

August 8, 2021



Chigot Window in the Cathedral (1956)

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

I have received questions about whether there have been any changes to the diocesan health and safety guidelines for Mass in light of the resurgence of COVID-19 cases owing to the spread of the Delta variant.

At this time, there have been no changes to diocesan protocols: face coverings and social distancing are not necessary for those who have been fully vaccinated.

Please know that the COVID-19 protocols have been retained at the Sunday 5:15 p.m. Mass. These measures include mandatory face coverings, social distancing, no congregational singing, and sanitizing the church before and after Mass.

I will keep you informed regarding any changes to the diocesan or parish protocols.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tony Marques

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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.

Church Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday: 5:30–6:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, August 7, 2021 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection: Cathedral Preservation

11:00 a.m. Baptism

5:15 p.m. **Mass**

Sunday, August 8, 2021 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection: Cathedral Preservation

9:00 a.m. **Mass** [\(Cathedral Facebook\)](#) +Charles A. Baker

11:00 a.m. **Mass** + Lorenza O. Geer

5:15 p.m. **Mass** Cathedral Parishioners

Monday, August 9, 2021

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

10:00 a.m. Tuesdays Together in Large Classroom

NO Daily Mass

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

7:30 a.m. Lauds (Morning Prayer) [\(Zoom\)](#)

NO Daily Mass

5:30 p.m. Confessions in Large Sacristy

Thursday, August 12, 2021

NO Daily Mass

Friday, August 13, 2021

NO Daily Mass

Saturday, August 14, 2021 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass

10:00 a.m. Baptism Class

2:00 p.m. Wedding

5:15 p.m. **Mass** Karen James

Sunday, August 15, 2021 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. **Mass** [\(Cathedral Facebook\)](#) +Marion Voigt

10:05 a.m. PREK-5 Catechist Meeting

11:00 a.m. **Mass** + Ision Salgatar

5:15 p.m. **Mass** Cathedral Parishioners

Retreat NEW!

I will be on retreat from **Monday, August 9 until Friday, August 13.** (All priests are required to make an annual retreat [Code of Canon Law, canon 276 §2, no. 4].) I ask you pray for me during this time, as I will for you.

During my absence, daily Mass will be cancelled, but confessions will be heard beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11. St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral (800 E. Grace St.) offers daily confessions and Mass at 12:00 N.

If there is an emergency while I am away, please call the emergency line.

—Fr. Tony

Violins of Hope NEW!

Violins of Hope is an exhibit of instruments that survived the terrors of the Holocaust. Members of the Richmond Symphony will perform on these historic pieces in concert here at the Cathedral. Tickets and more info available at [ViolinsOfHopeRVA.com](#).

Bulletin Sick List

In order to maintain an updated list of the sick—both parishioners and non-parishioners—please inform Chris Ferrara, office manager, of any changes (cferrara@richmondcathedral.org; 359-5651). Out of respect for privacy, a person who is sick must consent himself or herself to being added to the list. Names on the list will be deleted after one month, unless the sick person, or someone authorized to speak on his or her behalf, indicates that he or she would like to remain on the list.

PRAYERS

Sick: Dennis Halloran, Bill Fox, Natalee Franzysen, Alberta Winston, Katherine Harder, Aleen Causeestko, Lee Wexler, James Raber, Michele Whitehurst, Mary Drexler., Bobby Locke, Joan Debiassi, Peggy Ross, Frank Flechter, and Jake Einwechter.

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 August is: The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Knights of Columbus/CCM Yard Sale: NEW!

The Cathedral Knights of Columbus and the VCU Chapter of Catholic Campus Ministry, will be hosting the 7th annual Cathedral Yard Sale on Saturday, September 4th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We are accepting your used furniture, household goods, electronics, bikes, fitness and recreational equipment, vinyl records, CDs, books and gently used clothing. Bring your donations to the parish hall before weekend Masses or Monday through Friday weekdays between 9:00am and 4:00 p.m. or email Alex Nguyen (pnnnguyen7@gmail.com) or Rick Wildes (rick@rickwildes.com) or (804) 366-3430) to arrange for your donation to be picked up or if you have questions.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Reginald G. Phillips, Sr.,** who passed away on July 21. Reginald was a long-time Cathedral Parishioner, Usher, and Knight of Columbus.

Weekly Offertory Collection

For Fiscal Year beginning 7/1/2021

The Cathedral is grateful for last week's collections and year-end gifts.

Second Collections

August 7 – 8: Cathedral Preservation

August 21: CCM

	2021-2022	
	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Offertory		
Amount Budgeted	\$11,888	\$68,772
Amount Received	<u>\$12,616</u>	<u>\$54,255</u>
Difference	\$728	-\$14,517

We are \$4,829 below last year, a 8% decrease in Offertory collections.

Cathedral Preservation	\$253	\$3,127
Social Justice		
Poor and Needy	\$1,757	\$4,480
Haiti	\$44	\$249
CCM	\$20	\$155

A new fiscal year has started as of July 1, 2021 with a new budget.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CATECHESIS

Registration is now open for all PREK-HS programming!

Why wait? Register your child or youth for our weekly catechesis programs and Sacrament preparation for First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Calendars are available on the [Cathedral Website](#) or [Register Here](#).



Middle and High School Youth— Save the Date!

Join us for a pool party on Thursday, August 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Woodmont Pool in Bon Air. Just \$10 per person, which includes dinner and soft drinks. Contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Coming Up in August

August 19: MS & HS Pool Party, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sign-up coming soon.

August 22: Sidewalk Chalk for VCU following the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

August 24: Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.

Preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion

If you have a child who is a rising 2nd grader or older that would like to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org)

Confirmation

Do you have a rising sophomore that would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Preparation starts in September. Please contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org) for more information.

Cathedral Nursery NEW!

Cathedral Nursery serves families every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from September through June. As a member of this ministry, you are paid hourly and can sign up for the days you are available. Every applicant will be interviewed. If you are interested please email Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org)

ADULT CATECHESIS

Why We Go to Mass

"Holy Communion increases our union with Christ and with his Church. It preserves and renews the life of grace received at Baptism and Confirmation and makes us grow in love for our neighbor. It strengthens us in charity, wipes away venial sins and preserves us from mortal sin in the future" (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 292).

Marriage in the Church

"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring, has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament between the baptized" (*Code of Canon Law*, canon 1055 §1).

In order for a Catholic to be validly married, he or she must be married in the Church; that is, in the presence of a bishop, priest, or deacon— unless a dispensation has been obtained (canon 1108 §1). Being married in the Church does not require that a Catholic's spouse be or become a Catholic.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that, "Since marriage establishes the couple in a public state of life in the Church, it is fitting that its celebration be public, in the framework of a liturgical celebration, before the priest (or a witness authorized by the Church), the witnesses, and the assembly of the faithful" (no. 1663).

I am happy to assist any couple who is married only civilly to be prepared for matrimony in the Church (tmarquess@richmonddiocese.org). — Fr. Tony

Assumption

Sunday, August 15 is Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each week we recite in the Creed: "I believe...in the resurrection of the dead." Our Christian hope is that just as Christ was raised from the dead, so too will those who believe in him. This general resurrection of the dead will happen at the end of time, when the Lord renders judgment upon the world. This is why the funeral rites of the Church so honor the body—because it is a sign of resurrection.

What we await at the end of time, the Virgin Mary has already experienced. The Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin commemorates our belief that at the end of her life, the Mother of God was taken into heaven completely—body as well as soul. In this way, Mary's Assumption follows closely upon the Resurrection of her Son. The Assumption marks the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promise to raise us from the dead, after the example of Christ.

For Weddings: Contact Janice Guzman (afw@richmondcathedral.org)

For Funerals: Contact Janice Guzman (afw@richmondcathedral.org)

For Mass intentions: Call Chris Ferrara (cferrara@richmondcathedral.org) or (804) 359-5651

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

For adults inquiring about Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist: Contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org)

We welcome new members to the Cathedral.

An online registration form found at

<https://richmondcathedral.org> or

email tbaham@richmondcathedral.org.

PARISH LIFE

August Service Project: St. Peter's Supply Drive

St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral is in need of donations for its ministry the homeless:

- Jeans (all sizes)
- Shorts (all sizes)
- T-shirts (all sizes)
- Shoes (especially 10-13)
- Belts
- Underwear (new and unused only)
- Bedsheets and blankets (all sizes)
- Sleeping bags (newly added)

St. Peter's would greatly appreciate donations of these items, either new or gently used. Casual clothing is preferred. Please deposit these items in the vestibule of the church.

RCIA Sponsors: Is God calling you?

God calls an RCIA Sponsor to walk side-by-side with one of his beloved. Sponsors accompany those in RCIA who are in the process of conversion and faith formation. Sponsors are companions on the journey with those becoming fully initiated members of the Catholic faith. Sponsors support those in RCIA with prayer and their own witness to the Christian way of life. Serving as an RCIA Sponsor is a tremendous blessing. With prayer and discernment please consider this ministry.

To learn more about becoming an RCIA Sponsor please contact: Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org)

New date for social justice committee meeting NEW!

The meeting of the social justice committee has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Any parishioner is welcome to attend, and is kindly asked to RSVP to Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

Holy Communion for the sick and homebound NEW!

Any parishioner unable to attend Mass who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or who is in need of the Anointing of the Sick, is asked to contact Chris Ferrara in the parish office (cferrara@richmondcathedral.org).

Poor and Needy Fund NEW!

Thank you to all that have donated to the poor and needy fund this year. A portion of the money donated (50%) goes to helping people in need of emergency assistance, the remaining portion (50%) goes for small grants that support and promote human well-being. This year we have awarded grants in the total amount of \$22,000.

One of the recipients of this social grant was The Virginia Home. The Virginia Home is a private, non-profit that provides nursing, therapeutic and residential care to adult Virginians with irreversible physical disabilities. To learn more about The Virginia Home, please visit: www.thevirginiahome.org.

Without your support, we would not be able to make a contribution to our community. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA

(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Catholic?

Do you have a child the age of seven or above who has not been baptized?

Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?

Our parish offers the opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. RCIA sessions focus on the faith and experience of the Catholic Church and prepares individuals to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

You are welcome to participate in the RCIA process with your questions, insights, and faith story in a welcoming setting. For more information please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

RCIA Inquiry Session: August 24 in the Parish Hall 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. For more information contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

"When fathers refuse to live the lives of their children for them, new and unexpected vistas open up. Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes 'useless', when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care. In the end, this is what Jesus would have us understand when he says: 'Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven (Mt 23:9)'" (Pope Francis, [Patris Corde](#), 2020).

NEW QR Code

Parking Validation for
Saturday & Sunday Mass
ONLY



Valid until June 30, 2022

When you park in the VCU Deck, you must do the following:

- 1 - PULL & KEEP A TICKET TO ENTER DECK
- 2 - Use this code from this bulletin **OR**
- 3 - Take a photo of the code with your smart phone (code located near main doors of the church)
- 4 - Insert your ticket first, then when asked for payment, scan the code and the gate will open.