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**December 9-10, 2017**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

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**Parish Registration**—Contact the Parish Office

**Parish Facebook Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112238392199573/>

**Knights of Columbus Facebook Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/kofcrockymountva/>

**Youth Group Facebook Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168563686553669/>

*Please contact the parish office of anyone you know is ill and would like communion or anointing of the sick.*

*If there is a death in your family or in the parish family, please contact the parish office or pastoral emergency Contact number as soon as possible. We want to be of service.*

## Liturgies and Events

|           |         |          |  |
|-----------|---------|----------|--|
| Dec 9     | Sat     | 4:30pm   | Mass– Second Sunday of Advent                        |
| Dec 10    | Sun     | 8:00 am  | Mass-Second Sunday of Advent                         |
|           |         | 9:00 am  | Religious Education                                  |
| Dec 11    | Mon     | 9:00 am  | Morning Prayer/Rosary                                |
|           |         | 7:00 pm  | Mass-Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish)                 |
| Dec 12    | Tue     | 9:00 am  | Morning Prayer/Rosary                                |
|           |         | 7:00 pm  | Mass-Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Joseph's (Spanish) |
| Dec 13    | Wed     | 9:00 am  | Morning Prayer/Rosary                                |
| Dec 14    | Thu     | 12:00 pm | Mass   |
| Dec 15    | Fri     | 12:00 pm | Mass   |
| Dec 16    | Sat     | 4:30 pm  | Mass-Third Sunday of Advent                          |
|           |         | 5:30 pm  | Posada   |
| Dec 17    | Sun     | 8:00 am  | Mass-Third Sunday of Advent                          |
|           |         | 9:00 am  | Religious Education                                  |
|           |         | 5:00 pm  | Posada   |
| Dec 18-21 | Mon-Thu | 6:30 pm  | Posada ( <i>schedule is for all four nights</i> )    |
| Dec 19    | Tue     | 7:00 pm  | Knights of Columbus Meeting                          |
| Dec 22    | Fri     | 7:00 pm  | Posada   |
| Dec 23    | Sat     | 4:30 pm  | Mass-Fourth Sunday of Advent                         |
|           |         | 5:30 pm  | Posada   |
| Dec 24    | Sun     | 8:00 am  | Mass-Fourth Sunday of Advent                         |
|           |         | NO       | NO Religious Education                               |
|           |         | 5:00 pm  | Mass at St. Joseph's (English)                       |
|           |         | 6:00 pm  | Posada   |
|           |         | 11:00 pm | Mass at St. Francis- (English)                       |
| Dec 25    | Mon     | 9:00 am  | Mass– Christmas at St. Francis- (Bilingual)          |
|           |         | 11:15 am | Mass-Christmas at St. Joseph's- (Bilingual)          |

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard in English or Spanish on Thursday and Friday at 11:30am or on Saturday at 3:45pm. An appointment is necessary for any other time.

### Readings, December 16-17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

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| First Reading.....  | Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11   |
| Second Reading..... | I Thessalonians 5:16-24 |
| Gospel.....         | John 1:6-8, 19-28       |

### Ministries, December 16-17 2017

|           | 4:30 pm                         | 8:00 am                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lectors:  | L. Siler<br>L. Bezy             | N. Shanahan<br>E. Ayles |
| Ushers:   | c. Gaubatz<br>B. Schmachtenberg | J. Dansby<br>B. Fandel  |
| Greeters: | E. Ramirez                      | V. Cruz<br>N. Vasquez   |
| Linens:   | L. Arrington                    |                         |

## St. Francis of Assisi Altar Servers

**Altar server Coordinator:** Jack Shanahan

**Captains:** Andrew Long, Mickey Shanahan, Christian Escobar, Zach Harpin.

**Servers:** Eduardo Escobar, Jose & Omar Lozano, Tommy Nguyen, Tony Nguyen, Jonathan Castaneda, Paul Garcia, Eduardo Cruz, Arturo Garcia, Allen Castaneda, Venesa Tamona, Alex & Josh Harpin.

