

## Readings and Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,  
13-14//2 Pt 3:8-14//Lk 3:4, 6//Mk 1:1-8

**8:00 a.m. Mass**  
**10:30 a.m. Mass**

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Gn 3:9-15, 20//Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4//Eph  
1:3-6, 11-12//Lk 1:28//Lk 1:26-38

**9:00 a.m. Mass**  
**7:00 p.m. Mass**

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Is 40:1-11//Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac,  
11-12, 13//Mt 18:12-14

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Is 40:25-31//Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10//  
Mt 11:28-30

**9:00 a.m. Mass**

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

Is 41:13-20//Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,  
12-13ab//Is 45:8//Mt 11:11-15

**9:00 a.m. Mass**

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

#### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17//Rv 11:19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab/  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19//Lk 1:26-38

**9:00 Mass**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

Is 48:1-4, 9-11//Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,  
18-19//Lk 3:4, 6//Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**5:30 p.m. Mass.....Jeannie Hodges**

### Returning our Treasure in Thanksgiving Financial Information thru the week of November 22nd & 23rd:

Weekly Need: .....\$11,350.00  
Weekly Actual: .....\$9,960.24  
Attendance: .....701  
2nd Collection  
(Campaign for  
Human Development): .....\$1,610.01

### Financial Information thru the week of November 27th & 28th:

Weekly Actual: .....\$10,297.81  
Attendance: .....621

Church Debt Loan Balance: \$753,427.00  
Property Loan Balance: .....\$475,661.01  
(as of 11/10/14)

## Blessed Among Us

Walter F. Sullivan

Bishop of Richmond, Virginia (1928-2012)

When, in 1974, Walter F. Sullivan became the eleventh bishop of Richmond, he spurned a formal dinner, instead hosting a cookout with hot dogs, to which all, including the homeless, were welcome. It was a telling start to his episcopal service of twenty-nine years. In the 1980's he acquired a national reputation for his outspoken opposition to the nuclear arms race. His stance provoked controversy, but it was in keeping with the character of Bishop Sullivan, who tried in every way he could to be a devoted pastor, especially for those who were poor and marginalized. The range of his ministries was truly staggering.

Early on, Sullivan became known for his commitment to prisoners, especially those on death row. In a similar way he instituted ministries to serve migrant workers, championed the poor of Appalachia, worked to overcome racial prejudice, reached out to gays and lesbians, and helped endow retirement homes for the elderly. He was a leader in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, and endeared himself to the Jewish population by erecting – at his own expense – a memorial to the Holocaust on the cathedral grounds.

Taking to heart the teachings of Vatican II, he promoted the role of laypeople and especially encouraged the leadership of women. Rumors about liturgical and doctrinal abuses reached Rome, leading in the 1980s to a formal investigation, which ended with no disciplinary action. Sullivan retired in 2003 and died on December 11, 2012.

*“The word Catholic means there’s room for everyone. We are united in our different cultures by our common faith.”—Bishop Walter F. Sullivan*



## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In Second Peter we are encouraged to live in anticipation of the Lord's return, conducting ourselves “in holiness and devotion”. God desires “that all should come to repentance” and so what seems like delay is an opportunity for us to reform our lives, a message echoed by the prophets of the Old Testament and John the Baptist.

Today's Gospel is unusual in that while it anticipates Jesus's presence, he is not yet present. John calls us to “prepare the way of the Lord”. As we wait, let us prepare by transforming our lives with the power of God's love, that we may welcome him when he comes.

*For Reflection: What can I do to help prepare the way of the Lord? Has there been a time in my life when I experienced God's patience with me before I repented? How can this insight help me in my relationship with others?*



## Family Rosary Night

Monday, December 8th  
@ 6:30pm

To celebrate the Feast of The Immaculate Conception  
Sponsored by the Moms' Group



### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Please plan to join us for the beautiful sacrament of Reconciliation. May our hearts be filled with the peace and joy that this sacrament can bring this Advent season.

**Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Mass @ 4:30 (children's program) & Midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
10:30 am  
**New Years Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
10:30am

## Children's Choir Rehearsal

For the Christmas Pageant  
December 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:15am  
in choir room  
All children 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
We will be singing on  
December 24<sup>th</sup>  
At the 4:30 Mass

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

<b>Dec 7th:</b>	<b>Adoration for Vocations 9:00</b>	<b>Dec 9th:</b>	<b>Bea's Quilt Group 9:00</b>
<b>Dec 8th:</b>	<b>Family Rosary 6:30</b>	<b>Dec 9th:</b>	<b>Men's Group 6:30</b>
<b>Dec 8th:</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>Dec 10th:</b>	<b>Women's Group 9:30</b>
	<b>Mass 9:00am &amp; 7:00pm</b>	<b>Dec 10th:</b>	<b>Youth Group 6:30</b>
<b>Dec 8th:</b>	<b>Boy Scouts 7:30</b>	<b>Dec 10th:</b>	<b>RCIA 7:00</b>
		<b>Dec 15th:</b>	<b>Advent Penance Service 7:00</b>



### A MANGER FOR BABY JESUS

Advent is a time for us to connect with God in prayer, and with others through helpfulness and kindness. The empty manger represents simple and humble hearts that are ready to welcome Jesus when he comes. Advent is the time to rid ourselves of distractions, self-centeredness and superficial longings and replace them with charity and loving expectation so that Jesus will find a cradle of love in our hearts in which to rest.

We would like to make our manger more welcoming for the baby Jesus. We ask that you offer up every good deed, every helping and kind act you perform, and every time of prayer that you give to Jesus this Advent season. As a symbol of your gift, place a small amount of straw in the manger in the church to symbolize your weekly gift to Jesus. Parents, please encourage your children of all ages to participate. The straw is next to the manger, simply put a few pieces in the manger before Mass. By Christmas, Jesus will find a comfortable manger made up of our charitable acts.

### Rachel's Corner

Many women suffer from the inability to forgive themselves after having an abortion. But you can find love, peace and forgiveness at a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. Call us, we want to help you forgive yourself. 817-923-4757

*Next retreat April 10*



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After each of the Masses on December 13th & 14th, Monsignor will have the Anointing of the sick sacrament. Those who are about to undergo surgery or those who will benefit from the reception of the sacrament are welcome. All participants should be baptized and of age of reason.

### Trim the Tree

We would like to invite all families to bring a special Christmas ornament to place on our Parish Christmas tree in the Narthex. *Let's trim the tree and make it beautiful.*

### COMMUNITY NEWS



### Catholic Daughters of America Education Scholarships

Application Deadline May 1, 2015  
High School, College, Graduate School  
Call Kay Fuhrman for information  
682-553-3162

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE CALLED TO SERVE:  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014**  
**5:30 PM**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS— PS—

#### LECTORS

MaryAnn Barnard Sheila Hill

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Bobby Zeilgler

#### USHERS

Monica Knesek Dave Knesek  
Wayne Mohr Rose Young

#### SOUND BOARD

Dave Vandercook

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014**  
**8:00 AM MASS**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS— PS—

#### LECTORS

Mary Atkinson Clay Melton

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Tim Clements

#### USHERS

Jeff Hensley Wayne Mohr  
Kandi Smith

#### SOUND BOARD

Robert Speer

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014**  
**10:30 AM MASS**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS— PS—

#### LECTORS

Michael Harding Mark Williams

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Arturo Sandoval Maureen Munson  
Maria Sandoval

#### USHERS

Rocco Rotundo Tom Edmonston  
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### HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in the prayer intention book and those listed below.  
**Remember in Prayer - Recuerde en Oración**  
Marsha Stillman, Joe DiMartino, Blaine Blaire, Doris Eggemeyer, Evan Brown, Brenda Scallan, James Sabin, and Marlene Walker+