

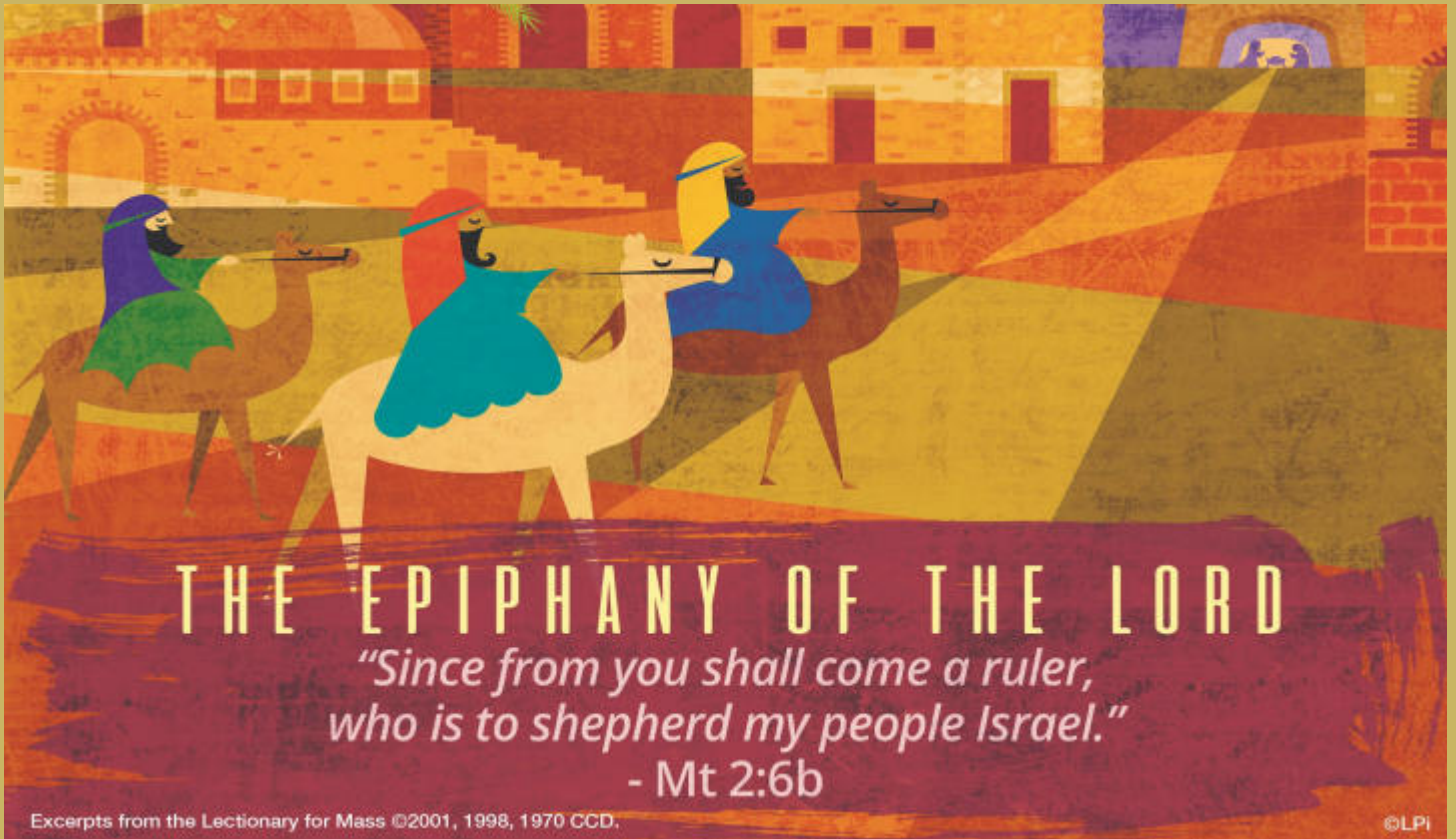


Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073

January 2, 2022



Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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Ministry Schedule for January 8/9—Baptism of the Lord

Saturday: Lector: Michael Marcenelle E.M.: Marie Joseph
Sacristan: Steve Huppert Usher: Dennis Wnorowski

Sunday: 11AM—Lector: Sean Garvey EM: Gwen Marcenelle
Sacristan: Lee Mathis Ushers: Scott Greiner/Sam Swindell
Media: Brad McCumsey

Sunday: 1:15PM—Lector: Antonio Paniagua EM: Maria
Paniagua Sacristan: Angel Diaz Usher: Brenda Diaz & Juan
Carlos Romo Media: Jesus Banuelos

January 2, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

CANDLES - What a beautiful part of our celebration and when offering prayers for our concerns and loved ones.



