The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Titular Feast of the Cathedral

The Cathedral’s titular feast—that is, the feast after which it is named—is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Typically, this feast is celebrated on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. However, in our case it is transferred to the following Sunday, and therefore takes place, this year, of the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar, nos. 58–59). Therefore, the readings and prayers used this weekend are those for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (not the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time).

Every church receives a title—the name of saint or a “mystery” (event) of the Lord—to inspire the people who worship there (Code of Canon Law, canon 1218). Regarding the significance of the Sacred Heart, we read in the Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: “Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term ‘Sacred Heart of Jesus’ denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind” (no. 166).

This weekend’s altar flowers were donated by Barbara Cotter in memory of Antonio Masullo.
June: St. John the Baptist

This month’s theme is on St. John the Baptist, whose birth is commemorated on June 24. Click here to see the many ways you may join us to get involved and gather, in-person and online, with fellow parishioners.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound

With the easing of pandemic restrictions, and in keeping with diocesan norms, the distribution of Holy Communion to the sick and homebound by members of the laity faithful will resume. These ministers are called “extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion” because priests and deacons are understood to be the “ordinary” or primary ministers of Holy Communion.

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion must be fully initiated and practicing Catholics. This means that they have received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion; that they practice their faith, which includes attending Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation; and, that if married, they be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. In addition, extraordinary ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick must be fully vaccinated and undergo the diocesan safe-environment training.

Parishioners who would like to assist in distributing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound are asked to contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org). They are also asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, July 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall.
**VBS is Back!**

Vacation Bible School is July 12 – 16, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon!  
**REGISTRATION CLOSES on June 15/ or at capacity: Register Now!**

Adult leaders (must be VIRTUS trained) are still needed! Camp is for ages 4 (by September 30) to rising 5th graders. We can’t wait to be together! We follow the Diocesan Catholic School Guidelines for Safety.

[Camper Registration](#)  [Volunteer Registration](#)

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**Thanks for Coming!**

PREK-5th Families had a great time at the Maymont Picnic. Families enjoyed their picnic and then Middle and High School youth helped run some fun games. Registration for children’s catechesis, and middle and high school youth group will be opening up soon. Please contact Joy Weir [jweir@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:jweir@richmondcathedral.org) for details.

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**Diocesan Work Camp**

The diocesan work camp for teens starts on June 21 — and we can use your help collecting reusable grocery bags (the kind with the handles) for one of our projects. We will be organizing all the clothing donations into nice bags for the clients at the CCC Housing Center on Oliver Hill Way. Please bring bags to the church entrance. There will be a collection bin.

Thank you!

**EPIC**

**Saturday, August 7 | 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

EPIC is a “brand new” one-day diocesan event for middle school youth (rising grades 6-8) and will take place at Blessed Sacrament-Huguenot High School. This event is intended to be a high-energy day that is focused on two things: (1) building community & friendships with other middle school youth, and (2) encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith. Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass. They will also interact with high school teens who attended Discipleship Week the four days prior to EPIC. At the end of the day, middle school youth will walk away feeling excited about their community and their faith.

Cost is $50 and includes the following:

- Admission to EPIC
- Lunch & Dinner
- Give Away item
- T-Shirt

Registration Forms are due July 3rd. [Register today!](#)

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**Why We Go to Mass**

“The Eucharist is a memorial in the sense that it makes present and actual the sacrifice which Christ offered to the Father on the cross, once and for all on behalf of mankind. The sacrificial character of the Holy Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution, ‘This is my Body which is given for you’ and ‘This cup is the New Covenant in my Blood that will be shed for you’ (Luke 22:19-20). The sacrifice of the cross and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one and the same sacrifice. The priest and the victim are the same; only the manner of offering is different: in a bloody manner on the cross, in an unbloody manner in the Eucharist” (Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 280).

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**Why Are We Obligated to Attend Sunday Mass?**

With the easing of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be lifted in the Diocese of Richmond, and throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, on the weekend of June 26–27, 2021.

Sunday Mass is normally obligatory because it is so important: “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2181).

The Mass is the Church’s offering of the sacrifice of Christ’s death and resurrection. This renewal of Jesus’ sacrifice involves the change (transubstantiation) of bread and wine into Christ himself: his “body and blood, together with the soul and divinity” (Council of Trent). Those who are properly disposed are encouraged to receive Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist, which is called “Holy Communion,” because it brings about our union with him (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1356–1398). The Eucharist is the Church’s greatest treasure because it is Christ himself.
The Cathedral Choir Returns
With gratitude and joy in the easing of pandemic restrictions, the Cathedral Choir returns for our titular feast day: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Hear the choir at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on June 13.

