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Chigot Window in the Cathedral (1956)
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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Collect or opening prayer for today's Mass indicates the purpose of the celebration: "Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise."

This petition is drawn from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:18–27). As Christians, we believe and hope that Christ, who is Lord of the world and its history, will renew the universe when he comes again at the end of time. In this way, Christ's Second Coming (Parousia) will seal the definitive victory won by his passion, death, and resurrection (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 668, 671).

We profess this marvelous hope in the Embolism or prayer that follows the Our Father at Mass: "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ [cf. Titus 2:13]. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever."

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Masses

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 12:05 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 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 Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CATECHESIS

Update on PREK-MS Classes & Nursery

Our atriums (classrooms) will be ready this Sunday, November 7. We will have volunteers directing the children to their rooms.

PREK & K: Agnus Dei Atrium (Downstairs), 10:05 to 10:50am

1st & 2nd grade: True Vine Atrium (Downstairs) 10:05-10:50am

3rd, 4th & 5th grade: Lumen Christi Atrium(Downstairs), 10:05-10:50am

Middle School: first floor office conference room, 10:05 - 10:55am

The Cathedral nursery will be open this weekend for families that attend the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Masses. [Click here to learn more about the nursery.](#)

Nursery & Children's Liturgy of the Word News

There will be no nursery service and no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, November 28. Nursery service and Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, December 5.

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

Children and youth ages 5–14, design an 11x17 poster that reflects the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas." Each poster must be submitted with a [poster entry form](#). Posters should be brought to the parish hall no later than Sunday, December 5th. Winners of the contest will be announced at the Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 18.

Children's Choir

Email Amy Hruska (aghruska@verizon.net) to register

The Cathedral is excited to resume a Children's Choir for Christmas 2021. The choir will consist of children in Grades 2-8. The choir will be directed by Mrs. Amy Hruska, a Cathedral member who has taught music in the Richmond community for thirty-nine years and conducted the Children's Choir since 2016. She is excited to work with your children and wants to ensure their success through communication and cooperation.

We will have a short window of rehearsals, so it is important for the participating children to be present at *all* rehearsals. The rehearsals are:

Sun., Dec 5, 10:05 – 10:50 a.m., first floor, parish office

Sun., Dec 12, 10:05 – 10:50 a.m., first floor, parish office

Sun., Dec 19, 10:05 – 10:50 a.m., first floor, parish office

Thurs., Dec 23, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. in the church

Children's Christmas Eve Pageant | Costume Pick-up and Rehearsals

Calling all angels and shepherds! We would love for your child ages 4 to 12 to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant which takes place directly before the 4:00pm Christmas Eve service. Costume pick-up is Monday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. Contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org) for details.

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)

ADULT CATECHESIS

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Our parish will begin classes for Catholic adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates should be baptized Catholics over the age of 18 who are in good standing with the Church (*Code of Canon Law*, canons 889 & 1,890; CCC, no. 1310). "The sacrament is called *Confirmation* because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace" (CCC, no.266). "The effect of *Confirmation* is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost [John 20:19-23; Acts 2:1-13]... It roots the recipient more deeply in the divine sonship, binds him more firmly to Christ and to the Church, and reinvigorates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in his soul. It gives a special strength to the Christian faith" (no.268)

The Confirmation sessions will take place: November 11, December 2, December 15 from 5:30-6:30pm in the parish office. For more information, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever"

—Psalm 106:1

The RCIA initiation process includes liturgy and catechesis. The RCIA community learns the Catholic Christian life through community, their sponsors and companions in faith. The RCIA ministry is thankful for all the ways you walk with the members of RCIA. Your prayers, being sponsors, providing snacks and meals for the Tuesday sessions guides the seekers as they are called to recognize a deepening of their relationship with God. The Knights of Columbus provide parking assistance every Tuesday evening. Our parish is generous of heart and the members of RCIA are thankful. For more information about RCIA, please contact Maria Thorsen: (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

November 21: Solemn Vespers and social at St. Benedict's Catholic 6:00-8:00 p.m.

December 6: Advent Check-In: Cathedral 7:00-8:30 p.m. [Check out who is coming here.](#)

December 9: Dinner and Adoration at St. Benedict's 6:00-7:00 p.m.

We welcome new members to the Cathedral. An online registration form can be accessed at <https://richmondcathedral.org> or by emailing Tiffany Baham (tbaham@richmondcathedral.org).

PARISH LIFE

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory **NEW!**

November is dedicated to the holy souls in Purgatory. Purgatory is best understood as a process of purification, rather than a place. We read in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (nos. 1030–1031).

According to Pope-Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, we can conceive of Purgatory as the very love of God that draws us to himself: "His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation 'as through fire' [1 Corinthians 3:15]. But it is a blessed pain, in which the holy power of his love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally of God" (*Spe salvi*, no. 47).

Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story Thursdays in Advent | Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 | 10:30 a.m.

Join us each Thursday in Advent at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship as we explore the places, meet the people, and experience the events that shaped the first Advent, and find our place in the story using the new program by Ascension Press: *Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story*. Following our discussion and short video, we will pray the Rosary in the Mary Chapel. If your schedule allows, attend daily Mass at 12:05 p.m. as well! [Click here to register for: Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story.](#)

Mary's Choice RVA

Training will be offered to volunteers at Mary's Choice RVA (MCRVA), which, "provides a Christ-centered program of guidance and support for women facing a crisis during pregnancy." MCRVA will be holding a staff and volunteer training on Friday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 5, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. More information about volunteering is available at <https://www.maryschoicerva.org>.

Have You Heard of Thrifty Sisters?

By shopping at, volunteering with, and donating to Thrifty Sisters, which is a non-profit thrift shop, you are helping to support Thrifty sister's mission which benefits Saint Francis Home. Net profits will go to Saint Francis Home to help in providing quality assisted care for older adults of limited financial means.

Cathedral Social Justice Ministry in Action: Sacred Heart Center

Thank you to all who 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 to small grants that support and promote human well-being. This year we have awarded grants in the total amount of \$22,000.

A recipient of this social grant was Sacred Heart Center. The purpose of Sacred Heart Center is to support our local Latino community through essential services, education and leadership opportunities. If you would like to find out more, please visit: <https://shcrichmond.org/en/> Without your support, we would not be able to make a contribution to our community. Thank you for your generosity.

Gift Shop: Upcoming Sale & Missals Available **NEW!**

On the weekends of December 4–5 and 11–12, there will be a 10% off sale on all Gift Shop items after **every Mass on Saturday and Sunday**. There will also be an option for gift wrapping, courtesy of the CCM students (donations will be accepted for this service). Volunteers are needed to staff the gift shop, please contact John Dougherty (Jd23224@gmail.com, 804-787-0561) if you are interested in helping

Missals for 2022 are now available in the gift shop for \$10. There are also Cathedral t-shirts for \$15 and hoodies for \$35, sizes small to 2XL.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick Needed

We are in need of volunteers to carry out the important ministry of bringing communion to our sick and homebound parishioners. We currently do not have enough volunteers to bring the Eucharist to all of our parishioners. Extraordinary Ministers will be scheduled for just one visit per month, or more often if you choose. Please consider signing up for this ministry. For more information, contact:

John Aune jraune@outlook.com | (217) 649-5566

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

"African American Catholic History in the Diocese of Richmond"

November 29 | 10:00 a.m. | Church of the Epiphany

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Prayer to St. Joseph

In addition to being the patron of the universal Church and the patron of workers, St. Joseph is the patron of a happy death, which is understood to mean being ready to meet God at the end of one's life. During November, the month dedicated to praying for the dead, especially during this Year of St. Joseph, parishioners may wish to use the following Prayer to St. Joseph to Obtain the Grace of a Happy Death:

Good Saint Joseph, you were prepared to carry out God's will: when you obeyed the Angel's summons and took the Virgin Mary into your home; when you fled with the Holy Family to Egypt to protect the Christ Child; and when you taught the Son of God the dignity of work. Help me to be prepared to meet God at the end of my life, so that, having responded to him generously each day, I may hear the words that greeted your arrival in heaven: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy."
Through Christ our Lord.

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.