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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



### Mission Statement

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception is the only African-American Basilica in the United States and the cornerstone of Catholicism in Tidewater. Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, regardless of race, language or culture. Nourished by the Eucharist, we seek to accomplish this by drawing on our rich African-American heritage of Spirit-filled worship, Christ-centered service, and fellowship that recalls our common Father. This is our call. This is our mission.



### Fr. James Curran, Rector

#### Mass Times

##### Saturday Vigil

5:00pm

##### Sunday

9:00am

12:00 Noon

##### Daily Mass

12:10pm Tuesday-Friday

##### Holy Days

12noon, 7:00pm

##### Confession

Saturday at 4:15pm

All other times are by appointment only.

Please call (757) 876-0554 or email [fjrimcurran@gmail.com](mailto:fjrimcurran@gmail.com)

**WEEKLY READINGS –September 2-8, 2024**

**Monday (Gr):** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday (Wh): Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday (Gr):** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday (Gr, Wh): Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin (USA)**  
1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday (Gr):** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday (Gr, Wh):** 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday (Gr): Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146: 7-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



**PASTORAL CARE**

Send a card, make a call, visit and always pray for our suffering brothers and sisters in the faith. Contact the Church Office at 757-622-4487 to place names on the Prayer List. For the Sick or Homebound, we ask that you call us when the circumstance changes. If you or someone would like to receive Holy Communion, please notify the Pastoral Care Team: Tom Bomar 757-461-1053 or 757-692-8347- or Cindy Williams 757-849-9298

**Sick or Homebound Parishioners/Friends:**

Sylvia Anderson, Jacqueline Banks, Mildred Banks, Phyllis Bickham, Joan Borden, Lorna Bouldin, Naomi Grace Bowen, Diane Boyce, Eric Brown, Harriette Brown, JaNae Brown, Lois Brown, Clifton Cabarras, Charles Cabarras, Jeanette Carr, William "Bill" Carr, Ernest Charbonnet, Leon Carrington, Jr., Janice Charity, Colleen Crawford, Dhanita Crumbly, Margaret Cuffee, Marty Curran, Amir Dobbins, Tom Dunleavy, Ed Edwards, Arnell Elliott, Leola Etheridge, Steve Hitchman, Clarence Holmes, Ernest Humphries, Morris Jones, Thomas Lacey, Daisy Lee, Oveeta Malone, Sarah Milburn, Emily Mills, Karl Moore, Linda Odell, Ben Patterson, Barbara Sears, Clarence "Juicy" Smith, Mary Staten, Viola Stevens, Elva Stukes, Andre Thorogood, Blessing Washington, Dorothy Wattley, Joan Williams, Jessie Smaw-Winfield

**Remember our Military Members**

Lord, your Word says that whoever goes to you for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty can say to you, "You are my defender and protector, you are my God; in you I trust." May our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters and friends in the military, and all our troops turn to you and find rest in the



**PRAYER GROUP**

The Prayer Group would like to invite you to join them in prayer and scripture reading every Tuesday evening from 6-8pm. Since COVID we have been meeting via telephone. **Our Prayer Line number is 763-296-7286.** After you dial this number, you will be asked to enter the Access Code: 751452#. Do not forget to add the # at the end. We look forward to praying with you and for you, and we welcome you to join us. If you have any questions, call Sandra Jarvis at 757-589-3797.

**My morning prayer's quite simple, Lord:**

I offer you my day, the day that lies ahead of me, the day you made and gave me, the only day I have... I offer you this day, Lord, whatever it may be and whatever it becomes... I offer you this day, wherever it begins, wherever I may spend it, wherever it may take me, wherever it may leave me... however it may end... I offer you this day, Lord: make of it and make of me an offering of glory, praise and joyful gratitude... Amen.

- Concord Pastor

**THIS WEEK AT THE BASILICA**

**Monday, September 2 – Labor Day**  
OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, September 3**

10:00am Staff Meeting  
11:00am Rosary  
12:10pm Daily Mass  
Soup Kitchen – Closed

**Wednesday, September 4**

9:30am-11:30am Food Pantry  
12:10pm Daily Mass  
12:15-1:30pm Soup Kitchen

**Thursday, September 5**

12:10pm Daily Mass  
12:15-1:30pm Soup Kitchen

**Friday, September 6**

12:10pm Daily Mass  
12:15-1:30pm Soup Kitchen

**Saturday, September 7**

No Food Pantry (Grab & Go)  
12:00pm Charette-Parish Hall  
4:15pm Confession  
5:00pm Mass

**Sunday, September 8 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

9:00am Mass/KPC Turnout  
10:30am Marriage Mtg.  
12:00pm Mass  
12-2:30pm Bishop's Circle Mass  
Attendance & Tour

**Please include in your prayers those who have gone before us...**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord; let your perpetual light shine upon them forever.