Thursday-night rehearsals are from 6:30–9:00 p.m. in the church. The choir’s usual recess is taken during the summer Sundays in Ordinary Time, with plans to return for the fall season.

Cathedral Yard Sale  
The Cathedral Knights of Columbus, along with a huge assist from the VCU Chapter of Catholic Campus Ministry, will be hosting the annual Cathedral Yard Sale on Saturday, September 4th, from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

The yard sale has become an annual tradition at the Cathedral and is made possible by the generous donations from our parishioners. We will again be accepting your furniture, household goods, bikes, recreational equipment and your gently used clothing, beginning this weekend.

You can start to drop-off your donations in the parish hall beginning this weekend (prior to or immediately after each Mass). Please email Alex Nguyen (pnnuyen7@gmail.com) or Rick Wildes (rick@rickwildes.com) with any questions.

RCIA Inquiry Sessions:  
We invite you to “Come and See”
Join us for the RCIA Inquiry sessions, which are a time for adults to learn more about God’s love and how it is expressed within the Catholic faith. These gatherings are informal discussions centered around topics of the Catholic faith.

June 28, July 20, and August 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. For more information contact Maria Thorsen: mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org.

Donate to the Cathedral
Thank you for keeping your financial stewardship active during this challenging time, as we continue to serve our parish family. Please continue to support the Cathedral parish through your donations:
- Online: Click here
- Text: (804) 315-0903
- Mail: 823 Cathedral Pl. Richmond, VA 23220

Consecration bells
Beginning on the feast of Corpus Christi, bells will be rung at the consecration during Mass.

This practice has remained an option in the liturgical norms: “A little before the Consecration, if appropriate, a minister rings a small bell as a signal to the faithful. The minister also rings the small bell at each elevation by the Priest, according to local custom” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 150).

The purpose of ringing bells is to call attention to the pivotal moment in the Mass when the sacrifice of Christ’s death and resurrection is renewed, changing the bread and wine into Christ’s body and blood (transubstantiation) (no. 79 D).

Here at the Cathedral, one set of bells will be rung just before the consecration, at the epiclesis (invocation of the Holy Spirit); the parish’s original three-tiered gong will be rung at the elevation of the host and chalice.

The altar servers are excited to ring the bells as part of their resumed ministry!

Farewell Dr. Adrianna Tam
Cathedral cantor Adrianna Tam, DMA, will be assistant professor of music and conductor of Collegiate Chorale and Aurora at Luther College, following an intensive national search by the Iowa university.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the Yale School of Music, the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, and a second-generation professional musician (her mother is professor of music at University of North Texas), Dr. Tam earned the Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Tam enhanced our liturgies through her commitment to artistic excellence; her full, sumptuous tone; and thoughtful, sincere, and piercing interpretations of sacred texts. Her service-oriented attitude, delightful demeanor, and ardor for the faith embody the name of “Christian.”

Please join us in thanking Dr. Tam for her beautiful service to our cathedral parish, and in wishing her well in her endeavors. We will miss her!

Thank You, Rosie
The last day of our dedicated, facilities technician, Rosie Anderson, will be this Sunday. Rosie is a hard worker and has been an essential team member during the pandemic; she has shown up to the rescue many times over the last 14 months. The Cathedral staff and parishioners will miss her greatly. Best wishes on your next chapter in life, Rosie!

Are you interested in working with children and youth?
The Diocese of Richmond requires that all volunteers who work with children under the age of 18 be screened and trained in the VIRTUS (safe environment program). This is an excellent course for anyone that wishes to work with children and youth. Parents are strongly encouraged to take this course so you can volunteer in programs, special events, and catechesis opportunities. Get certified now so you can help in the Fall!

Click to register for this online program, which includes a background check.

Year of Saint Joseph

“Nor should we ever think that believing means finding facile and comforting solutions. The faith Christ taught us is what we see in Saint Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.

Joseph’s attitude encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak, for God chooses what is weak (cf. 1 Cor 1:27). He is the ‘Father of orphans and protector of widows’ (Ps 68:6), who commands us to love the stranger in our midst.[20]

I like to think that it was from Saint Joseph that Jesus drew inspiration for the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father (cf. Lk 15:11-32)” (Pope Francis, Patris Corde, 2020).

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3 - Take a photo of the code with your smart phone (code located near main doors of the church)
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