

April 28, 2024

Liturgical Minister Schedule

	This Week	Next Week
Leader	Laliberte	Potter
Lectors	Laliberte	Rodriguez
Altar Servers	Donathan Christina	Moore
Eucharistic Ministers	Sorensen	Lilly
Gift Bearer	Ferrantello	Lewis
Counters	Dichtel Maurer	Lebeau Potter

Please remember God's children who are ill, homebound, or hospitalized and need our special thoughts and prayers: Fr. Dan Bain, Marianna Bennett, Robert Ferrantello, Patricia Ferrara, Bob & Marge Grassi, Irene Haase, Chet Losinski, Mo Martel, Joe Rodriguez, Carol Sarginger, Nick Sica, Rebecca Walcutt and members of our military stationed throughout the world including Captain Andrew Maurer.

Send prayer request to SOTHannouncements@gmail.com

Parish Contact Information –

- Building Maintenance – Cooky Bonneville 410-218-6809
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- New Registrations – Jane Lilly SOTHannouncements@gmail.com
- Parish Council – Ernie Inzana – Please IM at 434-760-0537
- Religious Education – Jean Balich SOTHRelEd@gmail.com
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Sacraments or Mass Cards – Contact Fr. Michael 804-484-2806 or mugmike48@gmail.com or via the Holy Infant Parish office at 540-298-1341 or office@holysiniant-elkton.org

Reconciliation: available with Fr. Michael every Wednesday for one hour before Daily Mass, or for special circumstances can be scheduled with him

Baptism: Please contact the Pastor.

Holy Matrimony: The couple should contact the Pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding day.

Anointing, Pastoral Visits, Spiritual Guidance, or Emergencies contact Fr. Michael directly

Readings for the Week –

- Mon. Acts 14: 5-18/ Ps 115: 1-2. 3-4. 15-16/ Jn 14: 21-26
- Tues. Acts 14: 19-28/ Ps 145: 10-11. 12-13ab. 21/ Jn 14: 27-31a
- Wed. Acts 15: 1-6/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5/ Jn 15: 1-8.
- Thurs. Acts 15: 7-21/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 10/ Jn 15: 9-11
- Fri. 1 Cor 15: 1-8/ Ps 19: 2-3. 4-5/ Jn 14: 6-14
- Sat. Acts 16: 1-10/ Ps 100: 1b-2. 3. 5/ Jn 15: 18-21
- Sun. Acts 10: 25-26. 34-35. 44-48/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Jn 15: 9-17

Announcements

Last Week's Offerings

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Regular	\$1980.67	\$1631	-\$349.67

Vocations – ““He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.” Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Gospel Reflections – Today, the Gospel presents the allegory of the vine and the branches. Christ is the true vine, we are the branches, and the Father is the vine grower. The Father wants us to bear much fruit. It is quite logical. The vine grower plants his vine so that it bears much fruit. If we start a business, we want it to be productive. Jesus insists: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain" (Jn 15:16). You have been chosen. God has set His sight on you. Through Baptism He has grafted you onto the true vine that is Christ. You have the life of Christ, the Christian life. You own the main element for bearing fruit: your union with Christ, because "a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine" (Jn 15:4). Jesus states it emphatically: "Apart from me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). How many things have you wanted to do without Christ? The fruit that the Father expects from us is that of good deeds and the practice of virtues. What is the union with Christ that makes us capable of bearing this fruit? Faith and charity, that is, remaining in God's grace. May the Virgin Mary help us to increase the grace so that we can bear much fruit to the glory of the Father.

Capital Campaign – We are in the process of adding kneelers to our church pews. The total cost of the kneelers is \$31,800. We have applied for a Home Mission Grant of \$10,000 through the Diocese and are awaiting approval. The remainder of the funds necessary to complete our project will need to be raised. We ask for your support in this effort to raise \$8,000 for the realization of the project. To contribute, you may place your donation in the envelope and drop it in the Sunday collection plate or mail it to the church office.

Monastery Trip – Our Religious Education class is planning a trip to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America (1400 Quincy St. NE Washington DC) on Sunday, May 19th. Guided tours are available. We would leave after Mass and join the 1:30pm tour. If anyone is interested in joining us, I would need to know by May 10th so we can coordinate our travel arrangements. I have visited this monastery and it is a sight to behold! So, let me know ASAP! Maura Rodriguez cell: 434-409-2891



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