**COLLECTION UPDATE . . .**

**8/26/24**

**Amt. Needed:** 17,535.58

**Amt. Collected:** 19,465.67

**1,930.09**







HIS WORDS.  
YOUR JOURNEY.  
**TOGETHER.**

"Once more, Jesus extends a pressing invitation to us today to go to Him, to pass through the door of a full, reconciled and happy life. He awaits each one of us, no matter what sins we have committed, to embrace us, to offer us his forgiveness. He alone can transform our hearts, He alone can give full meaning to our existence, giving us true joy. By entering Jesus' door, the door of faith and of the Gospel, we can leave behind worldly attitudes, bad habits, selfishness and narrow-mindedness. When we encounter the love and mercy of God, there is authentic change."

Pope Francis

## VOTING: A SACRED RIGHT

**Wednesday  
SEPT 4**

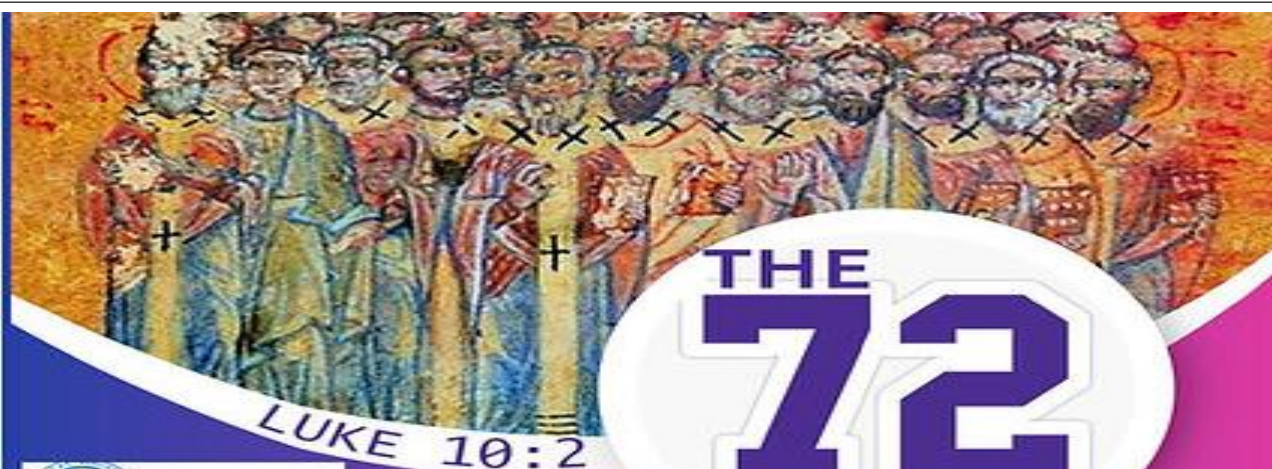
**7:00 to 8:30 p.m**

 **via Zoom**

To register,  
visit or scan  
[www.vcrj.net](http://www.vcrj.net)



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LUKE 10:2



### *Fr. Chester P. Smith* **NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

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booklet and registration packet.

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Thursday  
October 10th  
through  
Sunday October 13

Registration  
opens April 1st

#### LOCATION

Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at  
Camden Yards  
110 South Eutaw Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

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CUT OFF DATE: SEPT 13, 2024

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*You are cordially invited*  
**St. Mary's Academy  
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 2nd Annual  
 School Reunion Brunch**

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 ❖ fellowship  
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 ❖ memories  
 ❖ friendships rekindled  
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**✓ Who: All Students, All Years**  
**✓ When: Saturday, October 12, 2024**  
**✓ Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (check-in: 9:30)**  
**✓ Where: Brothers Restaurant**  
**300 Monticello Avenue**  
**Norfolk, Virginia 23510**

\*\*Please be advised a contracted photographer will be taking photographs at the Brunch. By attending this event, you consent to the Reunion Committee photographing and using your image and likeness.\*\*

View and download 2023 Reunion Pictures

**Hosted by:**  
**St. Mary's Academy**  
**Class of 1969**

**\*\*RSVP: senghor@earthlink.net by Sep 27\*\***



### Capital Campaign - God is so Good!

To date we have raised **\$397,000 in pledges and gifts**. Once we have raised \$1 million dollars in pledges and gifts, we will receive a matching gift of \$1 million. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the future of our parish.

