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Advent Lessons and Carols

TODAY 2:00-3:00 PM

All are Welcome!

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 3, 2023

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday.....CLOSED

Tuesday–Thursday.....9:00 - 4:00

Friday9:00 -1:00

Emergency Only **CALL THIS NUMBER DIRECTLY: 804-254-0313**

EUCCHARIST

Saturday: 4:30 pm • Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am

PENANCE

Every Saturday 3:00 pm or by appointment

ROSARY

Second Sunday of the month following 11:00 a.m. Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact: christianformation@saintpaulscc.com

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community. We encourage you to become an active member of the parish. Please obtain a registration form from the Commons or by printing it from the St. Paul's website.

All parishioners, please notify the Parish Office of a change of address or phone, or if leaving the parish.

VISION STATEMENT

The people of St. Paul's Parish are committed to being Christ's bright light and loving embrace to the community we are called to serve.

PLEASE NOTE

The chairs in front of the confessional are designated seating for individuals wearing face masks. All others are kindly asked to refrain from sitting in that area. Thank you.



NOT ABLE TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON?? WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US ONLINE!!

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2

4:30 pm

Ann C. Tucker †

Sunday, December 3

8:30 am

Martha B. Tucker †

11:00 am

The People of St. Paul's

Wednesday, December 6

Frank & Anne Wallmeyer †

Marie Makulik †

Henry & Theresa Bickerstaff †

Theresa Cecilia Huang †

Friday, December 8

8:00 am

NO 8:00 AM MASS

Herman & Rose Beckstoffer †

Reginald & Chris Berry †

Chuck Ajemian †

Please remember all those who are ill or in need of special prayers, so that they may experience comfort and healing:

Pattie Bevan, Patrick Burke, Haydee Dixon, J.P. Dowdell, Maceo

Gamble, Barbara Gavigan, Joyce Goetzinger, Robynette Goode,

Bess Haile, Theresa Harvey, Robert & Mary Ann Heretick,

Theresa Ingram, Paul Keller, Linda McCracken Koebel, Beverly

Lane, Mary "Midge" Liggan, Beth Lewis, Robert Losteter,

Dyvonne Mars, Bernard McRae, Edith McRae, Bob & Kay

Morrow, Joyce Murray, Mimi Murray, Anne Ring, Margaret

Rockecharlie, Benn Ruez, Myriam Sigler, Frank Solari,

Barbara Tomlinson, Michael & Cornelia Waters, Chloe

Williams, June Wimer, Christie Wiltshire, Michael Yohe, Jr.

Father Begley, the staff, and parishioners of St. Paul's are privileged to pray for these persons. We are making an effort to keep the prayer list current to the needs of our parish and community. If you are on the prayer list, know someone who is, or requested someone to be added and time has come to remove the name, please call the office at 804-329-0473

Mass Intentions are a longstanding tradition in our Church. Mass Intentions are read at each of our daily and weekend liturgies, and are listed in our weekly bulletin as a reminder of the prayer of the community. If you would like to remember a special person and have a Mass Intention, you can simply call, email, or stop by the church office. 804-329-0473 or churchoffice@saintpaulscc.com.



"Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



If you have considered converting your offertory to online giving, Advent is a new beginning and a perfect time to make the change. It is safe, simple, convenient. There are options for automatic recurring donations, manual entry, text-to-give, or scan the QR code in the bulletin or in the pew during the Offertory. Donations can be made directly from your checking account, to your credit or debit card, or Google Pay, whichever you prefer. Let us know and we can cancel the envelopes for online givers, saving the parish the cost of printing and mailing. Access WeShare right from the St. Paul's website, www.saintpaulscc.org and click on the "Donate Now" button or the logo.

Call the donation support phone number 877-316-0260 or click "Need help?" right on the website for assistance setting up your account. Thank you!


QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

As we enter into the Christmas giving season, as well as the end of the year period when folks start focusing on their tax liability, we want to bring to your attention the potential benefits of making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). A QCD is a tax-free withdrawal from an IRA that is made directly to a qualifying charity, like St. Paul's. It is a popular way to do good while also satisfying the Required Minimum Distribution requirement. Available to owners and beneficiaries age 70 ½ or older, a QCD offers tax-free IRA distributions of up to \$100,000 annually. Please consult your tax advisor for further information and/or to initiate a transfer to St. Paul's. Please contact the parish office for appropriate routing information. Thank you for considering this option to support our parish.