### Mass Intentions

Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 12:00 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.*

Friday, December 15, 2017 at 12:00 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.*

Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 4:30 pm  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.*

Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 8:00 am  
*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.*

### Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

### Faithful Departed

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Ozell Ayers   | Frank Young  |
| Bobby Young   | Timothy Wade |
| Raymond Kloos | Helen Scarfe |
| Paul Eames    |              |

### In Need of Prayer

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Catie Altice         | Dolly LeMond          |
| Albert Galvan        | Jeanne Banks          |
| Bernie Galvin        | Joanne Patterson      |
| Bud & Nancy Goehring | Janet Vadase & Family |
| Josephine Graf       |                       |

### Home Bound

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Terry Coates (Home)            | Dorothy Weiss (Home)    |
| Leigh Doninger (Red Oak Manor) | Dolly LeMond (hospital) |
| Ann Syminink (Home)            | Jeanne Banks            |

### US Military

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lt. Col. Timothy Carey | Capt. Raine Maus      |
| Brennan Dopp           | Francheska J. Remmert |
| Brandon Furrow         | Jason Presley         |
| John J. Griffo III     | Noah Davis            |
| Joseph Lyons           |                       |
| James Manning          |                       |



## Second Sunday of Advent

**Second Sunday of Advent:** Today's Gospel and that for next Sunday present the preaching and mission of John the Baptist. It is clear that the expectation of the people is high as they stream out into the desert to hear John's message.

John appears in the guise of the great prophets; is it possible that he really is announcing the advent of the Messiah? They do not want to miss it; they readily repent in anticipation. John's reference to the one who will come after him is further explained in next Sunday's Gospel.

**Advent Vespers & Talks:** Mark your calendars for **Advent Sunday Vespers**. We will study John 3 in detail. There are two Sundays left: Dec. 10 & 17, at 4:30 pm at St. Joseph's in Martinsville.

**Adult Faith Formation Class:** The initial class for adult faith formation will meet on Friday January 5th at 6:30 PM in the parish lobby. This initial class will involve a brief orientation session followed by a video presentation on St. Francis of Assisi from the multi-part series Catholic Pivotal Players hosted by Bishop Barron. The subsequent class will meet on either Wednesday, January 17th or Friday, January 19th at the discretion of the participants. Recommended readings and an associated workbook will not be used at the initial meeting but may be purchased if interested at [pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org](http://pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org). For any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Patriarco at 540-365-2899 or at [apatricar@centurylink.net](mailto:apatricar@centurylink.net).

### Our Lady of Guadalupe:

In celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe there will be a procession starting downstairs at 6:45 pm. The procession will be for 15 minutes and everyone will walk into church to begin Mass. There are sign-up sheets in the Commons if you would like to bring food you can write your name and the dish you will bring to share following Mass.

Monday, December 11: Mass in Spanish at 7pm at St Francis of Assisi

There will be NO Religious Education classes Sunday, December 24 or Sunday, December 31 due to the holidays.

### Christmas Masses:

Sunday, December 24: Mass at 5:00 pm at St. Joseph's  
Sunday, December 24: Mass at 11:00 pm at St. Francis  
Monday, December 25: Mass at 9:00 am at St. Francis  
Monday, December 25: Mass at 11:15am at St. Joseph's

### Pope Francis Appoints New Bishop for Richmond Diocese

RICHMOND, Va. - With great joy, the Diocese of Richmond announces the Holy Father, Pope Francis, appointed the Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, as the thirteenth bishop of Richmond. The Mass of Installation will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Jan. 12, 2018, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond.

**St. Joseph's Sunday Missals:** There are a few copies of the 2018 editions available for \$3 if you're interested see Mary McGuire.

**Prayer Intentions:** Submit prayer requests at the youth table after masses for the youth to include in their Thursday evening prayers.

**Gift Case:** Please remember that we have Catholic items for sale in the display case outside the church office. If there is something you need that is not on display, please drop a note into the GIFT SHOP envelope on the bulletin board. Rosaries make great stocking stuffers! And mantilla's are making a come-back!

