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December 19, 2021

The CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24

Confessions: 10:00 a.m.
Masses:
4:00 p.m. (pageant 3:45 p.m.),
7:00 p.m. ([livestream](#))
12:00 midnight (11:00 p.m. prelude)

Christmas Day, December 25

Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1

Mass: 11:00 a.m.
NO 5:15 p.m. Mass

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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 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

Doughnuts after 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses

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

Monday, December 20

- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 21

- 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays Together
- 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass (+Charles Setliff)
- 12:05 p.m. NO Daily Mass
- 2:30 p.m. Cathedral Closed

Wednesday, December 22

- 7:30 a.m. Lauds (Morning Prayer) ([Zoom](#))
- 12:05 p.m. Daily Mass (+Ian Vincent Lumsden-Cook)
- 5:30 p.m. Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 23: Office Closed; Cathedral Closed after Mass

- 12:05 p.m. Mass (Leif Barnes)
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 24: Office Closed

- 10:00 a.m. Confessions
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (+Allen Goolsby West)
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (+Carol Callahan)
- 12:00 a.m. Christmas Midnight Mass (Cathedral Parishioners)

Saturday, December 25: Nativity of the Lord

- 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (+Clarence and Bruna Bullock)
- 5:15 p.m. NO Mass

Sunday, December 26: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- 9:00 a.m. Mass ([Diocesan Livestream](#)) (+Rev. Mr. Marshall D. Banks)
- 11:00 a.m. Mass (+Laurice Wayne Mercer)
- 5:15 p.m. Mass (Cathedral Parishioners)

Advent Penance Liturgy NEW!

Wednesday, December 22 | 5:30 p.m.

The parish's Advent Penance Service will take place on Wednesday, December 22 at 5:30 p.m. Several priests will be on hand to hear confessions. Please note that this will be the individual form of Penance (Rite for Reconciliation of Individual Penitents) and not the communal one (Rite for Reconciliation of Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution). Therefore, it is not necessary to arrive at the church right at 5:30 p.m.; confessions will continue until approximately 6:30 p.m.

It Will be December 31 Before You Know it!

You still have time to make a tax-deductible gift to our parish! If you have an IRA and you're 72 years old or older, you can make a gift to our parish through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Consider this: federal tax law now allows you to make a distribution of up to \$100,000 each year from your IRA to a qualifying charity and it is not subject to federal income tax.

Giving through your IRA is EASY! To learn how you can make an impact through your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor or Maggie Keenan at the Catholic Community Foundation - 804-622-5221 or mkeenana@richmonddiocese.org.

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

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 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.

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>.

Confessions on Christmas Eve NEW! Friday, December 24 | 5:30 p.m.

We are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for Christmas. For those who like to make use of the Sacrament of Penance, confessions will be heard on Friday, December 24 at 10:00 a.m.

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 24-25: Cathedral Foundation

2021-2022

	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Offertory		
Amount Budgeted	\$17,219	\$365,859
Amount Received	<u>\$28,556</u>	<u>\$354,892</u>
Difference	\$11,337	-\$10,967

We are \$24,154 below last year, a 16% decrease in Offertory collections.

Cathedral Preservation	\$7,695	\$33,970
Social Justice		
Poor and Needy	\$1,435	\$20,803
Haiti	\$1,421	\$20,502
Catholic Campus Ministry	\$10	\$5,437
Religious Education	\$22	\$3,802

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.

Children's Christmas Eve Pageant: Rehearsal Monday, December 20 | 6:00–6:45 p.m.

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. The rehearsal is Monday, December 20 from 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. Contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org) for details.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

Thank you to all those that participated in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. Each submission was wonderful and several posters were selected to go on to the next level! