

**ADVENT... A TIME FOR REFLECTION... A TIME OF PROMISE... A TIME FOR HOPE**

We're almost there! We're getting closer to that wondrous day of our Lord's birth. Advent, the time of longing for the Savior, the time of anticipation is nearly over. The Church is a refuge during this time of preparation.

Catholic churches look and feel different during Advent. We're reminded of Lent, only shorter, with the purple vestments and the absence of the Gloria, that Christmas song sung by the angels at Bethlehem so long ago. Today's pink vestments reassure us the wondrous birth is fast approaching. Are we ready? Are we ready to greet the Light of the world? How have we prepared for this long awaited event? That event the prophets foretold and we experience, in a special way, during the Mass when Christ, the Son of God, comes to us completely and whole in the Eucharist.

The Christmas lights that are all around us serve as a reminder that Jesus Christ the light of the world is coming to fulfill the prophesies of old and to reassure us that salvation is near. Take a moment in your busy preparation for Christmas and once again reflect on today's readings.

*Take a moment for quiet reflection and listen for the voice of God to speak to your heart.*

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION—FAQS**

**Why do Catholics keep silent inside of the Church?**

Catholics keep silent or speak very softly inside of the Church to allow others to pray. Think about it. If Jesus Christ was standing at the front of the Church would you be chattering away or kneeling in silence waiting to hear Him speak? Jesus speaks to us in prayer and solitude. Keeping silent or speaking softly is respectful of Jesus and our fellow parishioners.

**Why do Catholics make the Sign of the Cross?**

The Sign of the Cross is a profession of faith in God as he revealed himself. There are three persons in God. All distinct. God is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. When we make the Sign of the Cross we should keep this in mind and the action becomes a prayer. The Sign of the Cross is a profession of faith and belief in the Holy Trinity.

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness. Is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.

Please contact the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661; email to: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org) or contact Fr. J. Scott Duarte, (804) 557-3962, email: [sduarte@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:sduarte@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](mailto:mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org).



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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.

*Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2022*

**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.**



Sermon of St. John the Baptist, 16th Century  
Frans Pourbus the Elder

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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, Dec. 10—Vigil**  
5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention

**Sun., Dec. 11—Third Sunday of Advent**  
8:30 AM—Mass: The Harshbarger Family  
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes K-8  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

**Mon., Dec. 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**\*Office Closed**

**Tuesday, Dec. 13—St. Lucy**  
**\*Office Closed**  
7:00 PM—Choir Practice

**Wednesday, Dec. 14—St. John of the Cross**  
11:00 AM—Mass: Pastor's Intention

**Thursday, Dec. 15—Advent Weekday**

**Friday, Dec. 16—Advent Weekday**

**Saturday, Dec. 17—Vigil**  
5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Dianne Saari  
6:30 PM—K of C Mtg.

**Sun., Dec. 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
8:30 AM—Mass: †Bill Barlage  
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes K-8  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

**\*Daily Mass is on Wednesday at 11:00 AM.**

## 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 Catholic Church, our local community and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.**

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

*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.**

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

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

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Saturday, Dec. 24—3:00 PM (children's) & 5:30 PM**  
**Sunday, Dec. 25—11:00 AM (no 8:30 AM Mass)**

### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Saturday, Dec. 31—5:30 PM Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday, Jan. 1—8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Masses**

### DAILY MASS TIME SURVEY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is considering making a change to the daily Mass time from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you would like to offer your feedback before anything is decided, please email the parish office at: [secretary@seascatholicchurch.org](mailto:secretary@seascatholicchurch.org). **Thank you!**

## Scripture Readings

**Dec. 10 Sat. 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

**Dec. 11 Third Sunday of Advent**  
Is 35:1-6a,10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Is 61:1/Mt 11:2-11

**Dec. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Zec 2:14-17/Jd 13:18bcde,19/Lk 1:26-38

**Dec. 13 Memorial of St. Lucy**  
Zep 3:1-2,9-13/Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19&23/Mt 21:28-32

**Dec. 14 Memorial of St. John the Cross**  
Is 45:6c-8,18,21-25/Ps 85:9ab&10-14/Is 40:9-10/Lk 7:18b-23

**Dec. 15 Thurs. of the Third Week in Advent**  
Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2&4-6,11-12a,13b/Lk 3:4,6/Lk 7:24-30

