

**ADVENT... A TIME FOR REFLECTION... A TIME OF PROMISE... A TIME FOR HOPE - Today is the First Sunday of Advent**

In its simplest terms, Advent is the time we prepare for Christ. It's the great liturgical season of waiting, but not a passive waiting. We yearn, we search, and we reach out for the God who will come to us in human flesh.

The First Sunday of Advent is the first day of the Church year and marks the beginning of our journey toward Christmas. We prepare for everything we consider important... and how we prepare for Christmas says something about what our priorities are.

“The Prophecy Candle” urges us to listen. YOU my Lord, are urging us to listen. For you have a lot to say. So much to say, in fact, that what you had to say could not be restricted to words or confined to paper. What you had to communicate to me is so important that you had to say it in person. “The Word became flesh” - a human being.

**How will you prepare for Christmas this year?**

**Pray:** As I anticipate the birth of the Word this season I ask that you open my heart so I may willingly and consciously prepare for you to enter my life in a deeper capacity. For this and all your graces I thank and praise you, Lord my God. Amen.

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

**First Sunday of Advent**

“The Lord is our righteousness.” Are you being called to bring the Word of God as a priest? Please contact the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano: (804) 359-5661; [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org), or Rev. J. Scott Duarte at (804) 557-3962, [sduarte@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:sduarte@richmonddiocese.org).

**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION: GIVE BACK THROUGH YOUR IRA**

You still have time to make a tax-deductible gift to our parish. If you have an IRA and you're 72 years old or older, you can make a gift to our parish through an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution. Consider this: federal tax law now allows you to make a distribution of up to \$100,000 each year from your IRA to a qualifying charity and it is not subject to federal income tax.

Giving through your IRA is EASY! To learn how you can make an impact through your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor or Maggie Keenan at the Catholic Community Foundation, (804) 622-5221; email to Maggie at: [mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org).

**Please make your gift as soon as possible so you can ensure it is received by December 31st, 2021!**

**Year of St. Joseph Prayer**

*To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.*

*Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.*

*O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.*

*As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.*



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Office Hours: M-F 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM; Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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

*The First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021*

**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.**



The Visitation - Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel, Padua, Italy (detail from fresco, Giotto, 1306)

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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 evangelisers.

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*



## Parish Schedule

### Saturday, Nov. 27—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Holy Souls (livestreamed)

### Sun., Nov. 28—First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: Missionaries  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

### Monday, Nov. 29—Advent Weekday

### Tuesday, Nov. 30—St. Andrew, Apostle

### Wednesday, Dec. 1—Advent Weekday

11:30 AM—Mass: †Deceased Relatives & Friends  
7:00 PM—Advent Penance Service

### Thursday, Dec. 2—Advent Weekday

7:30 PM—K of C Mtg.

### Friday, Dec. 3—St. Francis Xavier

4:30 PM—BLAZE Middle School Program

### Saturday, Dec. 4—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: Robert E. Bates (livestreamed)

### Sun., Dec. 5—Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention  
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Class  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

**\*Daily Mass this week is on Wednesday at 11:30 AM.**

## SEAS Parish Prayer List



Please hold in prayer this week all the sick, suffering and home-bound of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

*Those who have died are remembered in a special way, especially those who passed away due to complications of COVID-19.*

“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.”  
James 5:15

### For an end to the pandemic:

*Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father, will heal the sick, strengthen those that care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith.*

*Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence, grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ Our Lord.*

Amen.

## Parish Contributions

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

**Donation options:** Sign-up for E-giving on the parish website at [seascatholicchurch.org](http://seascatholicchurch.org); mail your contributions to our mailing address: PO Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141; drop off contributions at Mass or to the office during office hours, M-F 9am-2:30pm.

**Thank you for your generosity and support!**

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

During Advent the faithful are urged to take a greater and more fruitful share in the Advent liturgy by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please join us on Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 7:00 PM for an Advent Penance Service with three confessors available. Joining Father Scott will be Father Jay Wagner and Father Nick Redmond from our Deanery.

