

POPE: PRE-MASS TIME IS MEANT FOR SILENT PRAYER, NOT

CHITCHAT—Prayer is, 'first and foremost dialogue, a personal relationship with God,' Francis said Nov. 15. (Hannah Brockhaus/CNA/EWTN News)

VATICAN CITY—On Wednesday, Pope Francis called out the common habit of chatting with people before Mass, stressing that this is a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. "When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us," the Pope said Nov. 15. However, "it is not a moment for chitchat."

"It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus," he said, adding that "silence is so important." Continuing his new catechesis on the Eucharist, the Pope recalled his message the week prior, that the Mass is not a show, but a place where we encounter the Lord. In this encounter, he said, silence is what "prepares us and accompanies us." But to really understand this, first we have to answer a question, he said. And that is: What is prayer?

Prayer is, "first and foremost dialogue, a personal relationship with God," he said. And in prayer, just like in any dialogue, it needs moments of silence "together with Jesus." This, he said, is because it is only in the "mysterious silence of God" that his word can resound in our hearts. Francis explained that prayer is something that Jesus himself taught us to do, first of all by example, when in the Gospels he withdraws to a secluded place to pray. And second, he teaches us again when he tells his disciples that the first word in knowing how to pray is "Father."

This is "so simple," the Pope said. "So we have to learn 'Father.'" Then we must take on the attitude of a small child, one full of trust and confidence, knowing that God "remembers you and takes care of you," he said.

The second attitude we should take is one of childlike surprise and wonder. The child, he said, "always asks a thousand questions because he wants to discover the world; in our relationship with the Lord, in prayer," he said, "open the heart to wonder."

He noted that many say they don't have time to pray. "We lose sight of what is fundamental: our life of the heart, our spiritual life, our life of prayer with the Lord." However, Jesus surprises us in truth by loving us and calling us even in our weaknesses, he said, adding that just as Christ called his disciples, he also calls us to him at each Mass. "This is, therefore, the greatest grace: to be able to experience the Mass, the Eucharist. It is the privileged moment to be with Jesus, and through him, with God."

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Best Wishes to all those at SEAS Parish celebrating a birthday during the month of December:

Kevin Almeida, Gale Bazzichi, Barbara Bean, Mary Brooks, Heather Crowder, Buddy Edelblut, Remonia Edelblut, Maddie Edicola, Tina Gentry, Irene Gray, Heather Hallmark, David Howell, Bill Koetter, Brock Lookhart, Eleanor Lookhart, Gae Lopez, Karen Martin, Scott Miller, Joseph Morrell, Jordan Murphy, Sheila Murphy, Rick Opett, Randy Osterholt, Adelina Pardun, Marcus Peck, Kim Poad, Betty Pool, Thomas Quinn, Dave Ramon, Elizabeth Segreto, Nikita Shepherd, Reese Shepherd, Sue Shields, Eileen Simzak, Rachel Stamper, Pat Summers, Alex Tarr, Thomas Van Pelt, Macy Van Savage and Olivia Wayne.



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Registration forms are located at both entrances to the Church or in the parish office.

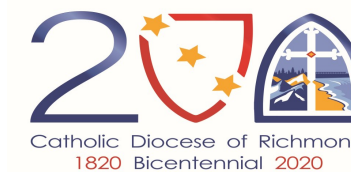
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Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

*First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019*



SEAS New Church Exterior

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On the mission of the Church...

"The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelists. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach... to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented."

From Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium*

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom . Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil.....5:30pm
Sunday.....8:30 & 10:45am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered each Saturday at 5:00 PM and by appointment.

Parish Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 30—Vigil Mass

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †All Souls

Sunday, Dec. 1—First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Grades K-9 NO CLASSES
10:45 AM—Mass: †All Souls
11:45 AM—Rel. Ed. Grades 10-12 NO CLASSES

Monday, Dec. 2—Advent Weekday

Tuesday, Dec. 3—St. Francis Xavier

5:00 PM—Catholics Come Home Program

Wednesday, Dec. 4—St. John Damascene

11:00 AM—Mass: Betty Pool
11:30 AM—Ladies' Bible Study

Thursday, Dec. 5—Advent Weekday

1:30 PM—SEAS Knitting Group (Web of Hope)
7:00 PM—K of C Business Mtg.

Friday, Dec. 6—St. Nicholas, Bishop

Saturday, Dec. 7—Vigil Mass

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Gary Doverspike

Sunday, Dec. 8—Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes Grades K-9
10:45 AM—Mass: †Paul Robert Mary
11:45 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes Grades 10-12

*Daily Mass will be on Wednesday at 11:00 AM.

SEAS Parish Prayer List



Please hold in prayer this week all of our sick, homebound, public servants and service members.

Please keep everyone who is serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and their family members in your prayers.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

And for all our dearly departed: May all those who have died rest in the Lord's eternal peace. Amen.

Parish Contributions

If you are a registered parishioner and would like contribution information, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125. Thank you.



