

WHAT DO CATHOLICS CELEBRATE IN APRIL?

The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit. To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son: "with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified."

The Holy Spirit is the Person of Love in the life of God. He is also like a breath, an aspiration of infinite Love, from which we draw the breath of life.

On the day of Pentecost the Divine Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the whole Church that to symbolize it "there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they (the Apostles) were sitting."

But it is also for us that the Holy Spirit has come, for the group in the Cenacle represented the whole Church. The Holy Spirit came to remain with the Church forever. This is the promise of Jesus Himself. He dwells in the Church permanently and unfailingly, performing in it without ceasing His action of life-giving and sanctification. He establishes the Church infallibly in the truth. It is He Who makes the Church blossom forth with a marvelous supernatural fruitfulness, for He brings to life and full fruition in Virgins, Martyrs, and Confessors those heroic virtues which are one of the marks of true sanctity.

How often would you pray the Holy Spirit for guidance, help and support to discern God's will in your life? The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church that brings life to all believers to proclaim God's love, unity and peace to one another.

Our world and society is so complex and challenging for the most part, but the presence of the Holy Spirit would teach us how to be human and Christians and transform our lives according to his will.

Let pray for one another and our world that we would be more docile to the Holy Spirit to do what it is right and just. As we pray: Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

¿QUÉ CELEBRAN LOS CATÓLICOS EN ABRIL?

El mes de abril está dedicado al Espíritu Santo. Creer en el Espíritu Santo es profesar que el Espíritu Santo es una de las personas de la Santísima Trinidad, consustancial al Padre y al Hijo: "con el Padre y el Hijo es adorado y glorificado".

El Espíritu Santo es la Persona del Amor en la vida de Dios. También es como un soplo, una aspiración de Amor infinito, del que extraemos el soplo de vida.

En el día de Pentecostés, el Espíritu Divino comunicó tal abundancia de vida a toda la Iglesia que para simbolizarlo "vino un estruendo del cielo, como el de un viento violento, que llenó toda la casa donde ellos (los Apóstoles) estaban". sentado."

Pero también es para nosotros que ha venido el Espíritu Santo, porque el grupo en el Cenáculo representaba a toda la Iglesia. El Espíritu Santo vino a permanecer con la Iglesia para siempre. Esta es la promesa de Jesús mismo. Él habita en la Iglesia de manera permanente e infalible, actuando en ella sin cesar su acción de dar vida y santificación. Establece la Iglesia infaliblemente en la verdad. Él es Quien hace que la Iglesia florezca con una maravillosa fecundidad sobrenatural, porque Él da vida y plenitud en Vírgenes, Mártires y Confesores esas virtudes heroicas que son una de las marcas de la verdadera santidad.

¿Con qué frecuencia oraría al Espíritu Santo pidiendo guía, ayuda y apoyo para discernir la voluntad de Dios en su vida? El Espíritu Santo es el alma de la Iglesia que da vida a todos los creyentes para proclamar el amor, la unidad y la paz de Dios los unos a los otros.

Nuestro mundo y nuestra sociedad son muy complejos y desafiantes en su mayor parte, pero la presencia del Espíritu Santo nos enseñaría cómo ser humanos y cristianos y transformar nuestras vidas de acuerdo con su voluntad.

Oremos unos por otros y por nuestro mundo para que seamos más dóciles al Espíritu Santo para hacer lo que es correcto y justo. Mientras oramos: Respira en mí, Espíritu Santo, para que todos mis pensamientos sean santos. Muévete en mí, Espíritu Santo, para que también mi obra sea santa. Atrae mi corazón, Espíritu Santo, para que ame solo lo santo. Fortaleceme, Espíritu Santo, para que defienda todo lo santo. Protégeme, Espíritu Santo, para que sea siempre santo.

EVENTS / HANDOUTS / FUNDRAISER POLICY

If you would like to post or donate, flyers, pamphlets, books, magazines, or other materials, please bring them to the church office.

DO NOT put items on the bulletin board or tables. Items needs to be approved and posted by office staff.

