

### **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: Sep 6th —Lector: J. O'Neil

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

4:30pm—Praying of the Rosary

5:00pm— 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Diocesan Collection - GAZA Humanitarian Relief

Sunday: Sept 7th—Lector: S. Lam

11:00am - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Hospitality in the Parish Hall following Mass

Monday: Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 1st Wis 9: 13-18b—2nd Phlm 9-10, 12-17-- Gospel Lk 14: 25-33

## **Up Coming Events and Announcements 2025**

Sept 8th – 5:00pm Mass – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Sept 13th & 14th—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sept 16th & 18th - Mass: 10:00AM

Sept 20th & 21st—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 23rd & 25th - Mass: 10:00AM

Sept 27th & 28th— 26<sup>h</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parishioners Corner:

Campaign. We have collected a total of \$612.00 so far, our goal is to reach \$1000.00. This is the last weekend for collection and on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> we will be forwarding your donations to the Diocese. We ask that you pray for the suffering people of Gaza. Please write GAZA in the note section of your check. As always, we will keep you informed as to the total amount remitted on your behalf and again, thank you all so much for your support of our Diocese and our Parish.

Thank you all for your gracious donation to the GAZA Humanitarian & Pastoral

• Just a reminder that September 11<sup>th</sup> kicks off the Men's Cursillo Weekend! Please contact them at <a href="mailto:valleycursillo@gmail.com">valleycursillo@gmail.com</a> for more information.

<u>Please Pray for...</u> 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, Christian Nicholson, Bill Mallette, Len & Diane Young.

WEEKLY THOUGHTS  $23^{rd}$  SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER  $7^{th}$ , 2025

Dear friends, welcome to the celebration of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time and the first Sunday in September. Let us be thankful to God for all the blessings received over the past month of August. Let us continue to pray for the parents and victims of the shooting in Minneapolis to come to terms with grief and loss.

The Gospel Reading if this Sunday, Jesus continue to teach us about the cost of discipleship. In the past few weeks, we heard Jesus' teaching on discipleship. One who wishes to follow Jesus, the source of salvation, must go by the narrow door. One must be baptized in the baptism of fire- ready to suffer and die to self. That one must embrace humility to be great thus find a place at the eternal banquet. That selfless service to the poor and needy has dividends to salvation.

In the Gospel Reading of this Sunday; Luke 14: 25-33 Jesus teaches the people the cost of discipleship. It requires one to take up his or her cross every day and come after Jesus. The invitation is a difficult one for the listeners at the table as well as the crowds. It requires selfless sacrifice, love, self-discipline, faithfulness and honesty.

Carrying the cross daily is an expression of love for Christ as it makes one give up everything for Christ in other words putting Christ above self.

Again, discipleship to Christ requires giving up what society deems dear. It includes family. This means giving up father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters and even one's own life.

Jesus gives us two parables to certify the cost of discipleship; it requires careful costing of a building project and preparation for a military operation.

Jesus, give me the energy to carry my cross as I accept and embrace your discipleship.

There will be Mass at Holy Infant on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm to celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Have a great week.

### **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY**





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# Weekly Contributions for Aug 24– Aug 29

 Targeted
 Actual
 Difference

 This Week:
 \$2,362.33
 \$1,889.00
 \$- 473.33

 Jul 1 to Date:
 \$21,260.97
 \$22646.51
 \$ 1,385.54

Parish Improvements \$0 Justice & Peace \$0

Poor Box \$1 Votive \$0
Rosary \$0 Haiti \$0
Special Collection: GAZA \$612.00

# AND WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE. - LUKE 14:27

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

Annual Goal \$7,410.00 Actual \$14,365.00

We invite you to give today at: 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

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