

**PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES**

**Sunday, September 27**

9:00 am Christian Initiation Class, FLC  
 9:00 am Religious Education K-12, SH & FLC  
**10:30 am Mass - Ed McElmurray †**  
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open  
 5:00 pm Mass at Roanoke College

**Monday, September 28**

**12:00 pm Mass - Bok-Hueng Park †**

**Tuesday, September 29**

11:00 am Confessions  
**12:00 pm Mass - Michael Hurley †**  
 3:00 pm Wedding, Chapel

**Wednesday, September 30**

3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (3-6:15pm & 7-9pm)  
 4:00 pm Olive Branch Open  
 5:00 pm Confessions  
**6:30 pm Mass - Teresita Jornales †**

**Thursday, October 1**

**12:00 pm Mass - Stephen Nelson †**  
 7:00 pm Mass at Roanoke College & Adoration  
 7:00 pm Cantor & Instrumentalists, Worship  
 7:30 pm OLPH Choir, Worship

**Friday, October 2**

**Saturday, October 3**

9:00 am Blessing of the Animals, Pavilion  
 12:00 pm St. Francis Faith Festival, SH  
 3:00 pm Olive Branch Open  
 3:30 pm Confessions  
**5:00 pm Vigil Mass - OLPH Parishioners**

**Sunday, October 4**

9:00 am Christian Initiation Class, FLC  
**10:30 am Mass - Bok-Hueng Park † & Jin won Chun †**  
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open  
 11:45 am Confirmation Prep, SH  
 5:00 pm Mass at Roanoke College

**THANK YOU** to the Panamania Band that came and played their steel drums last Sunday evening. They gave a lovely tribute to the USA for the two hundred and fifty year anniversary along with other music as well. The free will collection netted \$440 which will be given to Commonwealth Catholic Charities.

|                                                  | <b>October 3<br/>Saturday Mass<br/>5:00 pm</b>               | <b>October 4<br/>Sunday Mass<br/>10:30 am</b>                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                             | James Guthier<br>Sora Guthier                                | Ivan Barlow<br>James Fukumoto                                                                                    |
| <b>Lectors</b>                                   | Mary Martinez<br>Max Stephenson                              | Vicky Rowland<br>Patrick Palzer                                                                                  |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | Christine Stanley<br>Robin Underwood<br>Parish Deacon        | Tim Gillinger<br>Sharyn Sexton<br>Kelly Shawver<br>Mike McGuire<br>Parish Deacon<br>Dexter Mukuni<br>Mike Sexton |
| <b>Linen Washer</b>                              |                                                              | Sharon Nelson                                                                                                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>                                    | Paul Chauvin<br>Bogdan Czachor<br>Jack Miller<br>Garry Secor | Bryan Boggs<br>Jay Fukumoto<br>David Hafey<br>Greg St. Clair                                                     |
| <b>Bus Driver</b>                                |                                                              | Nathan Johnson                                                                                                   |

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
Sept. 27 - Oct. 4, 2026**

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

**Monday:** Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

**Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

**Next Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

***Please pray for our sick, that they may be strengthened by the love of Christ.***

Nassib Azar  
 Rob Ahlers  
 Louise Amato  
 Celeste Gibilisco  
 Therese Huynh  
 Robin Jane

Marita Keener  
 Dennis La Cour  
 Michael Landers  
 Bernie Langheim  
 Ed & Carolyn Malinowski  
 Felino Muego

Dcn Steve O'Connell  
 Judith Perrine  
 Dave Shenko  
 Muriel Suggs  
 John Wizorek  
 Pat Wyble

**September 27, 2026**  
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Matthew 21:28 32**

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

**Challenge:** *Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.*

*~Father John Muir*

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who is the patron saint of our diocese. His feast day is September 27th, and so it's cool when that falls on a Sunday and we get to celebrate it with more solemnity and bigger crowds across the diocese. On our feast day this year, Bishop Knestout has asked us to particularly pray through St. Vincent's intercession for an increase in priestly vocations in our diocese, and they've provided this prayer which I encourage you pray with your family sometime on the feast day:

**Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal Priest and Good Shepherd, You tend Your flock with loving mercy and provide for our needs.**

**Call forth many men to serve You as priests in the Diocese of Richmond.**

**Strengthen them in their desire to follow You faithfully.**

**Make their hearts more like Your own, aflame with divine love and zeal for souls.**

**Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and Saint Vincent de Paul, patron of our diocese, may these men glorify You by their obedience to Your will.**

**May Your people be sanctified through their ministry, as together we await the coming of Your Kingdom, where You live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.**

*~Amen*

*~Fr. Kyle*

**A CANDLELIGHT ROSARY** will be held on Tuesday, October 6 the vigil of the feast of the Holy Rosary at 8:00 pm. Fr. Kyle will lead us in praying the rosary. There will be seating for those who would prefer, and refreshments will be served after the rosary. Bring your rosary and we will see you there.

| WEEKLY OFFERING           | SEPT. 19 & 20, 2026 | JULY 1 YTD   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Sunday - Holy Days        | \$ 7,142.00         | \$146,409.00 |
| Total Income Budgeted     | \$11,738.00         | \$136,942.00 |
| Better or <b>Worse</b>    | <b>\$ 4,596.00</b>  | \$ 9,467.00  |
| Capital Improvement Sept. | \$ 3,980.00         | \$ 10,279.00 |

*Thank you for your continued support.*

