

June 20, 2021



Chigot Window in the Cathedral (1956)
YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Final Weekend of Collections for the Pregnancy Resource Center

Thank you for your wonderful support in raising funds for the Pregnancy Resource Center of Richmond.
We have surpassed our original goal of \$2,000!
The campaign ends THIS weekend, so please bring back the bottle filled with cash/coin/checks.

Examples of what your gifts can provide:
\$25 – Six-week supply of prenatal vitamins for 8 mothers
\$100- Two-month supply of professional pregnancy tests
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Masses
Tuesday–Friday: 12:05 p.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance
Wednesday: 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Church Open
Monday–Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, June 19, 2021 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:30 a.m. Baptism
- 11:00 a.m. Baptism
- 5:15 p.m. **Mass** Cathedral Parishioners

Sunday, June 20, 2021 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. **Mass** ([Diocesan Livestream](#)) +John Anderson
- 11:00 a.m. **Mass** +Manuel Alas
- 1:00 p.m. Baptism
- 5:15 p.m. **Mass** +Eufemia Bedania

Monday, June 21, 2021

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

- NO Tuesdays Together
- 12:05 p.m. **Daily Mass** ([Livestream](#)) +Nicki Cowen

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

- 7:30 a.m. Lauds (Morning Prayer) ([Zoom](#))
- 12:05 p.m. **Daily Mass** +Bishop John J. Keane
- 5:30 p.m. Confessions in Large Sacristy

Thursday, June 24, 2021 – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- 12:05 p.m. **Daily Mass** Bishop Barry C. Knestout

Friday, June 25, 2021

- 12:05 p.m. **Daily Mass**

Saturday, June 26, 2021 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 11:00 a.m. Baptism
- 5:15 p.m. **Mass** +Edward Callahan Jr

Sunday, June 27, 2021 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. **Mass** ([Diocesan Livestream](#))
- 11:00 a.m. **Mass** +Barbara Kersey
- 1:00 p.m. Baptism
- 5:15 p.m. **Mass**

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.

PRAYERS

Sick: Finn Wallace, Dennis Halloran, Jean Faulkner, Joe Faulkner, Bill Fox, Joan and Robert Watson, Natalee Franzyszen, Alberta Winston, Louise Fedorka, Katherine Harder, Aleen Causieestko, Lee Wexler, Caitlin Reagan, Joan Woody, James Raber, Jake Einwechter, Michele Whitehurst, Doug Toler, Mary Maynard, Mark Drexler Jr., Bobby Locke, Patrick Cooper, Reed Roberts, Cheryl Hennan, Ann Fincham, Georgia Thompson, Peggy Ross, Debra Brown, Theresa Drexler Moody, Knox and Preston Kaliebe, Kevin Smith, Diana A., Joan DeBiasi, Joanie Price, Cindy Cole, John Norment, Frank Flechter, Michael Hollister, Connie Biby, Valerie Booth, Gabriel Peter Norment, Eddie Dunn III, Dylan Marshall, Jean Serini, Billie Sutherland Moore, Mark Patrick Cotham, Anne Hutchins, and Janine Thompson.

Seminarians: Rev. Mr. Dillon Bruce, Armando Herrera, Alexandre Jimenez, Joseph Kauflin, William Buckley, Christopher Weyer, David Arellano, William Douglas, Seth Seaman, Matthew Kelly, Andrew Clark, Samuel Hill, Chase Imoru, Charles Palmer, Carl Thompson, Graham Fassero, Ian Grosskopf, David Urlwin, Gregory Guilfoyle, John Paul Shanahan, Charlie Tamayo, and Peter Olbrych.

Pope Francis's general prayer intention for June is:

The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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.

