



Rambusch *Christ the King* Window in the Cathedral (1931)

January 2, 2022

The CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Epiphany, which is also known as Three Kings Day, commemorates the visit of the Magi, when Christ was revealed as the Savior of all peoples. The Baptism of the Lord recalls another epiphany, when Jesus was manifested as the Son of God after being baptized in the Jordan.

Cathedral and Office Schedule & Daily Mass Time Change

The parish office will reopen on Tuesday, January 4. Beginning January 4, 2022, the time for daily Mass will change from 12:05 p.m. to 12:00 N.

There will be no Mass on Wednesday, January 12. Confessions will be heard at 5:30 p.m. as usual.

On Wednesday, January 5, 6:30 p.m. Mass will be moved to 12:00 N. Confessions will remain at 5:30 p.m.

There will be no Mass on Wednesday, January 12. Confessions will be heard at 5:30 p.m. as usual.

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Masses

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 12:00 N
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: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, January 1: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

11:00 a.m. Mass (Fr. John Ziegler)
5:15 p.m. NO Mass

Sunday, January 2: Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Mass ([Now Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#)) (+Allen Goolsby West)
11:00 a.m. Mass (+Gina Green)

Monday, January 3: Cathedral & Office Closed

Tuesday, January 4:

10:00 a.m. Tuesdays Together
12:00 N Mass (Fr. John Ziegler)
6:00 p.m. Baptism Class

Wednesday, January 5

12:00 N Mass
5:30 p.m. Confessions

Thursday, January 6

12:00 N Mass (David & Margaret Bereit)

Friday, January 7

12:00 N NO Mass
5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, January 8

10:00 a.m. Baptism Liturgy
2:00 p.m. Wedding
5:15 p.m. Mass (Bryce Thomas Kotliar)

Sunday, January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Mass ([Now Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#)) (+Mark Crowl)
10:05 a.m. PREK-Middle School Catechesis
11:00 a.m. Mass (+James Raber)
2:00 p.m. Confirmation Session
4:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
5:15 p.m. Mass (Cathedral Parishioners)

Change to Livestreaming

Beginning January 2, 2022, the Cathedral (rather than the Diocese of Richmond) will be livestreaming the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. The livestream can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/cathedralofthesacredheart/live>.

St. Francis Home Annual Benefit Dinner

Thursday, January 27, 2022

For 45 years, an annual Benefit Dinner was held to raise funds to support the care of elderly residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Since the Little Sister's departure from Richmond, Saint Francis Home is the only remaining faith-based assisted living community in the area that is dedicated to exclusively serving older adults of limited means. As a result, past members of this annual event encouraged Saint Francis Home to continue this longstanding tradition. Saint Francis Home will be hosting a benefit dinner on January 27, 2022 to raise funds that provide support for Richmond's low-income elderly. For details, contact Christy Heinen at cheinen@SaintFrancishome.org or (804) 237-5602. Event page: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/SFHBenefitDinner>

PRAYERS

Sick: Dennis Halloran, William (Bill) Fox, Alberta Winston, Katherine Harder, Aleen Causieestko, Lee Wexler, Michele Whitehurst, Mary Drexler, Robert (Bobby) Locke, Joan DeBiasi, Margaret (Peggy) Ross, Frank Fletcher, Jacob Einwechter, Rev. Mr. Charles Williams, Fran Keith, Robert Mason Wood.

Seminarians: Rev. Mr. Dillon Bruce, Armando Herrera, William Buckley, Christopher Weyer, David Arellano, William Douglas, Seth Seaman, Matthew Kelly, Andrew Clark, Samuel Hill, Gregory Guilfoyle, Chase Imoru, Charles Palmer, Carl Thompson, Graham Fassero, Ian Grosskopf, David Urlwin, Michael Anttil, Scott Campolongo, Paul Flagg, William Yearout, John Paul Shanahan, Charles Tamayo, Peter Olbrych, Maximus McHugh, Ivan Torres.

Please pray for those in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Chelsea Bajak, Grayson Batsche, Jessica Larkin Bourne, Christopher Bradshaw, Alyssa Taylor Dennis, Rhondella DiMarino, Emily Marie Lee Douglas, Cora Rose Kuschel, Alex Poland, Dylan Seay, Wesley Shelton, Taylor Spalt, Clayton Ross Thompson.