### THANKSGIVING BASKETS—THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who made the Thanksgiving Basket project a success. It took many different groups to pull this together, from our secretary, to everyone donating financially, as well as the Religious Education students, the Knights of Columbus, and especially Father Scott for supporting this very worthwhile cause. Thanks also to Food Lion for donating the turkeys. We provided meals to 10 families in our community, and they were very appreciative. Please keep these families in your prayers this holiday season. ~Liz Miller, 2021 Coordinator

## Scripture Readings

### Sat., Nov. 27 Sat. of the Thirty-fourth Wk in Ord. Time

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:36/Lk 21:34-36

### Sunday, Nov. 28 The First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 85:8/Lk 21:25-28,34-36

### Monday, Nov. 29 Monday of the First Week of Advent

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

### Tues., Nov. 30 Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:19/Mt 4:18-22

### Wed., Dec. 1 Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3ab,4-6/Mt 15:29-37

### Thurs., Dec. 2 Thursday of the First Week of Advent

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

### Friday, Dec. 3 Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

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

### Sat., Dec. 4 Saturday of the First Week of Advent

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

### Sunday, Dec. 5 Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6,8-11/Lk 3:4,6/Lk 3:1-6

## Parish News

### LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Due to COVID-19, Mass and Holy Days of Obligation are being livestreamed for use on our social media platforms and various Diocesan digital media accounts of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and *The Catholic Virginian*. Photography and/or screenshot images may be used for *The Catholic Virginian* print edition.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Did someone you love pass away this past year? Would you like for them to be remembered during Mass? Place the person's name in the Book of Remembrance, located on the altar, to the left of the votive stand, throughout the month of November.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE 8:30 AM MASS

In order to continue to schedule the 8:30 AM Mass, volunteers are needed to coordinate: arrive at approximately 8:00 AM to open up and set up the altar, station volunteers as ushers, lectors, etc. Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office if you are able to volunteer for this ministry.

### PRIVATE PRAYER

The Church is open this week during office hours 9am-3pm for private prayer or adoration. As always, any changes to the office hours are made available on the parish phone line at 804-932-4125 or on the SEAS parish website calendar at <https://seascatholicchurch.org>.

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## SUNDAY ACCOMPANIST POSITION

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 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 as per the Catholic Diocese of Richmond guidelines.

Interested candidates please send a resume with references to [seassec-retary@verizon.net](mailto:seassec-retary@verizon.net); P.O. Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.

## BLESSED SALT & HOLY WATER STILL AVAILABLE

If you missed Mass last weekend, Blessed Salt and Holy Water are still available. Please contact the parish office and we will be happy to assist you.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 8th for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Patronal Feast of the United States, a Holy Day of Obligation, at **12:00 PM and 7:00 PM.**

## BUILDING & GROUNDS Still Needed...

A volunteer with a high-powered blower to come by during the week to blow leaves from around the Church, Social Hall doors and bathroom entrances. If you are able to help out, please contact the parish office at 932-4125.



**Schedule:** K of C meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the SEAS Social Hall.

**Raffle Tickets Thank You:** Thanks to all the parishioners and K of C members who purchased raffle tickets to help raise funds for KOVAR and Special Olympics. The winners are: Ginger Mary-Grand Prize; Runner Up Prizes-Sabrina Jordan, Patty Jo Dupuis, John Ashott, Philip Worrell.

**Keep Christ In Christmas Cards:** Religious cards are now on sale from 11/20-12/5/2021. Please contact Kevin Almeida at 804-803-9725 to purchase your cards.

**Welcome:** Please welcome our newest member, C. John Mitchell who joined our Council on 11/12/2021 at the Unified Ceremony. Please say hello to John and welcome him to our Council.

**Prayer Request:** Please remember in prayer: the Gillikin family, the Gothreau family, the Cashin family, the Almeida family, the Cason family, and all our military, law enforcement, first responders and their families.

**Membership:** To learn more about the K of C at SEAS Parish and all we do to help our pastor, parish and community, please contact GK Jeffrey Gargiulo at: [jrgarg55@yahoo.com](mailto:jrgarg55@yahoo.com). To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).

## CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

This weekend, Nov. 27/28 kicks off our annual Christmas Angel Tree program. Angel Tree tags are available in the Commons Area. Please take a tag and purchase the item on the tag. This year SEAS Parish is sponsoring 10 children and 3 elderly at-home parishioners. All wrapped gifts, with Angel tag attached, are **due back by Sunday, Dec. 19th.**

Thank you for your support of this year's outreach to our local families in need.

## 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 confidential Victim Assistance Reporting 24-Hour Number at 1-877-887-9603.