St. Paul's is grateful to all the parishioners who are able and continue to contribute online, including those who have recently converted their offertory to WeShare. We also appreciate everyone who is making the effort to mail in their offertory envelopes. We continue to count and post offertory once a week. The faithfulness and generosity of the St. Paul's family sustains our parish and ministries. **THANK YOU!**

Sunday Offertory: November 19, 2023 TWO WEEKS AGO

Actual: \$7,303	Budget: \$9,585 <small>This reflects the new budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; a weekly increase of \$811 over last year.</small>	<i>The parish is grateful for your contributions.</i>	YTD Actual: \$178,155	YTD Budget: \$201,285
Under: \$2,282	Poor & Needy: \$360 <small>This fund, as well as your donations of groceries and paper grocery bags, is the main support of our FOOD PANTRY. Thank You!</small>	<i>This information includes WeShare online giving.</i> <small>Fiscal Year July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024</small>	 <small>WeShare giving is now accessible via the QR code above or by texting "SPCC" to 1-800-950-9952</small>	Under: \$23,130

Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord !

December 3rd: *1st Sunday of Advent* Sat: Reconciliation @ 3:00, Mass @ 4:30; Sun: Mass @ 8:30 & 11:00
Poinsettia Sale before and after all Masses
Lessons & Carols Sunday 2:00 - 3:30; reception follows in the Commons. All are welcome.

December 8th: Friday *Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation* (NO 8:00 a.m. Mass). Masses @ 12N & 7:00 p.m.

December 9th: Saturday Advent Retreat in the Commons 9:00-10:30 with Fr. Matt Kiehl breakfast served; sign up in the Commons

December 10th: *2nd Sunday of Advent* Sat: Reconciliation @ 3:00, Mass @ 4:30; Sun: Mass @ 8:30 & 11:00
Rosary after 11:00 Mass; Holiday Market after all Masses

December 17th: *3rd Sunday of Advent* Sat: Reconciliation @ 3:00, Mass @ 4:30; Sun: Mass @ 8:30 & 11:00

December 19th: Tuesday Advent Reconciliation Services 12:00 NOON and 7:00 p.m. Several priests available to hear confessions

December 24th: *4th Sunday of Advent* Sat: Reconciliation @ 3:00, Mass @ 4:30; Sun: Mass @ 10:00 a.m.

December 24th: *The Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas Eve* • 4:00 p.m. choir concert • 4:30 p.m. Children's Mass
• 9:00 p.m. Mass

December 25th: *The Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas Day* • 10:00 a.m. Mass

December 31st: *Feast of the Holy Family* Sat: Reconciliation @ 3:00, Mass @ 4:30; Sun: Mass @ 8:30 & 11:00

January 1st: Monday *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation* Mass @ 10:00 a.m.

**ON SALE
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COMMONS:**

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\$3



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ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY

Canned spaghetti sauce
cold cereal
canned beans, carrots, vegetables
jelly
peanut butter
pasta
soup canned chicken, tuna
applesauce, canned fruit
rice
mac & cheese
shelf stable milk



The food pantry is a long standing ministry at St. Paul's. Your donations sustain this ministry. Donations may be brought to Mass and placed in the bins in the cloak room between Commons and Church or brought to the parish office weekdays during normal office hours. Feel free to order online for shipment or delivery directly to St. Paul's 909 Rennie Ave. RVA 23227

ST. PETER'S SHOWER MINISTRY

for men & women —travel and sample size:

soap
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feminine hygiene products



Assembly 3677 of the Knights of Columbus, consisting of Cathedral, Holy Rosary, St. Ann. and St. Paul is collecting travel-size toiletries for St. Peter's ministry to the homeless. St. Peter's serves meals, and provides showers, to the homeless population in downtown Richmond adjacent to the State Capital. There is a bin in the cloak room between Commons and Church or may be brought to the parish office weekdays during normal office hours.



MASSSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, WILL BE AT 12 NOON AND 7:00 PM ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023
NO 8:00 AM MASS

T O D A Y

SODALITY POINSETTIA SALE

The Ladies Sodality is having their Annual Poinsettia Sale and Walmart Gift Card Raffle before and after each Mass. Red poinsettias will be \$20 each in a six inch pot. Walmart gift card raffle: First Prize- \$100, Second Prize-\$50, Third Prize: \$25. Tickets can be purchased during the poinsettia sale for \$1.00 each, or 6 tickets for \$5.00.



HOLIDAY MARKET 2023

Join us after each Mass on the weekend of December 9 & 10 in the Church Commons for our 2023 Holiday Market! Get your Christmas present shopping underway with handmade goods, paintings, ceramics, ornaments, and so much more! All the vendors are parishioners, who make these impressive products by hand. So, mark your calendars, bring your Christmas shopping list, and join us for the Saint Paul's Holiday Market!



ADVENT RETREAT Saturday, December 9th 9:00–10:30 am

Please join us on December 9th when Fr. Matt Kiehl, Vicar for Vocations for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, will lead our Advent Retreat.

Breakfast will be served. You can sign up in the Commons or RSVP to jtucker@saintpaulscc.com, which helps us in ordering the breakfast meal. Free will donations to defray the cost of breakfast are gladly accepted.

BE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS ANGEL!

Take a tag from the Angel Tree to help a needy person have a happier Christmas. Some Angel Tags suggest specific gifts for specific persons. Others suggest Gift Cards (e.g., Target or Walmart). Bring your gifts, with the Angel Tags securely attached, to the Commons by **Sunday, December 17**. Additional Gift Cards of any amount are always welcome.



COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES BABY CLOSET

St. Paul's conducts a quarterly drive to assist the Baby Closet at Commonwealth Catholic Charities. The Baby Closet is open free of charge to all in need. It is located at CCC's offices, 1601 Rolling Hills Drive, RVA 23229. A playpen is set up in the Commons during **DECEMBER** to collect your donations of:

- Diapers: sizes 4 - 6 are especially needed
- Clothes (newborn to 3T).
- New clothes or clean and gently used clothes
- Wipes • Formula • other baby health items



All are welcome to pray the Rosary after the 11:00 Mass NEXT Sunday. Rosaries and how to pray the Rosary will be available. Children welcome! Call Marge Crowe if you have questions 862-703-1988.

***Knights Of Columbus** meets **THIS Thurs., Dec. 7** in Dorsey Hall @ 7 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. All men of the parish are welcome to "come and see" how you can join us in being of service to our St. Paul's parish.*



Serenity Spoken Here is an Al-Anon meeting which provides opportunities for families and friends of alcoholics to find help and hope. "Sometimes it is easy to see what alcohol is doing to the drinker," Al-Anon says. "It may be more difficult to see what it is doing to the rest of the family." The meeting is every Friday in the Parish (Dorsey) Hall at 11 am. The meeting usually lasts an hour and is open to anyone who may be interested. This is an open meeting under the auspices of Al-Anon, and is completely confidential. It is **not** a ministry of St. Paul's and the privacy of all participants is protected from the parish.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 03, 2023



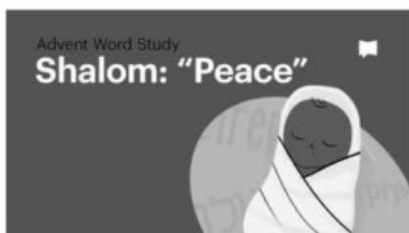
What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs



Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

THE ST. PAUL'S PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON **MONDAYS**.

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS ARE: TUESDAY–THURSDAY 9:00 AM–4:00 PM AND FRIDAY 9:00 AM–1:00 PM.

THE OFFICE MAY ALSO BE UNAVOIDABLY CLOSED AT UNSCHEDULED TIMES.

IF YOU CALL OR COME BY AND GET NO RESPONSE, PLEASE BE PATIENT AND TRY AGAIN ANOTHER DAY.

AS ALWAYS, IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY REQUIRING THE PRESENCE OF A PRIEST,
CALL 804-254-0313

What Are Acts of Spiritual Communion?

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire
to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*



PODCAST RESOURCES

EVERYONE

All Things Catholic with
Dr. Edward Sri

Ask Father Josh

Ave Spotlight

Bible in a Year with
Fr. Mike Schmidt

Godsplaining Podcast

The Jeff Cavins Show

Gotta Be Saints

The Being Human Podcast

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The Liturgy Guys

The Vici Mundum Show

YOUNG ADULT

Abiding Together

Aquinas 101

Catholic Stuff You Should
Know

Discerning Marriage

Pints with Aquinas

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The Catholic Guy show

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The Vigil Project

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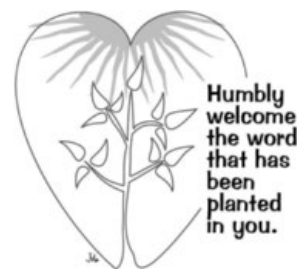
Ave Explores

Beloved and Blessed

Discerning Marriage

Hole in My Heart

Saint Dymphna's Playbook



Source: Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office of Evangelization

<https://evangelizerichmond.org/resources/podcast-suggestions/>

For a reflection on today's readings, visit <https://www.usccb.org/>, click on READINGS, then VIEW VIDEOS



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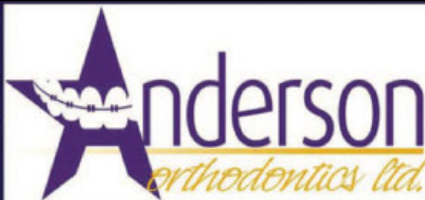
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