Pope Francis's general prayer intention for January: for true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Prayer for Vocations

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood. Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or email vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

House Blessing

It is customary to bless homes on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Three Kings Day), since this feast commemorates the visit of the Magi to Christ's "home" in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1-12). The blessing of homes typically includes writing, in chalk, the following inscription above the front door: 20+C+M+B+22. The numbers 2022 indicate the year. According to Scripture, the Magi were astrologers (Matthew 2:1-2, 7), and ancient calendars were based on astronomical phenomena. The letters CMB stand for the traditional names given to the Three Kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. CMB is also an acronym for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless this house."

The traditional date for the feast of the Epiphany is January 6 (which follows the twelfth day of Christmas). In the United States, however, Epiphany is observed on the Sunday between January 2 and 8. A text for the blessing of homes is included with the bulletin.

Announcement of Easter

According to the Roman Missal, "On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year" (Appendix I: Various Chants for the Order of Mass, The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts).

Perhaps the custom of announcing the date of Easter and the other feasts on Epiphany arose because the Magi were astrologers (Matthew 2:1-2, 7), and ancient calendars were based on celestial events.

Due to the holidays, collection numbers will be posted in the next bulletin.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CATECHESIS

DYC 2022 February 11–13, 2022 Registration Deadline: January 8, 2022

The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is a highly energetic and engaging opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the richness of our Catholic faith. The number of teens will be limited this year. Please contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org) if you would like more information.

Youth Catechesis On Break NEW!

PREK-HS Programming is on break and will resume Sunday, January 9th. This includes Children's Liturgy of the Word and the Nursery. Have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you in 2022.

Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Competition NEW! Sunday, Feb. 6 | 1:00 p.m. | Hotchkiss Community Center

Calling all boys and girls ages 9 to 14 to join us for the Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Competition. Father Tony will be there to start us off in prayer and try to make a few shots himself—so warm up your free throw over break and save the date!

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest Winners

Thank you to all of those that participated in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. Winners received a \$25 gift card and runner-ups received a \$10 cash prize. Each of the six posters have moved on to the district competition!

Kindergarten–2nd grade

Winner: Charlie Anderson

Runner-Up: Louise Lapington

3rd grade–5th grade

Winner: Joceyln Lott

Runner-Up: Evelyn Anderson

6th grade–8th grade

Winner: Cassie Mullin

Runner-Up: Birdie Weir

Baptism

Are you seeking the sacrament of Baptism for your child? The next Baptism liturgy is January 8 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org) for additional information.

ADULT CATECHESIS

For Real? The Truth About the Creation Stories NEW! of Genesis: Catechesis with Fr. Tony (New Date) Thursday, February 3 | 6:00 p.m. | [Zoom](#)

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)

Coming Up: Small-Group Opportunities for Lent NEW!

Come together with other parishioners during Lent in a small group setting. Groups will meet once a week for three sessions. Look for more details in the bulletin and Flocknotes in early January 2022.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the spiritual process which prepares adults to receive one or more of the "Sacraments of Initiation", the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Are you an unbaptized adult who is interested in developing your spirituality and may want to be baptized into the family of the Catholic Church? Are you a baptized Christian who is considering expressing your faith as a Catholic Christian? Are you a Catholic over the age of 18 who was never confirmed and would now like to receive that sacrament? RCIA is a process of study, prayer and faith sharing which leads to a deeper faith and commitment of Jesus Christ as a Catholic Christian.

For more information please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke Mondays | 7:00–8:30 p.m. | Parish Hall and Zoom

Join us as we continue our study on the Gospel of Luke. We will meet for five sessions starting Monday, January 24, 2022. The Bible Study is open to all, and includes a young adult and Zoom option. [Register Today](#)

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation is for Catholic adults who have already received Baptism and First Holy Communion.

For more information about RCIA and/or adult Confirmation, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Coming Up for Young Adults

January 4: Theology on Tap | Kitchen 64 | 6:00–8:00 p.m.

January 13: Dinner & Adoration | St. Benedict Catholic Church
6:00–7:00 p.m.

