

Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

February 23, 2020 —Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 de febrero de 2020 — Séptimo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo.....12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio dia

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Thursday: 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. — 12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 22, 2020
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass for all military personnel
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 23, 2020
9:00 AM	Mass for all military personnel
10:00 AM	Rosary
12:15 PM	Misa
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 26, 2020
9am & 7pm	Ash Wednesday St John
Noon	St Peter
Noon	Community Service Redeeming Love
7PM	St Patrick
Thursday	FEBRUARY 27, 2020
8:30 AM	Mass
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 28, 2020
12:00 Noon	Mass soul of Father McKay
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 29, 2020
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass for soul of Mary Jane Messich
SUNDAY	MARCH 1, 2020
9:00 AM	Mass all priests and seminarians
10:00 AM	Rosary
12:15 PM	Misa

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES: Keith Pinney, Rudy Caló'oy, Ron Price, Jr., Red & Nancy Goodman, Richard Painter, Maxine Di-Marino, Mary Helen Sohaski, Sherry Wright, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Martha Livingston, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Lynn Miskimon, Jeff Konschak, Virginia Saunders, Gerry Biartel, Fred Brown, Elizabeth Jones, Evelyn Clatterback, Dick Wassel, Bobby & Christie Osterloh, Nathaniel Young, Hallet and Frances Harrison, Maria Teresa Casas, John Smith, Rudy Caló'oy Jr. Neil French, Edna Stanley, and David Budjinski,

The item being collected for **FISH** for **FEBRUARY**
Microwable oatmeal

En el mes de **FEBRERO**
Avena para cocinar en el microondas

St. Peter Clothes Closet is now accepting clean, gently used clothes, blankets, jackets and backpacks. Also they are accepting can goods for their pantry. There is a box marked St Peter in the commons area.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." - Mt 5:43-45a

Readings for the week of February 23, 2020

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
 Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/ Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab] Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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Special Prayer Request

The next 40 Days for Life campaign is from **February 26 (Ash Wednesday) thru April 5 (Palm Sunday)**. In Richmond, a second Planned Parenthood facility is projected to open at 1122 N. 25th Street in the coming months. The leadership team has decided to hold a dual campaign at both locations, with Saint John focusing on the 201 N. Hamilton facility. Please consider spending some time before the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration praying for the success of this dual campaign. Dan and I (Olga Lucia) are cordially inviting you to join us to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday as follow: Monday at 3:00 PM right after the Pivotal Players, Tuesday at 10:00 AM, Wednesday at 1:30 PM right after the Lenten luncheons, Thursday right after the 8:30 AM Mass and, Friday right after the 12:00 Mass. We encourage you to come to church earlier on Saturday and Sunday so you can pray before Mass in front of the Tabernacle to end abortion.

200th Anniversary Coffee Table Book Shine Like Stars

200 Anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond
 Books are \$40 each. If you are interested please call the office 737-8028.

February 15 & 16, 2020

WEEKLY

YEAR TO DATE

This information was not available at the time of printing.

Mass Attendance

5:30	9:00	12:15
72	142	238



Pastor Message

Two items of note this week.

First, Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It is the beginning of Lent. We have Mass at 9am and 7pm St John, 1205pm at St Peter and 6pm at St Patrick. Lent is a very important and spiritual season. I pray you take it seriously. Remember, it is vital that we make our spiritual life a priority and Lent is a time to buckle-down on the areas where there is a lack of grace in our life. We buckle down by increasing the amount of prayer in our lives, by removing some of the worldliness in our lives (food, drink, entertainment, etc.), and my offering of ourselves for the greater good of the Kingdom of God (either through our time or by giving extra of our income to a good cause).

It is incumbent upon you to do this! We do not check attendance, or know if you are praying, or if you're indulging too much or being stingy with your money. You are responsible for your spiritual life. All we at the parish can do is help. That said, God does see and knows everything. And He wants you to use this Lent to grow spiritually because HE WANTS TO BE CLOSER TO YOU!!! HE MISSES YOU!!! So be intentional and deliberate, have a plan and stick to it to make your Lent amazing. If you don't, you have no one to blame but yourself.

