

ADVENT... A TIME FOR REFLECTION... A TIME OF PROMISE... A TIME FOR HOPE - Second Sunday of Advent

Advent is not only a time of preparation and anticipation, but a time for reflection. In our busy lives the period before Christmas is a time for buying just the right gifts for our loved ones and friends. We plan the celebratory meals in great detail. Children are so excited and eagerly anticipating the jolly old elf and the wonderful things under the tree. These are the days when we're so busy decorating for the Christmas season that we hardly think about the coming of the Savior, let alone consider where we are in the Liturgical year. Isn't there more to Christmas? Something more than decorations? More than gifts under the tree? Stop for just a moment and think about what Christmas is all about. Yes, it is a time for giving. God gave us His Son. Mary generously gave herself to the will of God.

In Advent the Liturgy bids us to recall the period of expectation when the faithful awaited a Savior. With the birth of Jesus came the fulfillment of all of the desires of all of those centuries of anticipation and longing. This is the joy we mark at Christmas. The Church leads us through a period of longing for the Savior. This is the time we reflect on a world without Jesus. A time of longing for and lovingly anticipating His birth.

How will you prepare for Christmas this year?

Take a few moments in your busy life this week to read again the words of the Old and New Testament in today's Liturgy. Then be still and listen for the voice of God to speak to your heart.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Second Sunday of Advent - Is the Holy Spirit asking you to be "a shepherd who feeds his flock" in the priesthood? Please contact the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano: (804) 359-5661; vocations@richmonddiocese.org, or Rev. J. Scott Duarte at (804) 557-3962, sduarte@richmonddiocese.org.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION: GIVE BACK THROUGH YOUR IRA

During this time of giving, a distribution from your IRA is a great way to give back to the Church! Did you know: if you are 72 or older, you can make your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA straight to our parish. 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. 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 Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

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.



Saint John the Baptist Pointing to Christ
Bartolomé Estéban Murillo 1655

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 Staff

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Parish Schedule

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: People of the Parish
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Class
11:00 AM—Mass: †Eleanor DuBon

Monday, Dec. 6—St. Nicholas, Bishop

Tuesday, Dec. 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

Wednesday, Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception
12:00 PM—Mass: †Deceased Relatives & Friends
7:00 PM—Mass: People of the Parish

Thursday, Dec. 9—St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin


Friday, Dec. 10—Advent Weekday

Saturday, Dec. 11—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Francis A. Boestfleisch (livestreamed)

Sun., Dec. 12—Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM—Mass: The Wayne Family
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Class
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

***Masses for the Immaculate Conception are at 12 noon and 7:00 PM.**

SEAS Parish Prayer List



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

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.

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; 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!

DECEMBER HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Wednesday, December 8, Mass - 12:00pm & 7:00pm

Holy Hour
Thursday, December 23 - 7:00pm (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, ending with Benediction.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the Holy Hour.)

Christmas
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday, December 24 - 2:00pm
(overflow seating in SEAS Social Hall)
Saturday, December 25 - 11:00am (no 5:30pm Mass)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 26 - 8:30am & 11:00am

Scripture Readings

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

Monday, Dec. 6 Monday of the Second Week of Advent
Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab&10-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tues., Dec. 7 Memorial of St. Ambrose
Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3&10ac,11-13/Mt 18:12-14

Wed., Dec. 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15,20/Ps 98:1-3abcd,4/Eph 1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:28/Lk 1:26-38

Thurs., Dec. 9 Thursday of the Second Week of Advent
Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1&9-13ab/Is 45:8/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, Dec. 10 Friday of the Second Week of Advent
Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4&6/Mt 11:16-19

Sat., Dec. 11 Saturday of the Second Week of Advent
Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Ps 80:2ac&3b,15-16,18-19/Lk 3:4,6/Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday, Dec. 12 Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Is 61:1/Lk 3:10-18

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.

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>.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

All wrapped gifts are due back to the Church by Sunday, Dec. 19th. If you were unable to pick up an Angel tag and would still like to donate, grocery and store gift cards will be gratefully accepted and can be placed in the collection basket at Mass.

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; P.O. Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.


ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST


The Knights of Columbus are hosting a St. Nicholas breakfast in the SEAS Social Hall on Saturday, Dec. 11, beginning at 8:30am, for parents, children and SEAS parishioners of all ages.

Cost of the breakfast is \$5.00 per person, up to \$20.00 per family for four or more individuals. All are welcome!

BUILDING & GROUNDS THANK YOU

Many thanks to Joe and JoAnna Dombroski and their crew at New Kent Winery for volunteering this past week to clean up leaves from the church property and gutters, clean up the shrubbery beds and re-grade the parking lot. Everything looks amazing for Christmas and you have our heartfelt thanks!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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

March for Life: The 49th March for Life will be held in Washington, D.C. on January 21, 2022. Once again there will be buses provided at no charge to those who wish to attend. Contact Jeffrey Gargiulo at jrgarg55@yahoo.com for more information.

K of C Council Christmas Party: The Council will hold its annual Christmas party on Dec. 18th at Mexico Restaurant in Sandston. Contact Kevin Almeida at alexandre2018@yahoo.com for more information.

November Knight/Family of the Month: Richard Mervicker was selected as the Knight of the Month for November. As a new Knight Richard has stepped up to help the Council. The Family of the Month selected for November was the Jeffery Miller family. Jeffery and Liz have been instrumental in helping the Council with its printing needs.

Thanksgiving Baskets Thank You: Many thanks to the seven Brother Knights who volunteered to deliver the Thanksgiving Food Baskets to those families in need in New Kent County.

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 Knights of Columbus at St. Elizabeth Ann S Parish and all we do to help our pastor, parish and community, please contact GK Jeffrey Gargiulo at: jrgarg55@yahoo.com. To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit kofc.org/joinus.

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.