January 24: Young Adult Bible Study | Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
7:00–8:00 p.m.

February 3: Catechesis with Father Tony | [Zoom](#) | 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

Music Update

Thank you to our dedicated choristers for all of their hard work during the Advent and Christmas seasons!

In addition to their Sunday duties and Thursday night responsibilities, the Cathedral choir sang an impressive Advent Lessons and Carols program and for the midnight Mass of Christmas.

The CCM choir finished their semester by sharing a setting of the *Magnificat* by Rev. James Chepponis early in December. They will return for the spring semester.

The children's choir sang beautiful selections during the 4:00 p.m. Mass of Christmas Eve.

While the *Schola Cantorum* will continue through the remainder of the Christmas season, the parish choir members will take a well-deserved recess and return on Sunday, January 23.

Why Does Our Parish Need Your Gift?

None of us likes to give a gift that is not needed. That is why we spend so many hours shopping for just the perfect gift. So it is understandable that you might ask, "Does the parish need my gift? Does my weekly financial contribution make a difference?" Here are some of the ways your gift is needed and does make a difference. Your contributions to the Cathedral help:

- Pay staff salaries so that the ordained clergy have more time to visit the sick and comfort those who truly need to feel Jesus in their lives at this time (approximately \$46,000 a month)
- Pay the utility bills that keep the lights on and the rooms warm (or cool) for all those who gather here for prayer, education or social ministry; last month, utility bills amounted to \$4,595

Gift Shop (Closed Until January 8–9)

If you have not checked out the new gift shop items, come on by after the Saturday 5:15 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. There are many beautiful religious items as well as t-shirts, sweatshirts, and new coffee mugs.

Volunteers are needed to staff the gift shop. If you are interested, contact John Dougherty (jd23224@gmail.com, 804-787-0561)

Cathedral Social Justice Ministry in Action: Circle 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 Circle Center Adult Day Services. Circle Center Adult Day Services provides Richmond, VA community with high-quality, cost-effective daycare for frail or functionally impaired older adults, and respite, education and support for caregivers. To find out more information visit [www.http://www.circlecenterads.org/](http://www.circlecenterads.org/) Without your support, we would not be able to make a contribution to our community. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank You Letter From St. Peter's

Once again, the universe is not big enough to hold all the gratitude we at the Pro-Cathedral of Saint Peter Catholic Church feel towards you. We are so moved by your overwhelming generosity towards the Outreach Program for the homeless and working poor, a mere thank you seem woefully inadequate. If you could see the looks of appreciation from those on the receiving end of your magnanimity, you would realize how immensely grateful we all are of you.

As you are aware, the Outreach Program has continued to aid those most in need at all times of the year. We thank you for your amazing donation of 400 coats and pantry goods! Your constant diligence towards those less fortunate is a tribute to the kind of people you are!

Sincerely,

Fr. J. Maxwell Appiagyei, Pastor

Christmas Season

Christmas is its own a liturgical season, which extends beyond the Octave of Christmas. Christmas Time, as this period is known, includes the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (January 2), and ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Office Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to regularly staff the reception desk at the Cathedral. This role consists mainly of answering phones and greeting visitors, as well as other light office work. Please contact Chris Ferrara if you are interested, at (804) 359-5651 or cferrara@richmondscathedral.org

Ushers

The liturgical ministry of usher facilitates the reverent and orderly celebration of Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 105). Scheduling is done conveniently online and training is provided. Parishioners who would like to serve as ushers are asked to contact Father Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

Livestreaming Volunteers Needed

The Cathedral parish will assume responsibility for livestreaming the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass beginning January 2, 2022. Volunteers are needed for this week. Training and equipment are happily provided. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes per Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to conduct the livestreaming of the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, please contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

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.

THE BLESSING OF THE HOME ON EPIPHANY

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

Either a priest or a parent may perform the blessing of the home and inscribe the initials of the Magi above each door.

The leader makes the Sign of the Cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The leader greets those present at the entrance of the house in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us.

It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love.

May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

Then the leader proclaims the following text from Scripture (Matthew 2:1–2, 9–11):

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,

in the days of King Herod, behold,

magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." ...

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,

until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star,

and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures

and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us.

With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.