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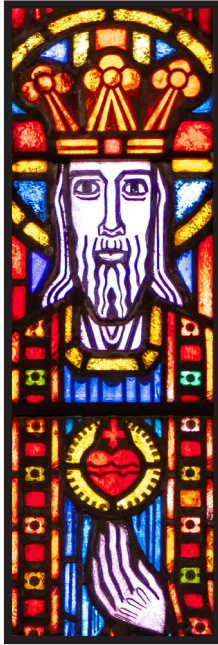
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Rambusch Window in the Cathedral (1931)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The name is taken from the Entrance Antiphon (Introit) for today's Mass: "Rejoice [Latin: *Gaudete*] in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice [*gaudete*]. Indeed, the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4-5).

Today the Church joyfully anticipates the coming feast of Christmas ("The Lord is near"). Accordingly, the rose candle is lit on the Advent wreath, and rose-colored vestments may be worn. (The Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as *Laetare* ["Rejoice"] Sunday, is similar to *Gaudete* Sunday, as rose-colored vestments may also be worn.

[Click here for a list of Advent Activities and Christmas Schedule](#)

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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.

Office Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, December 11: Third Sunday of Advent

- 2:00 p.m. Wedding
- 5:15 p.m. Mass (+Most Rev. Walter F. Sullivan)

Sunday, December 12: Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Mass ([Diocesan Livestream](#)) (Cathedral Parishioners)
- 10:05 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:05 a.m. PREK-Middle School Catechesis
- 11:00 a.m. Mass (Rev. John Ziegler)
- 4:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
- 5:15 p.m. Mass (David and Jeanne Mancini)

Monday, December 13

Tuesday, December 14: NO 12:05 p.m. Mass

- 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays Together
- 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass (+Laen Herberly)
- 6:00 p.m. RCIA
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

Wednesday, December 15:

- 7:30 a.m. Lauds (Morning Prayer) ([Zoom](#))
- 5:30 p.m. Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. Mass (Carys Barnes)

Thursday, December 16: Cathedral and Office Closed Following Mass

- 10:30 a.m. Rejoice! Advent Discussion
- 11:30 a.m. Rosary
- 12:05 p.m. Mass (+Frances Scott)
- 6:30 p.m. Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 17

- 12:05 p.m. Mass (+David Gardiner)
- 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast with Santa
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding
- 5:15 p.m. Mass (Angel and Rosa Bernal)

Sunday, December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Mass ([Diocesan Livestream](#)) (Anita Adams)
- 10:05 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:05 a.m. PREK-MS Catechesis
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:15 p.m. Mass (Cathedral Parishioners)

"O Come, O Come":

A Holy Devoted to the "O" Antiphons

Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.

The monthly hour will take place on Tuesday, December 14 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The format will be Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, and will focus on the "O" Antiphons.

Dating from at least the year 700 AD, the "O" Antiphons refer to the verses for the Magnificat (Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55) used at Vespers, as well as Alleluia verses used at Mass, during the second half of Advent (December 17-24). The antiphons are based on biblical texts that announce the coming of the Messiah or Christ, and begin with the acclamation "O": O Wisdom, O Lord, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Rising Sun, O King of Nations, and O Emmanuel. (Together, the "O" Antiphons make up the song "O Come, O Come Emmanuel.")

PRAYERS

Sick: Dennis Halloran, William (Bill) Fox, Alberta Winston, Katherine Harder, Aleen Causieestko, Lee Wexler, James Raber, Michele Whitehurst, Mary Drexler, Robert (Bobby) Locke, Joan DeBiasi, Margaret (Peggy) Ross, Frank Fletcher, Jake Einwechter, Mary Carey, Deacon Charles Williams, Fran Keith.

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 Antcil, 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):

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

Pope Francis's general prayer intention for December: Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for Vocations

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804)359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or email vocations@richmonddiocese.org

For Your Consideration: Give Back Through Your IRA

During this time of giving, a distribution from your IRA is a great way to give back to the Church! Did you know: if you are 72 or older, you can make your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA straight to our parish.