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## FAMILY & FRIENDS WEEKEND 2024

FRIDAY - SUNDAY  
9/13/24 - 9/15/24

**Friday, 6-9 PM - Faith & Family Fun Night**

**Saturday, 8 AM - 2 PM - Community Clean Up & Basilica Flea Market (Vendor Spaces available)**

**Sunday, 10:30 11:45 AM - Stoking the Fire**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
 CERICE WHITE - 757-289-1441  
 ASHLEY DIXON - 757-773-4598  
 STEPHANIE SMITH - 757-214-3478

### Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Court of the Holy Spirit #2145

**are hosting a Diaper Drive to help support local branches of Catholic Charities. How can I help?**

Pampers of all sizes and wipes are being collected. Donations can be dropped off at the church's kitchen to Ms. Ercelle Drayton or Judy Watford, Monday - Friday from 10-3PM.

Please contact Virginia Stanislaus at 757-646-3793 or Sally Hamill at 757-855-3203 with any questions or concerns.

**The women of CDA thank you for your support!**

**Please join the women of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for our monthly meeting.**

WHEN: First Sunday of each month

WHERE: 1st floor of the Pastoral Center (Old Miller Building)  
1000 East City Hall Ave - Norfolk, VA 23504

TIME: 10:45AM, Following the 9AM mass

QUESTIONS: Please contact Cindy Williams at 757-849-9298

### Social Justice Ministry



**Coming in September-  
Voter Registration Drive!**



### Small Faith Sharing Group

**The Small Faith Sharing Group** is a very active ministry and would love to have more people to join them.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call **Sissie Brown at (757) 692-8911**.

### 6 Directions St. Kateri Circle of VA



Our 6 Directions St. Kateri Circle of VA will meet on **Sunday, Sept. 29th @ 11 am in the Pastoral Center.**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We as members of the 6 Directions St. Kateri Circle of VA are inspired to follow St. Kateri Tekakwitha's example and reaffirm our faith as followers of Jesus. We are Catholic Native Americans who welcome ALL people. We pray for the continued intercessions of St. Kateri Tekakwitha to share our faith and our culture to promote peace, kindness and harmony among not just Indigenous people but all peoples.

**PLEASE JOIN US.**



## Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:30am – 5:30pm

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### Soup Kitchen is open:

Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Friday 12:15-1:30pm

### Food Pantry is open:

Mon., Wed. 9:30am-11:30am

Saturdays 12:30-2:30pm

### USDA Distribution

Mondays: 9:30-11:30am

### All Correspondence to the Church

should be sent to:

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### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you someone or know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic Church? Would you like to journey with this faith community as we encounter Christ in our faith and life journey. The RCIA is a process that prepares inquirers for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We welcome you with your questions, your insights, and your faith story. For more information, please contact: **Colleen and Randy Kersey at [colleenkersey@gmail.com](mailto:colleenkersey@gmail.com)**

### Sacrament of Marriage

A couple seeking marriage must approach the pastor at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding. Marriage preparation gives the Church and the couple adequate time to properly prepare for the sacrament. For Marriage Preparation and scheduling your wedding, please contact the church office at (757) 622-4487.

### Infant Baptism

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me," Luke 8:15. Parents wishing to have children under 7 years of age baptized must first attend a baptism preparation class. For more information contact Barbara Wright at (757) 622-4487 or [bwright@bsmic.org](mailto:bwright@bsmic.org)

To schedule a ministry meeting or an event at the Basilica, please call the Office at (757) 622-4487.



### OUR PARISH, YOUR VOICE

The parish council would like the opportunity to answer your questions, concerns, and issues with the church.

Email: [ppc@bsmic.org](mailto:ppc@bsmic.org)

time to  
UPDATE

### UPDATE YOUR STATUS

Moving in? Moving away? Changed your contact information?

Recently were married? Had a baby?

Please contact us to let us know of any changes. [office@bsmic.org](mailto:office@bsmic.org)



"One of the lessons that I grew up with was to always stay true to yourself and never let what somebody else says distract you from your goals. And so when I hear about negative and false attacks, I really don't invest any energy in them, because I know who I am."

-Michelle Obama



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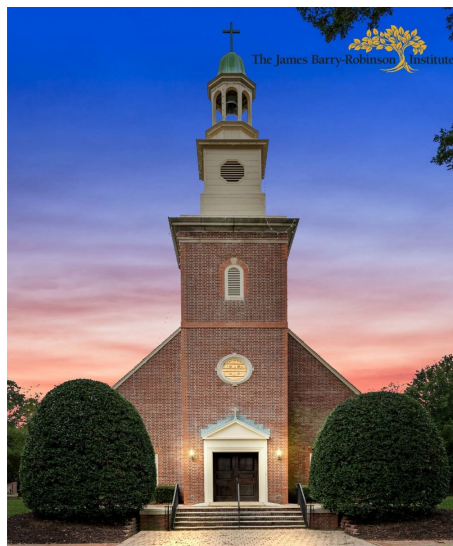
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