Activities held on church property must be preapproved by the appropriate committee and Fr. Mark. Please come to the church office during the week for an activities form.



SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS:

Baptism: Call parish office to register for preparation classes. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend.

Bautismo: Llenar el formulario, después padres y padrinos asistir a dos pláticas de preparación. Ver a Eduardo Guerrero Miércoles y Viernes de 6:30 a 8:30 pm en la oficina.

Reconciliation: Tuesday/Wednesday at 1 pm and Wednesday 6:00-7:00 PM or by appointment.

Confesión: Martes/Miércoles a la 1 pm y Miércoles de 6:00 a 7:00 pm o llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita.

Marriage: Call or email for an appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding.

Matrimonio: Llamar o mandar un correo electrónico por lo menos 6 meses antes de las fecha de la boda, ver a Eduardo Guerrero.

Ministry with the Elderly: Homebound parishioners who would like to receive communion at their home, contact the parish office.

Religious education and Youth Ministry: Call Sandra Ruiz at (276) 638-4779 Monday –Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Religion Education: Adults (RCIA) we will resume at Monday, October 19 at 6 ppm in St. Joseph's library. More information call Jim Reaghard at (276)638-1427

Ministerio con los ancianos: Feligreses que no pueden salir y quisieran recibir la comunión en sus casas, llamar a Jesus Sánchez al (276) 806-5065.

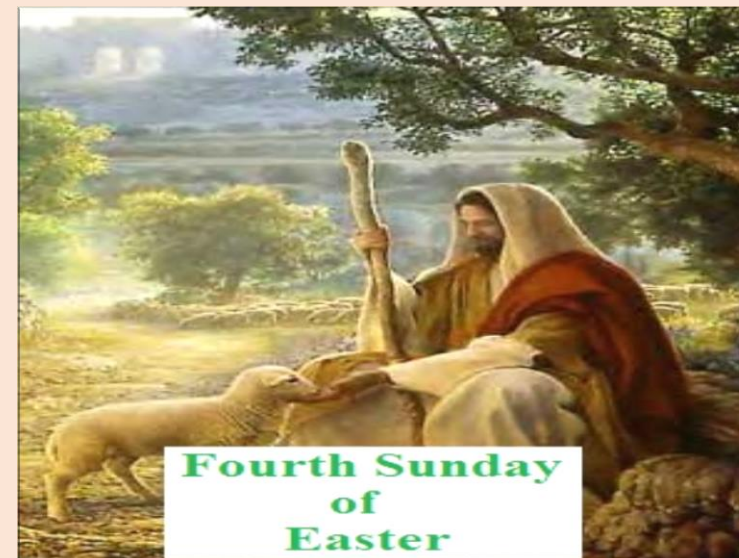


ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Mission Statement: To foster and deepen faith in the Holy Trinity through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Word of God & to be active disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in our community and throughout the world.

Declaración de la misión parroquial: Queremos fomentar y profundizar la fe en la Santísima Trinidad a través de la celebración de la Eucaristía y la Palabra de Dios y ser discípulos activos de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo, en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo.

APRIL 25, 2021 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~



I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead... and there will be one flock, one shepherd. JOHN 10:16.

PARISH OFFICES: (CLUSTER)

St. Joseph, Martinsville

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Office Hours / Hora de Oficina:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

St. Francis of Assisi, Rocky Mount

15 Glennwood Dr, Rocky Mount, VA. Phone: (540) 483-9591.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Jim Grandinetti –Chair; Suzanne Steele- 1st Vice Chair; Irma Harrison -2nd vice Chair; John Korff, Alicia Lantz, Larry Wylie. Eduardo Guerrero, Sandra Ruiz (staff).

Finance Council Members:

Steve Ogilbee - Chair, Ethan Dobbins - Secretary, Ben Bailey, Sandra Ruiz, Cora Harris Pat Prillaman (staff).