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For more information, please visit www.2020.richmonddiocese.org.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2019)
Monday, December 9—Mass, 12:00 PM

CHRISTMAS

(Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday, Dec. 24—Vigil Mass, 3:00 PM & 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 25—Mass, 10:45 AM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday, Dec. 31—Vigil Mass, 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 1—Mass, 11:00 AM

Scripture Readings

Sunday, Dec. 1 First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Ps 85:8/Mt 24:37-44

Monday, Dec. 2 Mon. of the First Week of Advent

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-4b,4cd-9/Ps 80:4/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, Dec. 3 Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, Dec. 4 Wed. of the First Week of Advent

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a,3b-6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec. 5 Thurs. of the First Week of Advent

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1&8-9,19-21,25-27a/Is 55:6/Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday, Dec. 6 Fri. of the First Week of Advent

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, Dec. 7 Memorial of St. Ambrose

Is 30:19-21,23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Is 33:22/Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday, Dec. 8 Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/Rom 15:4-9/Lk 3:4,6/
Mt 3:1-12

Parish News

ACCOMPANIST POSITION

SEAS Parish seeks an enthusiastic individual to accompany on piano or organ our two Sunday Masses and various Holy Days. Applicant should possess a strong knowledge and appreciation of Roman Catholic Liturgy and a thorough knowledge of the principles related to service playing. The ability to work with various ages and musical abilities is also preferred. Compensation will be commensurate with experience per the Diocese of Richmond guidelines. Interested candidates please send a resume with references to: seassecretary@verizon.net; or P.O. Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.

USHERS NEEDED AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES

Ushers are needed at all Masses. Duties include: greeting worshipers, helping with seating, collections, communion flow and distributing the weekly bulletin after Mass finishes. Please contact the parish office at 932-4125 if you would like to help out.

DECEMBER WOMEN'S SOCIAL

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Dec. 14th at 12 Noon

Ladies, we will be hosting a December Women's Social in the SEAS conference room. Please plan to join us for an Advent reflection and a time of festive fellowship. Bring a covered dish to share and join us for a festive gathering of friends. Look for complete details in the coming weeks.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Christmas Angel Tree tags are now available in the Commons Area of the Church.

Please take a tag and purchase the item on the tag. This year SEAS Parish is sponsoring six local families.

All wrapped gifts, with Angel tag attached, will be **due back to the Church on Sunday, December 15th.**

#iGIVECATHOLIC ON DEC. 3

The Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond is partnering with [iGiveCatholic](http://iGiveCatholic.org) to offer our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries the opportunity to participate in our first ever [iGiveCatholic](http://iGiveCatholic.org) Giving Day.

What is #iGiveCatholic?

[iGiveCatholic](http://iGiveCatholic.org) is a 24-hour online giving event for the faithful in dioceses across the nation (and the world) to unite and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for participating Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries. [iGiveCatholic](http://iGiveCatholic.org) presents an opportunity for Catholics to donate and support the organizations that shape our souls on Giving Tuesday through an easy, searchable online feature.

Visit Richmond.iGiveCatholic.org on December 3rd to donate and track the progress of our parish and diocesan organizations and help us win prizes throughout the day!

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Dec. 14th at 8:30 AM

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a family "Breakfast with St. Nicholas" on Saturday, Dec. 14th in the SEAS Social Hall beginning at 8:30 AM. All families young and old are welcome to attend this savory pancake breakfast and then greet St. Nicholas as he makes a special visit to SEAS Parish. More details to follow soon so please make plans to attend.



FROM THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.



Meeting Schedule: K of C Council 14034 meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 PM in the SEAS Social Hall. **Next meeting: Dec. 5th, Business Meeting.** **Fellow Brother Knights, dinner will be served at each meeting so please consider coming to the council meetings. We appreciate your support!

Prayer Request: Please remember in your prayers Cathy Iwaskey, Kevin Almeida, Greg Davis, Iris Davis, Al Polson, Kate Nixon, Eileen Simzak, parents of Roberta Gargiulo, Fr. R. Smith, John Brazier's Family, Adell Clark, Howard Mikytuck, Eddie Baird, John (Jackie) J. Gothreau, Fred Graf, Joshua C. Gothreau, Elizabeth Robertson, Ann Gillikin, Ed Gillikin, our law enforcement, military families, and those not known to us in need of prayers.

Knight of the Month: K of C Council 14034 recognizes Jack Simzak as Knight of the Month for November *Congratulations Jack!*

Family of the Month: Congratulations to the November Family of the Month, Kevin, Lynette & Talon Almeida. *Thank you for all you do!*

Current Activities/Events: Helping Hands at New Kent Senior Food Pantry, Food for Families Drive, Nun Support Purchases, Knights in Action Parish Support and Nun Travel Support. KCIC Christmas cards are also available. Please contact Talon Almeida or GK Mark Kulick for ordering information.

Membership: To learn more about the K of C at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, please contact Membership Director, Jack Simzak; jrsimzak@aol.com. To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit the Knights of Columbus website at: kofc.org/joinus.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The K of C are selling Keep Christ in Christmas cards over the next few weeks. Please see your local council Knights for details. Also, Christmas cards for Seminarian Patrick Walsh would be greatly appreciated and can be given to any active Knight to send to Patrick.