

Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday.  
*Gaudete* meaning **rejoice** in Latin.



**Weekday Scripture Readings**

Mon., Dec. 18	Jeremiah 23:5-8;	Matthew 1:18-25
Tue., Dec. 19	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a;	Luke 1:5-25
Wed., Dec. 20	Isaiah 7:10-14;	Luke 1:26-38
Thur., Dec. 21	Song of Songs 2:8-14;	Luke 1:39-45
Fri., Dec. 22	1 Samuel 1:24-28;	Luke 1:46-56

**Scripture for Fourth Sunday of Advent**

(Vigil Mass: **Sat., Dec. 23 at 5:30 p.m.**)

**2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**

The kingdom of David shall endure forever before the Lord.

**Romans 16:25-27**

The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.

**Luke 1:26-38**

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

**Scripture Readings for Christmas Holy Day**

Christmas Eve (*Sunday, Dec. 24*)

**5 p.m. Mass:** Is. 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt. 1:18-25

**8 p.m. Mass:** Is. 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt. 1:1-25

**12 Midnight:** Isaiah 9:1-6, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

Christmas Day (*Mon., Dec. 25*) **10 a.m.**/English, **1p.m.**/Spanish:  
Isaiah 62:11-12, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:15-20

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at our altar this weekend are given by Jim & Maureen Tilley, in loving memory of Maureen's mother, *Anne Marie Sullivan*.



If you would like to make a donation in memory of, or in honor of someone, please notify the parish office NLT **4 p.m. next Sunday**, Dec. 17. These will be listed in next weekend's bulletin.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** for our Dec. 24 bulletin is **Sunday, Dec. 17 by 4 p.m.**

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**  
**Tuesday, December 19th—7 p.m.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** This Tuesday, Dec. 19, 9:15am-4pm. Please join us for an hour of prayer and for Benediction at **4 p.m.**

No Confessions at 5 p.m. this Tuesday, due to our **Advent Reconciliation Service at 7 p.m.** this Tuesday (Dec. 19). Several Priests will be here for individual confessions at the Penance Service. Prepare your hearts for the coming of the child Jesus!

**4th Sunday of Advent**

We will have **ONE MASS ONLY for the 4th Sunday of Advent**—the Vigil Mass—on **Saturday, Dec. 23 at 5:30 p.m.** This Mass will be celebrated across the street at **Central Presbyterian**. (*We need the larger space to accommodate the number of seats needed since we will only have the one liturgy for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Originally planned for the gym, but our neighbors have graciously offered use of their sanctuary.*) Parking available behind their sanctuary, in the lot across Sutherland Street, on Euclid Ave., and in all our parking lots for this Mass. CATHOLICS do need to attend Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent **AND** also for Christmas Holy Day. We will not have Masses here on Sunday morning, Dec. 24. If you cannot attend the Vigil Mass on Saturday, Sunday Dec. 24 Masses for the 4th Sunday/Advent will be celebrated at St. Dominic/K'port at 8a, 9:30a (& in Spanish at 12:30p) and St. Mary/J.City at 8a, 10a (& in Spanish at 12n. (CTK/Abingdon will **NOT** have a Sunday morning Mass Dec. 24.)

**CHRISTMAS HOLY DAY**



**Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24:**

**Masses: 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 12 Midnight**

Music begins 30 minutes prior to the Mass time.

Nursery available at the 5 p.m. & 8 p.m.

INCENSE used at the 8 p.m. & Midnight Masses.

(*Note: the 5 p.m. will be very crowded and overflow seating will be in the commons area.*)

**Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25:**

**Masses: 10 a.m. (& Spanish at 1 p.m.)**

Incense will be used at these two Masses

### Prayers Requested

We ask your prayers for *Ruth Taylor*, the mother of Donna Logsdon, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Donna at 102 Dawn Place, Bristol, VA 24201.

### Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

- **Dec. 17—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
  - “Why do I have to go to Mass”
- **Dec. 24—NO SHYM**
  - Merry Christmas!
- **Dec. 31—NO SHYM**
  - Happy New Year!
- **Jan. 7—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
  - Epiphany Party!

### Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) February 9-11, 2018

Diocesan Youth Conference weekend is held each year to gather high school youth (Gr. 9-12) from all 145 parishes in our diocese. DYC is an energetic, engaging, and awesome opportunity for teens to gather as a larger Church community to celebrate the richness of our Catholic faith.

**Early Bird Deadline: December 19!**

**Cost: \$100 (includes travel, lodging, meals)**

Email [silvie133@yahoo.com](mailto:silvie133@yahoo.com) or call 276-494-5705

**Evangelization Committee members** are reminded of our regularly scheduled planning meeting this **Wed., December 20 at 3 p.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome and appreciated!

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., Dec. 20**, in the Greatroom **6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room. Stop by the Greatroom for opening prayer at **6:30pm.**
- **Children’s RCIA** will gather in the hallway by the Greatroom at **6:30pm** before going to class.

For more information about the RCIA, contact Sydney Farnum at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**BINGO “Break”** — To give our dedicated Bingo Volunteers a bit of a Christmas “break” - There will NOT be Bingo from Dec. 23 thru Dec. 30.

## CHOIR PRACTICE

*St. Anne’s Choir* will rehearse this Monday and Wednesday, Dec. 18 & 20, at 6:30 p.m.

*Special Children’s Christmas Choir*—one final rehearsal before Christmas Eve — this Wed., Dec. 20 at 3:20 p.m.

### *Vietnamese Speaking Sponsor Needed!*

If you speak Vietnamese, please consider being a sponsor for a woman in RCIA who speaks Vietnamese. She is a baptized Catholic and needs a sponsor for her confirmation. The time commitment will be several catechetical sessions on a Sunday afternoon and standing with her at her confirmation later this spring. If interested, please contact Sydney at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** St. Anne’s Friendship Club will meet this **Thurs., Dec. 21 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant (Exit 7). Call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by this Tuesday Dec. 19 to reserve your spot for lunch.

**NO Religious Education classes next Sunday, December 24 or the following Sunday, Dec. 31. Sunday morning adult religious education for all ages resumes January 7.**

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

Seating for the 2 p.m. Jan. 12 Installation of Bishop Barry Knestout as the Bishop of Richmond at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be very limited... the faithful are encouraged to enter a drawing for admission tickets online at <http://richmonddiocese.org/installation-mass-details/> Parishioners, students, and educators need to enter the lottery drawing NLT Dec. 29. The drawing will be held in early January with 2 tickets awarded to each selected registrant. Those selected will have 48 hours to respond before the tickets are released to alternatives. Tickets are not transferrable and may not be sold.



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 16** (*Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent*)  
5:30 p.m. †Regina C. Finan

**Sunday, December 17** (*3rd Sunday of Advent—Gaudete*)  
8:30 a.m. †Carl Shumate  
11:30 a.m. †Diane Blackburn  
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

**Tuesday, December 19**  
8:30 a.m. Special Intention

**Wednesday, December 20**  
8:30 a.m. †Pauline Steele and †John “Jack” Mullin

**Thursday, December 21**  
6:00 p.m. All Souls

**Friday, December 22**  
7:30 a.m. †Tonette Davidson

**Saturday, December 23** (*Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent*)  
5:30 p.m. †Vito Cericola (*Mass at Central Presbyt.*)  
(No Sunday morning Masses on Dec. 24)

**Sunday, December 24** (*Christmas Eve—Holy Day Masses*)  
5:00 p.m. †Neal Jewell  
8:00 p.m. †John Pete & †Betty Hagerman  
12Midnight †Bridget Seerblom

**Monday, December 25** (*Christmas Day/Holy Day Masses*)  
10:00 a.m. Spec. Int.: Military & their families  
2:00 p.m. St. Anne's parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

### COLLECTION REPORT (Dec. 9/10)

Regular/Operating	\$11,355.00
Social Ministry 2nd Collection	\$ 3,543.00
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	\$ 2,686.10
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 152.00

**SECOND COLLECTION for Commonwealth Catholic Charities** will be taken up at all of our Christmas Holy Day Masses (Dec. 24/25). The 2nd Collection will be taken up immediately following the Christmas Holy Day collection at the Offertory/Preparation of the Gifts.