Giving through your IRA is EASY! To learn how you can make an impact through your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor or Tiffany Baham, 804-212-3890 or tbaham@richmondscathedral.org

IMPORTANT: Please make your gift as soon as possible so you can ensure it is received by December 31, 2021.

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

December 11: Preservation

December 24/25: Cathedral Foundation

2021-2022

	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Offertory		
Amount Budgeted	\$15,782	\$348,641
Amount Received	<u>\$23,051</u>	<u>\$331,261</u>
Difference	\$7,268	-\$17,379

We are \$66,694 below last year, a 21% decrease in Offertory collections.

Cathedral Preservation	\$353	\$26,275
Social Justice		
Poor and Needy	\$1,432	\$19,363
Haiti	\$156	\$19,081
Catholic Campus Ministry	\$195	\$5,427
Religious Education	\$12	\$3,790

CHILDREN & YOUTH CATECHESIS

DYC 2022 February 11–13, 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.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 18 | 9:00–11:30 a.m. | Parish Hall

It's the most wonderful time of the year...It's time to register for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa. The breakfast is Saturday, December 18 starting at 9:00 a.m. It's all free but PLEASE register by Monday, December 13, so Santa can have his bag full of toys ready! There will also be a Santa's Gift shop for the children to shop for gifts for Mom & Dad (so bring a few dollars to give them to shop) Registration is available on the www.richmondcathedral.org website (popup box), flocknotes or via this link: [Register for Breakfast with Santa](#)

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest (FINAL Weekend) NEW!

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 12. Winners of the contest will be announced at the Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 18.

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 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Costume pick-up is Monday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. Contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org) for details.

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

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)

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation (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)

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Coming Up for Young Adults

December 14: "O Come, O Come" A Holy Hour on the O'Antiphons | Cathedral of the Sacred Heart | 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

January 27: Catechesis with Father Tony | Zoom | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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 can be accessed at <https://richmondcathedral.org> or by emailing Tiffany Baham (tbaham@richmondcathedral.org).

PARISH LIFE

Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke

Mondays | 7:00 p.m. to 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!](#)

Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

Thursdays in Advent | 11:30 a.m.

Join us in praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary every Thursday in Advent at 11:30 a.m. If your schedule allows, stay for daily Mass at 12:05 p.m.

Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story

Thursdays in Advent | December 2, 9, 16 | 10:30 a.m.

Join us for fellowship, discussion and a short video as we journey through Advent together. We will meet for the first three Thursdays in December. Journal books are still available. Contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Gift Shop: Upcoming Sale

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. 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.

Book of the Sick

For parishioners who would like to remember the sick in a particular way, a Book of the Sick has been placed on the lectern near the entrance to the church. Inscribing the names of the sick is a way to pray for their well-being. In addition, if a parishioner is seriously ill, he or she should receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Arrangements for this sacrament can be made by contacting the parish office.

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.

Change of Livestreaming **NEW!**

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>.

Livestreaming Volunteers Needed **NEW!**

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@

Lectionary

Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year, including the next phase of the Lectionary or cycle of readings for Mass. The Lectionary for Sunday Mass is a three-year cycle of Gospel readings: Year A, Matthew; Year B, Mark (and John); Year C, Luke. The First Reading, from the Old Testament, is chosen to concord thematically with the Gospel. The Second Reading, for the most part, is drawn from one of the letters of the New Testament (mostly St. Paul), and is read continuously.

During this next liturgical year, the Church will be reading the Sunday Gospel from Luke. On special feast days like the Immaculate Conception (December 8) and Christmas (December 25), the normal cycle of readings is interrupted (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, nos. 92–110).

SUNDAY READING DURING

The *General Introduction to the Lectionary* explains that on the Sundays of Advent, "Each Gospel reading has a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (First Sunday of Advent), John the Baptist (Second and Third Sunday), and the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (Fourth Sunday). The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially from the Book of Isaiah. The readings from an Apostle contain exhortations and proclamations, in keeping with the different themes of Advent" (no.93)

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