Refresher on receiving Holy Communion

As we return to the normal celebration of Mass, I thought it would be helpful to review the practice of receiving Holy Communion:

- The communicant examines his or her conscience. Catholics who are not conscious of grave sin, and who have fasted for one hour, are encouraged to receive Holy Communion (*Code of Canon Law*, canons 916, 919 §1).
- The communicant makes a bow of the head before receiving the sacrament. When the priest or minister presents the host and says, “The Body of Christ,” the communicant responds, “Amen,” and then receives the sacrament either on the tongue or in the hand.
- If receiving Holy Communion in the hand, the communicant places the dominant hand underneath the other, in order to more easily consume the host. The Body of Christ must be consumed immediately; the communicant is not permitted to walk away with the host in the hand (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 161).
- After receiving Holy Communion, the communicant joins in singing the Communion hymn, and then, during the period of silence, offers prayers of adoration and thanksgiving to God (nos. 86–88).

—Fr. Tony

This week's collections will be reported in the June 27, 2021 bulletin.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CATECHESIS

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!](#)

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.

ADULT CATECHESIS

Why We Go to Mass ^{NEW!}

"In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, their suffering, their prayers, their work, are united to those of Christ. In as much as it is a sacrifice, the Eucharist is likewise offered for all the faithful, living and dead, in reparation for the sins of all and to obtain spiritual and temporal benefits from God. The Church in heaven is also united to the offering of Christ" (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 281).

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.

A Midsummer's Day ^{NEW!}

June 24 is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Since this day is close to the summer solstice (June 21), it is traditionally observed as Midsummer's Day (as in the title of the Shakespeare play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*).

As a sign of the importance of John the Baptist, the Church commemorates his birth; the only other saint whose nativity is celebrated is the Virgin Mary. (Traditionally, the Church commemorates the day a saint dies, which is his or her "birthday" into heaven.)

The commemoration of the birth of John the Baptist at the summer solstice is fitting, for after that longest day of the year, the days grow shorter: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30). Mass on the Nativity of St. John the Baptist will be celebrated on Thursday, June 24 at 12:05 p.m.

June Holy Hour ^{NEW!}

The holy hour originally scheduled for Thursday, June 24 has been cancelled.

For Weddings: Contact Janice Guzman afw@richmondcathedral.org

For Funerals: Contact Janice Guzman afw@richmondcathedral.org

For Mass Intentions: Call Chris Ferrara, Parish Office at (804) 359-5651

Infant Baptism: Contact Joy Weir at jweir@richmondcathedral.org or (804) 212-3893

For Adults inquiring about Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist: Contact Maria Thorsen at mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org

We welcome new members to the Cathedral.

An online registration form found at

<https://richmondcathedral.org> or

email tbaham@richmondcathedral.org.

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 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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

Please drop-off your donations in the parish hall (prior to or immediately after each Mass). Please email Alex Nguyen (pnnguyen7@gmail.com) or Rick Wildes (rick@rickwildes.com) with any questions.

Farewell, Dr. Adrianna Tam

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!

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!

St. Francis Home

Founded in 1973 by the Diocese of Richmond, Saint Francis Home was created to provide an affordable, loving home and quality assisted care for older adults who have limited financial means. Resident care is based on the fundamental Catholic belief that human life is sacred and every person is precious. An essential aspect of our mission is to enhance the life and dignity of each of our Residents. Please call (804) 256-1105 to see if our Home is right for YOU!

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

"If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we must now add another important element: creative courage. This emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties. In the face of difficulty, we can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage with it. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had.

As we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world (cf. Lk 2:6-7). Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-14).

A superficial reading of these stories can often give the impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty, but the "good news" of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan. So too, our lives may at times seem to be at the mercy of the powerful, but the Gospel shows us what counts. God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.

If at times God seems not to help us, surely this does not mean that we have been abandoned, but instead are being trusted to plan, to be creative, and to find solutions ourselves" (Pope Francis, [Patris Corde](#), 2020).

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- 1 - PULL & KEEP A TICKET TO ENTER DECK
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- 4 - Insert your ticket first, then when asked for payment, scan the code and the gate will open.