

April 7, 2024

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

	This Week	Next Week
Leader	Balich	Inzana
Lectors	Sica	Sorensen
Altar Servers	Donathan Christina	Moore
Eucharistic Ministers	Rodriguez	Laliberte
Gift Bearer	Lewis	Moore
Counters	Dichtel Lebeau	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.

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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. Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10/ Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10: 4-10/ Lk 1: 26-38

Tues. Acts 4: 32-37/ Ps 93: 1ab, 1cd-2, 5/ Jn 3: 7b-15

Wed. Acts 5: 17-26/ Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Jn 3: 16-21

Thurs. Acts 5: 27-33/ Ps 34: 2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/ Jn 3: 31-36

Fri. Acts 5: 34-42/ Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14/ Jn 6: 1-15

Sat. Acts 6: 1-7/ Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19/ Jn 6: 16-21

Sun. Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19/ Ps 4: 2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/ 1 Jn 2: 1-5a/ Lk 24: 35-48

## Announcements

### Last Week's Offerings

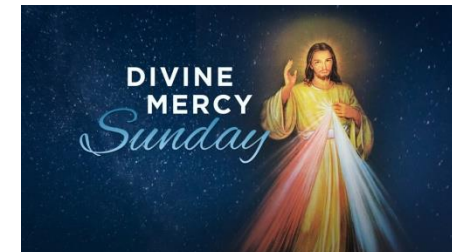
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Regular	\$1980.67	\$1575	-\$405.67
FYTD	\$79,226.80	\$82,171.66	\$2944.86

**Vocations** – “As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. 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, on the Second Sunday of Easter, we complete the octave of this liturgical season, one of the two octaves—together with Christmas—that remain in the liturgy renewed by the Vatican Council II. For eight days, we contemplate the same mystery and try to deepen our understanding of it in the light of the Holy Spirit. By the design of Pope Saint John Paul II, this Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is something that goes far beyond a particular devotion. As explained by the Holy Father in his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*, Divine Mercy is the loving manifestation of God in a history wounded by sin. In Latin “Misericordia” (which means “mercy”) comes from two words: “miser” (misery) and “cor, cordis” (heart). God puts our unhappy situation due to sin in His Father's heart, which is faithful to His plans. Jesus Christ, dead and risen, is the supreme manifestation and action of Divine Mercy. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (Jn 3:16) and sent Him to death so that we might be saved. “To redeem the slave, He sacrificed the Son,” we proclaimed in the Easter Vigil. And once resurrected, He made Him a source of salvation for all who believe in Him. Through faith and conversion, we receive the treasure of Divine Mercy. The Holy Mother Church, which wants her children to live the life of the Risen One, commands that we receive Holy Communion and do so in the grace of God—at least during the Easter season. Indeed, the Easter season is the opportune time for paschal fulfillment. It is a good time to confess our sins and to receive the forgiveness of our sins through the faculties that the risen Lord has conferred on his Church, when he said only to the Apostles: “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (Jn 20:22-23). Thus, we will go to the sources of Divine Mercy. And let us not hesitate to bring our friends to these sources of life: the Eucharist and Penance. The risen Jesus counts on us.

**Thank you** – The Justice and Peace Committee would like to thank all parishioners who donated to the Easter food drive. We had a very successful collection which included hams, gift cards, and box and can food items. We were able to provide food to five local families. Thank you for generosity! Just a reminder that donations to Justice and Peace whether through the green envelopes or by specifically designated donations help supplement the food drives and help parishioners in need of assistance.

**Thank you** – To our large family of Shepherd of the Hills, I would like to sincerely thank you for all the prayers for Richard and myself. Also, I was touched by your generosity, sympathy cards, and your willingness to help. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God bless you all. - Claudette Henry



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