

GUIDELINES FOR LENT AND EASTER 2022

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. *Abstinence* is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 15, are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

**Unveiled: A Pre-Cana Program - \$170/couple
Various Times & Locations**

Unveiled is the Diocese of Richmond's marriage preparation program designed for engaged couples preparing to be married in the Catholic Church. Each session is facilitated by a married couple who will help the engaged couples attending to explore the core topics:

- Communication and Intimacy
- Theology of Marriage
- Spirituality of a Marriage

These core topics are communicated by way of engaging videos featuring married couples, priests, theologians, and physicians. This rich content serves as the springboard for deeper discussion between each couple. The times of conversation throughout the session usually begin with a time of journaling combined with private dialogue between each couple. There are also occasions for facilitated larger group discussions and opportunities to interact with the other couples attending the session.

Questions can be sent to marriageprep@richmonddiocese.org.

IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

A Gift Anyone Can Make: Want to support your parish but think you cannot afford to give? There are ways to give today while still preserving your retirement assets. If you are 72 or over, a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA directly to the parish helps the parish and provides you with tax benefits. 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.

Parish Staff

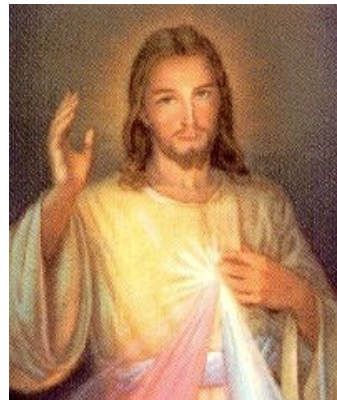
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (4/24)

Throughout the centuries Our Lord and His Blessed Mother have appeared to people of faith bringing a message of salvation and love. The message and devotion to Jesus as *The Divine Mercy* is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun, who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God's mercy.

The message of mercy is that God loves us—all of us—no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Devotion to *The Divine Mercy* is a decision to trust completely in Him, to accept His mercy with thanksgiving, and to be merciful as He is merciful. By doing this you will gain great peace of mind and soul.

Pamphlets on how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Novena before Divine Mercy Sunday (the Second Sunday of Easter) are located by both Church entrances.



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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.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 10, 2022

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Entry into Jerusalem, Hippolyte Flandrin 1842

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, April 9—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Pastor's Intention

Sunday, April 10—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, April 11—Monday of Holy Week
***Office Will Open at 12pm**

Tuesday, April 12—Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday, April 13—Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday, April 14—Holy Thursday
7:00 PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 15—Friday of the Lord's Passion
***Office Closed**
7:00 PM—Liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

Saturday, April 16—Holy Saturday
7:00 PM—Easter Vigil Mass: Andy Antonellini

Sunday, April 17—The Resurrection of the Lord
8:30 AM—Easter Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Easter Mass: People of the Parish

SEAS Parish Prayer List



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

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well."

James 5:15

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick.

Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain.

Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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 parish office during office hours, M-F 9:00am-2:30pm.

Thank you!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (April 14-17)

- **Holy Thursday:** Holy Mass at 7:00 PM
- **Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7:00 PM
- **Easter Saturday:** Great Vigil of Easter and Mass of the Resurrection at 7:00 PM
- **Easter Sunday Mass:** 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

OFFICE CLOSING & BULLETIN DEADLINE

The parish office will be closed for the Easter holiday from Good Friday through Easter Tuesday, April 15-19.

The bulletin deadline for the Easter bulletin will be Wednesday, April 13th with the bulletin being printed on Thursday, April 14th. As always, requests for bulletin inserts should be received in the office with two weeks advance notice.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The choir will be having practice for Holy Week music this Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Church for those involved with the music ministry who are able to attend.

Scripture Readings

Saturday, April 9 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent
Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10,11-12abcd,13/Ez 18:31/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-20/Phil 2:6-11/Phil 2:8-9/Lk 22:14—23:56

Monday, April 11 Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3,13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 12 Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6ab,15&17/Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wed., April 13 Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10,21-22/Mt 26:14-25

Thurs., April 14 Holy Thurs. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Ps 95:8/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 15 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2/Heb 4:14-16/Phil 2:8-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 16 Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil
Gn 1:1-2:2/Ps 104/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5,8-11/Ex 14:15/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:4-6/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15/Ps 19:8-11/Ex 36:16-17a,18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118/Lk 24:1-12

Sunday, April 17 Mass of Easter Day
Acts 10:34a,37-43/Ps 118/Col 3:1-4/1 Cor 5:7b-8a/Jn 20:1-9

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.

K OF C BICYCLE RAFFLE

The Knights are selling tickets to win two bicycles. The tickets are \$5.00 each with a chance to win one of the two bikes. Please see any Knight to purchase your tickets. The drawing will be held on Easter Sunday. You need not be present to win.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

SEAS Parish is enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards. You can help support SEAS New Church Fund by shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Plus Card.

- To enroll your Plus Card, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Click on "Create An Account."
- Enter your email address and create a password, agreeing to terms and conditions.
- Enter your card number and our church name, "St. Elizabeth Ann Seton" or our account number, CF801.

Questions? Please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

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.

WEEKEND ACCOMPANIST POSITION

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish seeks an enthusiastic individual to accompany on piano or organ our Saturday Vigil Mass and 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 seassecrretary@verizon.net; P.O. Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Additional volunteers are needed to take communion to our elderly and homebound parishioners who are no longer able to attend Mass in person. One of our elderly parishioners who has returned home from the rehabilitation hospital and lives in the Providence Forge area of New Kent would like to receive communion at home. If you are a Catholic in good standing, attend SEAS Parish regularly and are willing to assist, please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE April 27, 2022, Richmond, VA

The Virginia March for Life is Wed., April 27th in Richmond! Visit va.marchforlife.org and follow the Virginia Catholic Conference on Instagram @vacatholic to find out more.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The goal of Theology on Tap in the Diocese of Richmond is to provide a place for young adults (ages 21-35) to gather, delve into a Catholic topic, and connect with other young adults in our area. For times and locations, visit the Office of Evangelization website at <https://evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults/theology-on-tap/> for more info.



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

Congratulations: Please congratulate John Leyo as the March Knight of the Month. Please also congratulate Mike and Donna Thomson as the Family of the Month for March. Many thanks for all your hard work for our council and for SEAS Parish.

Bicycle Drawing: The Knights are selling tickets to win two bicycles. The tickets are \$5.00 each with a chance to win one of the two bikes. Please see any Knight to purchase your tickets. The drawing will be held on Easter Sunday. You need not be present to win.

Baby Products Collection: The Knights will be collecting baby products in support of the East End Pregnancy Center (a faith-based organization) from April 22-May 15, 2022.

Prayer Request: Please remember in prayer: Mark Kulick, 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 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 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 Knights of Columbus 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.