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OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY- FRIDAY 9:00AM – 4:00PM

ST. Joseph's Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am English

Sunday 1:00 pm Spanish

Tuesday 12:00 Noon

Wednesday 12:00 Noon

Confessions

Tuesday/Wednesday 12:30pm-1:30pm

Wednesday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Adoration

Tuesday/Wednesday 12:30 pm- 1:30pm

Wednesday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Please remember, all those over the age of 5 must wear a face mask.

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FATHER CARLOS' CORE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's Gospel presents to us the image of Jesus Christ as a Good Shepherd. He has always appealed to human nature. "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them". This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. We do not mind being likened to sheep in this context. There is something guileless about a sheep, and at the same time a lot of foolishness. Does not this describe the vast majority of men, even many of those who openly oppose Christ? Is there not something very sheeplike about the man who, because God gave him a limited intellect, thinks he knows all things and needs no further help from God? The sheep who thinks it knows as much, and even more, than the shepherd and sets out to fend for itself, is no more foolish than the man who thinks he can do without God's revelation and God's Church.

We have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose patience and love are infinite. He is always ready to go after us when we stray too far; his voice is constantly reaching out to us in missions, retreats, sicknesses, crosses and other various ways.

This is an opportunity he gives us to show how we appreciate all he has done for us. He died on the cross for all men. He wills all men to profit by his death, and his statement "them also I must bring" is a direct appeal to us to cooperate with him in this work.

How the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd would help you to hear his voice and follow his footsteps?

How many times have we already felt his loving grace calling and helping us back to the safety of his fold?

Let's pray for our community and families that the Good Shepherd guides and protects us. Almighty ever living God, led us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Readings for the week of April 25:

Monday: Acts 11:1-18, 42:2-3; 43:3, 4, Jn 10:1-10,
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26, 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a, 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8, Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25, 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27, Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33, 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab, Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52, 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Jn 14:7-14
Or visit daily readings at www.usccb.org



Sunday, April 25: Penny Mask+
Tuesday, April 27: Bill Barbour+
Wednesday, April 28: Finney Edelen +
+ Indicated the Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of the person(s) listed.



Carolyn Eanes, Mike Kelly, Ann White, Lewis Drane, Teresa Biggs, Ricky East, Mark Szulecki, Rita M. Brozowski, Theresa McGarry and Jim Reaghard.

(To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office. Para quitar o poner una peticion, por favor llamar a la oficina de la iglesia)
Unless otherwise requested, names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks. If you would like to add a name to the prayer network phone chain, please call Betty Gillispie or Ann Gunter.

Sick, homebound, hospitalized? / ¿Enfermo, Confinado en casa u hospitalizado?

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive Communion or anointing of the sick, please call the office. Outside of office hours, please call Barbara Kurtz (276) 647-1906
Si usted o alguien que usted conoce quisiera recibir los Sacramentos, por favor llamar a la oficina de la Iglesia. Si llama fuera del horario de oficina por favor llama Jesus Sánchez al (276) 806-5065.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please call the church office or fill out a Mass intention envelope completely and place it in the offertory basket. **Make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church.** Specific dates may not be available. Please include a contact number to arrange an alternate date if necessary.
Si usted quiere ofrecer una misa a un ser querido por favor lléne el sobre correspondiente para la intención y deposítelo en la canasta de la colecta. Haga el cheque a nombre St. Joseph Catholic Church. Quizas algunas fechas no esten disponibles incluya su número de teléfono para ofrecerle opciones.



CCC Updates for Social Ministers

Please scroll below for a list of resources to assist parishes and faith communities in promoting COVID vaccines. You may be aware that [Catholic Charities USA is part of a new group of 31 Catholic organizations which is encouraging reception of COVID-19 vaccines](#) as an act of charity and solidarity with others. On March 31, [CCUSA President and CEO Sister Donna Markham, OP, was one of eight faith leaders who met with Vice President Kamala Harris](#) to discuss ideas for how to encourage Americans go get vaccinated.

If you have any questions about the resources listed below, please contact [Loraine Bell](#), RN, JD, MPH, Chief Officer, Population Health at Catholic Charities USA.