**Dec. 16 Fri. of the Third Week of Advent**  
Is 56:1-3a,6-8/Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8/Jn 5:33-36

**Dec. 17 Sat. of the Third Week of Advent**  
Gn 49:2,8-10/Ps 72:1-4ab,7-8,17/Mt 1:1-17

**Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:23/Mt 1:18-24

## Parish News

### 8:30 AM LECTORS NEEDED

Additional dedicated lectors are needed at the 8:30 AM Mass. We are down to a small group who are stretched very thin. Please call the parish office at 804-932-4125 if you are able to help out.

### 2022 CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

This year SEAS Parish is sponsoring 10 children and 2 elderly at-home parishioners. All wrapped gifts, with Angel Tag attached, are due back by Sunday, Dec. 18th. Our delivery and pick-up date will be Monday, Dec. 19th.

### RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of study and prayer for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church, were baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist or Confirmation, are interested in exploring the Faith but are unsure about joining, or practicing Catholics who wish to learn a bit more about their Faith. For more information about our program at SEAS Parish, please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

### OFFICE CLOSINGS FOR DECEMBER

The parish office will be closed on the following dates in December: December 12-13, 2022 and December 23-27, 2022.

### CHRISTMAS BULLETIN DEADLINE—DEC. 22

The Christmas bulletin will be printed on Dec. 22. All requests for announcements should be received prior to Noon on Dec. 22 for consideration.

### 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.*

### NEW TO THE AREA? WELCOME!

Registration forms are located at both entrances to the Church or visit the parish office and we will be happy to assist you.

### MOVING?

Please notify the office so we can update our records.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

The music ministry team will be having choir practice this Tuesday, **Dec. 13th** from 7:00-8:30 PM. If you are interested in joining the choir, please make plans to attend or speak with Beth Ann Luther or Debbie Grosser after Mass.

### A GENTLE REMINDER

Donations to the parish must be received by December 31, 2022 in order to be included in this year's contribution statements for tax purposes. Donations post-marked after December 31st will be for the 2023 calendar year. Thank you.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

When New Kent County public schools are closed due to poor weather conditions, the parish office and church will be closed.

On the weekend, please check the parish website or call the parish office voicemail at 804-932-4125 for any updates or news.

### SIMBANG GABI 2022

The Simbang Gabi Kick-Off Mass will be held at Holy Cross in Lynchburg on Dec. 15 at 6:00 PM. Bishop Knestout will be celebrating the Mass. If you wish to participate in this beautiful Filipino Christmas Novena Celebration, please contact the office for the full schedule or for dates/times in our local area.

### MISSING INFO FOR SUBMITTED MASS INTENTION

A Mass Intention request was placed in the collection basket at Mass, but due to missing information cannot be scheduled at this time. If you placed a Mass Intention request for a 5:30 PM Vigil Mass in the collection basket and it has not been scheduled, please contact the parish office.



**Schedule:** K of C Council 14034 meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. This is a virtual meeting. The second meeting is on the third Saturday of the month at 6:30 PM in the SEAS Social Hall. A dinner at a local restaurant for members, wives and parishioners will be held after the meeting.

**East End Pregnancy Center Support:** The Council and parish members are invited to donate baby products and clothing items, such as diapers, baby wipes, baby and toddler clothes, baby blankets and booties. We will collect these items from November 27th through December 18th, 2022, for the East End Pregnancy Center located in Richmond. The Pregnancy Center is a faith and Gospel based organization for helping women and parents through their pregnancy and after their child is born.

**Prayer Request:** Please remember in prayer: the Barrie Deis family, 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 Council at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and all we do, please contact Membership Director James Ginter at: [James.Ginter@kofc.org](mailto:James.Ginter@kofc.org).

To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit our website: [kofc.org/joinus](http://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 the Richmond 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.