**New Website:** The new website is up and running. The address is the same: [www.francis-of-assisi.org](http://www.francis-of-assisi.org). See Pat Siler with any comments and suggestions of things you would like to see on the website.

### Ticket Lottery for Jan. 12 Bishop Installation Mass

Parishioners, students and educators hoping to participate in the joy and excitement of the Jan. 12 Mass of Installation for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's new Bishop Barry C. Knestout now have a chance to secure admission to the special Mass by entering a lottery. Seating for the 2 p.m. event at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be extremely limited so the faithful are encouraged to enter the drawing for admission tickets by completing the online form at: <http://richmonddiocese.org/installation-mass-details/>

The last day to enter the drawing is Friday, December 29, 2017. The drawing will be held in early January with two tickets awarded to each selected registrant. Those selected will have 48 hours to respond before the tickets are released to alternates. Tickets are not transferrable and may not be sold. Questions? Contact [newbish-op@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:newbish-op@richmonddiocese.org) or (804) 622-5294.

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth grades 8-12, please come Thursdays, Dec 14 & 21, to participate in fun & games and in completing the prayers of the Rosary for the intentions of the parish.

**Youth (8-12 grade) registrations and fees for the March for Life need to be turned in by December 17th** so that I can get them entered by Dec 18th. The fee includes bus transportation, lodging, and meals as well as entry to the Thursday event, Friday rally, and the march itself. Registration forms are available at the Youth table after the masses.

**Registrations and fees for DYC need to be turned in by December 17th to get the \$50 discount.** The early bird fee is \$145 for a 4-person room. After Dec 20 the registration fee increases to \$195 (or as much as \$275 if we can't fill the room with 4 youth). Diocesan sponsored bus transportation will be \$40 per youth.

## Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal ..... \$3,500  
Dec. 2-3, 2017 ..... \$3,221.10  
Weekly shortfall..... \$278.90



*Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. ~ Deuteronomy 15:10*

## Local and Regional News

The Office of Asian Ministry invites you to join the Filipino Community for a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother. Simbang Gabi, which means Mass at Dawn, is a journey of spiritual preparation to welcome and receive the Child Jesus. The first day of the novena will be Friday, December 15 at various locations. Visit our website at [www.richmonddioocese.org](http://www.richmonddioocese.org) for a full schedule. Please come out and support our Filipino Brothers and Sisters. For more information please contact Devin Jones, Office of Asian Ministry, [asianministry@richmonddioocese.org](mailto:asianministry@richmonddioocese.org) or (804) 622-5262.

### Job Opportunities:

Roanoke Catholic School invites qualified and licensed school counselors to apply for an immediate opening in our regional PK-12 Catholic school within the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Qualified candidates will possess a Virginia Department of Education license in Guidance K-12 and may have additional endorsements on their active license.

A job description is available.

All resumes and letters of interest should be directed to [ppatterson@roanokecatholic.com](mailto:ppatterson@roanokecatholic.com) or mailed to: Director of Guidance and School Counseling Search Committee Patrick W. Patterson, Principal and Head of School Roanoke Catholic School 621 North Jefferson Street Roanoke, VA 24016

Roanoke Catholic School is accepting applications for a part time **Head Coach for Girls Middle School Soccer** for this upcoming spring 2018 season. Please contact Matt Peck at 540-293-3791 or [mpeck@roanokecatholic.com](mailto:mpeck@roanokecatholic.com) for more information or to apply for this position.

Roanoke Catholic School is accepting applications for a part time **Varsity Head Wrestling Coach** for the current (2017-2018) school year. Please contact Matt Peck at [540-293-3791](tel:540-293-3791) or [mpeck@roanokecatholic.com](mailto:mpeck@roanokecatholic.com) for more information or to apply for this position.

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; . . ." Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME) weekend with your spouse. The next weekends are: Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC and Mar 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-690-1369.

### ATTENTION...St. Andrew's Diocesan Cemetery Lot/Crypt/Niche Owners!

Beginning January 2018 **ALL** associated Cemetery costs will be going up to be competitive with the other for-profit cemeteries in the Roanoke area.