CDC's Community-Based Organizations COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit CDC has designed this toolkit to help community-based organizations (CBOs) share clear and accurate information to educate community members about COVID-19 vaccines, raise awareness about the benefits of vaccination, and address common questions and concerns. Available in [Spanish](#) and other languages, they include:

- [How to Promote Vaccination in your Community](#)
- [Materials for Communicating with Your Community Members](#)
- [Digital and Print Communication Resources](#) (Fact Sheets, Infographics, Fotonovelas)
- [Printable Stickers](#) and [Social Media](#)

The [Get Vaccinated! Black Faith Community Toolkit](#), created by the [Skinner Leadership Institute](#) in collaboration with the National African American Clergy Network. A key feature in this toolkit is a step-by-step guide for houses of worship to becoming trusted immunization sites (see page 7).

Getting Involved with Vaccine Efforts. If your community is interested in supporting vaccine programs, use the CDC's [locator](#) to determine local vaccine efforts and contact your [state or local health department](#).

The Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) has now published their flyer: [How Can Faith Leaders Help End the COVID-19 Pandemic? Support the COVID-19 vaccination effort.](#) This newly released two-page flyer covers building vaccine confidence among your congregation and includes key resources for supporting vaccine access in your house of worship.

AIM has also created 4 part webinar series and material to promote vaccine confidence. You can view the webinar recording on AIM's website at <https://www.immunizationmanagers.org/page/vaccineconfidencewebinar>.

Other resources from the CDC:

- [A Guide for Community Partners: Increasing COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake Among Members of Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Equity: Best Practices for Community and Faith-Based Organizations](#)

Resources from the CDC's National Forum on COVID-19:

- [Equitable Vaccine Implementation: Reaching People Where They Are](#)
- [Engaging Community-Based Organizations to be Vaccination Partners](#)
- [Increasing Vaccine Confidence Through Communication and Community Engagement](#)

Collections/ Colectas: 04/18/2021

Budget Amt. / Cantidad de presupuesto \$ 4,129.00
Collection/ Colecta: 2,745.00
- \$ 1,384.00

Amazon Smile \$ 11.75

Please support your parish using online. All proceeds from the donation page listed below will go directly to the parish of your choice. Please make sure to select the Saint Joseph – Martinsville 572. Thank you for your support. <http://offertory.richmonddiocese.org/>
You may also mail your contribution to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity, especially during these difficult times.

The Second collection for May 02, 2021 will be **for Pandemic Fund.** La Segunda colecta para el 02 de Mayo del 2021 sera para el **Fondo establecido para esta Pandemia y ayudar con los gastos.**

The first collection is for payment of St. Joseph's daily expenses which include office supplies, salaries, sacramental materials, etc. **If absent, please make up your contribution.**
La primera colecta se utiliza para para el pago de los gastos diarios de San José. **Si estuvo ausente por favor, haga su donación.**
Thank you for your generous support of our parish

Reminder! Grocery shopping can earn money for our parish! Register your Kroger card and/or purchase a Food Lion gift card! See the back cover for details.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Disclaimer: Due to COVID-19, Mass is being live streamed for use on various Diocesan digital media accounts of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, including, but not limited to, the websites of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and The Catholic Virginian, and social media platforms of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Photography and/or screenshot images from the livestream may be used for The Catholic Virginian print edition. If you do not wish to be captured by live streaming, please refrain from attending that particular Mass time. For more information visit our website page.

St Joseph will be covering the lenses of the camera when the people step up to take the communion as a respect to privacy.
Please remember when you come to the church you will be screened and must **be wearing a mask** all those over the age of 5
More information about guidelines for reopening visit https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/20349/documents/2020/7/Return-to-Mass-Guidelines-July-10-2020-FINAL_page1-1.pdf



VIRGIN MARY CORONATION

May 2th, during each Mass
Due to COVID restrictions, this year of Mary's Coronation will be held inside the church during each Mass so everyone can be present.