLY THOUGHTS 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 24th, 2025.

Dear friends, welcome to the celebration of the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time. All along, Jesus has been teaching us about true discipleship. That his true disciple must always be prepared like a steward waiting for the return of his master. That a disciple of Jesus must willingly share into the cross of Jesus; share into his suffering, self-emptying and eventually his glorious resurrection. This choice and loyalty to Christ is imperative to any disciple of Jesus and ensures one to attain eternal life.

In the Gospel Reading of this Sunday Luke 13: 22-30 Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem and was determined to get there no matter even if it meant death. People had cautioned him of Herod's threat to kill him.

Jesus sets another condition for his disciples wanting to share into salvation and eternal life besides loyalty, preparedness and stewardship and integrity.

Someone from the crowd asked; "Will only a few people be saved?" Jesus responded, "personally choose and walk by the narrow door." This message was meant to the crowds, not only to the person who asked the question. The crowds – the majority being Jews thought that being descendants of Abraham would inherit them salvation or eternal life.

"They shall bring all their brothers and sisters from all nations to proclaim God's glory among nations" Is 66:20. The standard for eternal life is not based on race or color nor size nor shape. It is based on living the life of the Spirit which is love, faith, generosity, listen and do God's will.

Choosing to walk by the narrow door requires self-discipline, self-emptying and character as emphasized; "endure trials and pain as discipline" Heb 12:7.

Let us have the courage to choose and walk by the narrow door as it leads to salvation and eternal life and partake of the eternal banquet Jesus has prepared for his disciples.

Have a great week and God bless.

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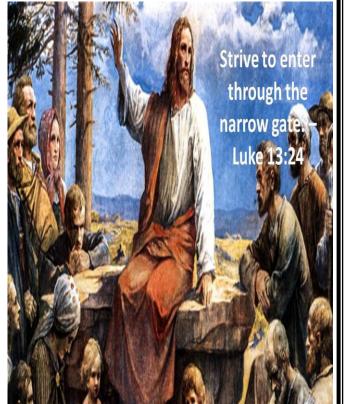
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Weekly Contributions for Aug 16-Aug 23 Targeted Actual Difference

This Week \$3,788.00 \$ 1,425.67 \$2,362.33 Jul 1 to Date \$16,536.31 \$19,653.34 \$3,117.03

Parish Improvements \$220 Justice & Peace \$125 Poor Box \$56 Votive \$14 Rosary \$10

Haiti \$0 Assumption \$324



# **2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal** Sharing His Love with Others

Annual Goal \$7,410.00 Actual \$14,315.00

We invite you to give today at: www.richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal

Make Checks Payable to the "RICHMOND CATHOLIC FOUNDATION" and mail to:

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Thank you all for your participation and your devotion to our Diocese and Holy Infant.