

**May 5, 2024**

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

	This Week	Next Week
Leader	Potter	Balich
Lectors	Rodriguez	Mullins
Altar Servers	Moore	Donthan Madeline
Eucharistic Ministers	Lilly	Laliberte
Gift Bearer	Lewis	Moore
Counters	Lebeau Potter	Walcutt Andkjar

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](mailto:SOTHannouncements@gmail.com)

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**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 16: 11-15/ Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15: 26 -- 16: 4a
- Tues. Acts 16: 22-34/ Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16: 5-11
- Wed. Acts 17: 15, 22 -- 18: 1/ Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16: 12-15
- Thurs. Acts 18: 1-8/ Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16: 16-20
- Fri. Acts 18: 9-18/ Ps 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 16: 20-23
- Sat. Acts 18: 23-28/ Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/ Jn 16: 23b-28
- Sun. Acts 1: 1-11/ Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/ Eph 4: 1-13/ Mk 16: 15-20

**Announcements**

**Last Week’s Offerings**

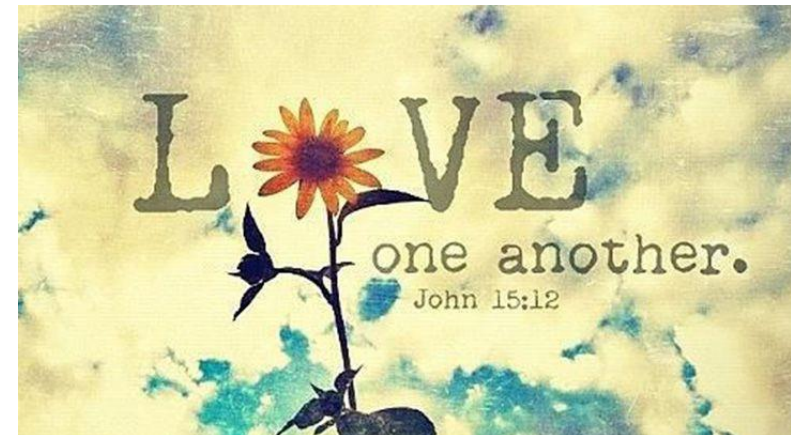
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Regular	\$1980.67	\$1368	-\$612.67
FYTD	\$87,149.48	\$89,357.66	\$2208.18

**Vocations** – “The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**Gospel Reflections** – Today we celebrate the last Sunday before the solemnities of the Ascension and Pentecost, which close the Easter season. Throughout these Sundays, the risen Jesus has revealed himself as the Good Shepherd and the vine to which we must be connected as branches, and today he opens his Heart to us completely. Certainly, in His Heart we can only find love. What constitutes the deepest mystery of God is that He is Love. Everything He has done from creation to redemption has been out of love. All that He expects from us in response to His actions is just love. Therefore, His words resonate today: "Remain in my love" (Jn 15:9). Love asks for reciprocity; it is like a dialogue that makes us respond with increasing love to His initial love. A fruit of love is joy: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you" (Jn 15:11). If our life does not reflect the joy of believing, if we let ourselves be overwhelmed by adversities without seeing that the Lord is also there present and comforting us, it is because we do not know Jesus sufficiently well.

**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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