Each Altar candle is \$9.78 and each of the red candles is \$2.04. Please consider a donation for CANDLES today and put in the offertory basket marked for this purpose. Thank you!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER When we pray for others, we lift them up to God, seeking God's grace and blessing in their individual situations. When we ask others to pray for us, we honor them with our prayers. *Please pray for the terminally ill, the sick, for those who are recovering, and for those who minister to us:*

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| Fr. Charles Breindel | Fr. Anthony Senyah |
| Fr. Louis Benoit | Fr. Patricio |
| Dorothy Stinchcomb | Dottie Couick-Newman |
| Ed Redmond | Emily Cox |
| Nancy Ballinger | Irma Silva Barbeau |
| Dolores Diefenderfer | Anne Wilson |

(This group will rotate weekly. If you know of someone who may be removed from this list, please let us know. If someone should be added, contact: officemanager@holyspiritcatholic.net.)

And the repose of the soul of :

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| Marie Fizer | Olivia Lyall |
| Bob Gribben | Marfisa DiMicco |
| Richard Muller | Leobardo Bañuelos Arellano |
| Catherine Johnson | Bob Elliott |

Please, kindly inform Fr. Patricio or the office of anyone who may need our love and prayers, whether aged, sick, hospitalized, in a life crisis, grieving or unable to attend a weekly mass. palcantara@richmonddiocese.org

WINTER WEATHER NOTIFICATION

IF THERE IS PRECIPITATION OF ANY KIND, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL, FACEBOOK, WDBJ7 OR WSL5 10 FOR INFORMATION REGARDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CHANGES TO MASS. PLEASE BE SAFE IN ALL YOUR TRAVELS THIS WINTER SEASON. THANK YOU!



The Mission of Catholic Charities

is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire church and other people of goodwill to do the same. Collection taken on Christmas Day or contribute anytime.

OFFERTORY REPORT:

DECEMBER 2021

FISCAL NEWS 2020-2021	Week24 12/5	Week 25 12/12
Weekly Budgeted Collection	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 3,520.00
Actual Collection	\$ 2,727.00	\$ 4,028.00
Over (Under) Weekly Budget	\$ (793.00)	\$ 508.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Collection	\$ 80,960.00	\$ 84,480.00
Year-to-Date Actual Collection	\$ 75,041.52	\$ 79,069.52
Over or (Under) Yearly Budget	\$ (5,918.48)	\$ (5,410.48)

We are in need of offertory counters. Are you available?? Contact officemanager@holyspiritcatholic.org for more information. Thank you!

SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES -

Saturday: 5pm English
Sunday: 11am English (livestream and recorded)
Sunday: 1:15pm Spanish (livestream and recorded)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday: 5:30pm
Wednesday: 7am
Friday: 9am (First Fridays—Adoration until noon)

Please sign up for Adoration 1/2 hours. The next date will be FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2022.

Offertory Envelopes have been delayed in production and shipping. We expect them mid-January. Please watch for them in the Narthex. So sorry for the inconvenience.



There will be a bus going to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 21, 2022. It will leave at 6:00am and return late that evening. If you are interested in riding the bus please contact Elisabeth Swindell at eswindell@juno.com, or call/text 540-230-8456.

PRISON MINISTRY: A collection of gently used and/or new spiritual books are being taken for a prison ministry in Texas. If you have books you would like to donate, please leave them in the designated basket in the Narthex. The collection will run through the end of January 2022. Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

January 2nd—No Classes—
Classes Resume January 9th, 2022

YOUTH GROUP REMINDERS: No news this week.

Austin Mee | nrvym@richmonddiocese.org | 540.251.1754 | nrvym.flocknote.com



New River Valley RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program—St. Mary’s, St. Jude, and Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Churches. Contact Deacon Jose Melendez at (540) 250-1903 or email deacon@holyspiritcatholic.net
NEXT MEETING: January, 2022

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WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION??

HOW ABOUT A COMMITMENT TO HOLY SPIRIT??

SAVE THESE DATES:

Deacon Jose will offer trainings and instruction for each of these ministries in the church sanctuary. **Plan to attend if you are currently participating AND for those who would like to get involved this year.** Thank you!

Sacristan Meeting—including Ladies of the Altar Society—Saturday, January 15—10am to 11:30am

Lectors—Saturday, January 22—10am to 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers— Saturday, January 29—10am to 11:30am

THANK YOU! To our parishioner, Micah Pasquarell, and his ministry with Eta Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi of Virginia Tech who donated 20 Christmas dinner boxes last weekend. We were able to distribute the boxes to 20 needy families within our parish. What a wonderful Christmas gift! Thank you!!!

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest?

Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Join our Young at Heart group for coffee, lunch and outings throughout the month. January Dates:

January 11—1st Watch—10am
January 27—Mission BBQ—11:30am

Happy New Year!

CONTACT KAREN FOR MORE INFORMATION:
YAHDATES@GMAIL.COM

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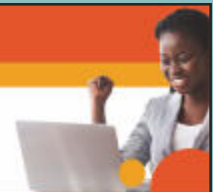
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