Second attached to this bulletin is a letter from the Bishop. It introduces an Independent Reconciliation Program sponsored by the Diocese for individuals who have been victims of abuse by members of the clergy. The diocese currently provides for psychological and medical care to victims of abuse, but this program is in addition to that. It is run by a third-party organization that is independent of the diocese and seeks to provide some form of financial restitution to people who have suffered because of the actions of members of clergy. The financial restitution is provided by the diocese but administered through the third-party organization. The diocese can never fully compensate those who have suffered abuse by clergy and this is only a portion of the many means being pursued to achieve justice. The funds to provide the financial restitution to these victims will be provided through the diocese self-insurance program as well as possibly through the sale of unused property owned by the diocese. No parish funds will be used in this program, nor will any money given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal be used in this program. Please pray for our Church at this time of testing. Pray that God will raise up good and holy shepherds to lead it in the name of Christ. And pray especially that God will console and heal any who have suffered so unjustly at the hands of priests.

Fr Rossi

2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Building Our Family of Faith

Many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2020 Annual Appeal.

For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the weekends of February 29/March 1 & March 7/8.

In the spirit of the bicentennial, we are hopeful that all our parishioners will make a gift to the 2020 Appeal. Thank you in advance for your support!

DON'T FORGET PANCAKE SUPPER TUESDAY 5 PM



Ash Wednesday is February 26

Mass with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at **9:00 am in English** and **7:00 pm in Spanish** at St John. **St Patrick at 6 PM and St Peter at 12:05 PM.**

There will be no Wednesday Masses at St. John during Lent. We will have the Lenten Ecumenical Services at noon. This week the Service will be held at Redeeming Love.

LENTEN DINNERS

With your help we will have another successful year. If you are interested in pitching in (and perhaps making a Lenten sacrifice or commitment) now is the time to step up. We can always use help performing food prep work, set-up, cooking, serving and cleaning up. If you are interested in any of these please call the office, or just show up. Can't do any of these!! Come and eat and bring a friend.

Don't forget to bring your favorite desserts.

Sponsorship Opportunity

Lenten dinners will be here before you know it. In order to keep our prices the same as last year we need sponsors. Please take a look at these sponsorship opportunities and let us know if you can help us and help our community:

Fish -	\$1,700
Sea Food -	\$200
Vegetable Oil & Margarine-	\$300
Breading & Hushpuppy & Mac&Cheese	\$200
Big Potatoes & French Fries -	\$300
Dressings -	\$250
Produce -	\$350
Coffee, Ice Tea, Sugar -	\$200
Paper Product -	\$500

Please consider sponsoring any of the above items or give a donation of a portion of the total amount. All amounts of donations help. Thank you in advance. The Lenten Fish Team.

Adult Faith Formation

The Sunday Adult Education continues with the sessions immediately following the 9:00 Sunday mass. The next session is:

March 1 Human Dignity and Law and Grace

We had a great turn out for the initial Pivotal Players session last Monday with 16 parishioners participating. There is still room for plenty more. Please consider joining us as we continue to explore the life, teachings and spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi on Monday at 1:30 in the conference room. The schedule for the next three sessions is as follows:

February 24 St Francis of Assis Part 2

Please join the Knights of Columbus as we celebrate an hour of prayer in front of the tabernacle on Sunday March 1 starting at 4:00 at St. John Catholic Church.

As Father Rossi said in his homily several weeks ago Christian morality and believes are being widely assailed in our commonwealth, our country and in the world by those who either do not believe in God or who function as though they do not. We need to be people of prayer. There is no greater force in the universe than prayer which calls upon Our Lord who created and lovingly sustains the universe. We encourage all parishioners to attend and to invite others to join us in prayer for one hour. We will follow the hour of prayer with pizza and a time for fellowship. This is open to non parishioners as well as parishioners.