Also, Opening & Closing (O/C) charges can now be paid before January 2018 giving you peace of mind that your family will not

have any additional costs (other than the memorials) to pay at the time of your death, plus your O/C fee will not increase if paid before January. So please, call Mandy Tolano at (540) 595-7173 for more information & to make an appointment for your pre-planning needs. Your family will be grateful and you will have the satisfaction & peace of mind that your final wishes will be honored at our only Catholic cemetery in the Roanoke Valley.

## Español

**Vísperas de Adviento y Charlas:** Marque sus calendarios para las Vísperas del Domingo de Adviento. Estudiaremos Juan 3 en detalle. Todavía quedan dos domingos: el 10 y 17 de diciembre, a las 4:30 de la tarde en St. José en Martinsville.

### Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe:

Si quieren traer comida hay hojas en la sala común donde pueden apuntar su nombre y que plato van a traer para compartir después de Misa. Va haber una procesión empezando abajo a las 6:45 de la tarde. Caminarán por 15 minutos y entraran arriba para iniciar la Misa.

Lunes el 11 de diciembre: Misa en español a las 7 de la tarde en San Francisco de Asís

**Formación de fe para Adultos:** La primera clase para la formación de fe para adultos será viernes el 5 de enero a las 6:30 de la tarde en la sala común. La primera clase incluirá una orientación breve y después una presentación de video sobre San Francisco de Asís presentado por obispo Barron. La siguiente reunión sería miércoles el 17 de enero o Viernes el 19 de enero dependiendo de la preferencia de los participantes. En la primera clase no van a usar los libros recomendados pero si están interesados en tenerlos, los puedes comprar en: [pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org](http://pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org). Si tiene preguntas o preocupaciones, puede comunicarse con Tony Patriarco en 540-365-2899 o por correo electrónico en [apatricar@centurylink.net](mailto:apatricar@centurylink.net).

No habrá clases de la educación religiosa el 24 de diciembre ni el 31 para los días festivos.

**Posadas:** Diciembre es el mes de las posadas. El horario de las posadas es: 16 a las 5:30 p.m., 17 a las 5 p.m., 18-21 a las 6:30 p.m., 22 a las 7 p.m., 23 a las 5:30 p.m., y 24 a las 6 p.m. El arrollamiento del niño Jesús será después de la posada del 24. Esperamos verlos! La persona que va a llevar a cabo la posada del 19 de diciembre esta buscando gente que la acompañe. Si puedes ayudar habla con Esther Araiza después de misa.

### Papa Francisco Nombra el nuevo Obispo para la Diócesis de Richmond:

RICHMOND, VA— Con mucha alegría la Diócesis de Richmond anuncia que el Sagrado Padre Francisco nombro al mas reverendo, Barry C. Knestout, Obispo auxiliary de la Arquidiócesis de Washington, como el XIII Obispo de Richmond. La misa de instalacion sera celebrada el 12 de enero 2018 a las 2:00 de la tarde en la cathedral del Corazon Sagrado en Richmond, VA.

**Grupo de los jóvenes:** Jóvenes de grados 8-12, por favor vénganse los jueves, el 14 y el 21 de diciembre para diversión y para ayudarnos a completar del rosario para las intenciones de la parroquia.

**Jóvenes de grados 8-12 necesitan tener el dinero para registrarse para la Marcha por La Vida el 17 de diciembre** o antes para que Bernadette Lo puede entregar el 18 de diciembre. El costo incluye el transporte en autobús, el hotel, y comida y también su entrada al evento el jueves, el mitin el viernes, y la Marcha. Los formularios de registraci3n están en la mesa de los jóvenes en la sala común.

El dinero para registrarse para NYC también lo necesitan tener el 17 de diciembre o antes para recibir el descuento de \$50. El costo con el descuento es \$145 para un cuarto para 4 personas. Después del 20 de diciembre el costo se sube a \$195 (o hasta \$275 si no podemos llenar el cuarto con 4 jóvenes). El transporte en autobús patrocinado por la diócesis será