**Financial Peace University** (*Dave Ramsey course*)  
Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 9-week biblically based program on money management. You will learn how to get out of debt, build wealth for your retirement, and give generously. On average, families save \$2300 and pay \$5700 in debt in just the first 90 days. The class will begin on January 22, 2018. For more information, please contact parishioner Mark Donlon at [donlonknoxville@aol.com](mailto:donlonknoxville@aol.com), or 423-335-1001.

### This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

#### Sunday, Dec. 17:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education, 9:45am -11:00am** in the greatroom. “*Eucharist-Discovering the Mass in the Bible*” by Brant Pitre. **Session Five-Part 1-Miracles of the Tabernacle: *The Bread of the Presence***

#### Monday, Dec. 18:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. ***True Reformers: Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Soldier for Christ***

#### Tuesday, Dec. 19:

- **Book Club—Jesus of Nazareth, the Infancy Narratives by Pope Benedict XVI, 10:30am-11:30am** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. ***Mary, Queen of Heaven-The Annunciation: the day creation held its breath.***

#### Wednesday, Dec. 20:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, “Letters from Prison” 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **RCIA at 6:30 p.m.** in the Greatroom.

For more information about any of the above programs, email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

### *Lighthouse Catholic Media*

**CD of the week: “A Journey Through Advent-Liturgical Cycle B”** Get the most out of Advent and Christmas by following along with Fr. Robert Barron’s homilies as he unpacks the profound Scripture readings of Advent and Christmas. Find this CD and many others at the CD display on the table in the commons. A \$3 donation per CD enables us to restock with new titles. Thank you!

# THANKS

### Thank you FOOD CITY Shoppers!

Last year you helped our school raise \$3,648 by shopping at Food City. There is still time to participate in this great fundraiser for this school year. Registration for the 2017-18 school year closes at the end of December. Please re-link your card to our school at the cash register or by going to: [https://www.foodcity.com/community/school\\_bucks/](https://www.foodcity.com/community/school_bucks/) Our ID is #41037. THANKS AGAIN!



*Father, make us like Mary. Father, fill us with grace.  
Make us open and empty to receive Your Word each day.  
To give birth to Your Son...to give birth to Your Jesus.  
To give birth to Your Son.. to give Him to everyone.*

Don't forget the Advent Reconciliation Service this Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.!!

Adults/Teens—help us decorate the church for Christmas... this Friday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m.

**FINAL REMINDERS!! Masses next weekend!!**

- **4th Sunday/Advent: Sat., Dec. 23, 5:30 p.m.**  
*(across the street at Central Presbyterian)*
- **No morning masses on Sunday, Dec. 24**
- **Christmas Eve Holy Day Masses: Sun., Dec. 24**  
**5 p.m., 8 p.m., 12Midnight**
- **Christmas Day Holy Day Masses: Mon., Dec. 25**  
**10 a.m. in English & 1 p.m. in Spanish**

***Looking Ahead Just a Bit....***

- Parish Office Closed Dec. 22, 25 and 26.
- Bulletin deadline for Dec. 31—NLT 9a 12/26.
- **No Weekday Masses and No Confessions**  
**Week of Dec. 26-29**
- No Weekly Adoration Dec. 26
- No RCIA or Choir Dec. 27
- **Feast of the Holy Family**  
Weekend Masses: Sat., Dec. 30 at 5:30p  
& Sun., Dec. 31 at 8:30a, 1130a, 2p/Spanish
- **Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**One Mass only: Mon., Jan. 1, 10 a.m.**  
*(Not an obligatory Holy Day this year)*

**2017 Year-End Tax Statements:** Any donations you want included on your 2017 statement need to be RECEIVED in the parish office NLT December 31, 2017. Thanks!

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church—Christmas Dinner**  
37th annual Christmas Dinner on Monday, Dec. 25 at Emmanuel Episcopal (700 Cumberland St., Bristol, VA) from 4-6 p.m. Reservations not required and no fee for dinner. Bring your family, friends and holiday spirit. For more information please call 276-669-9488 or email [emmanuelbristol@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelbristol@gmail.com).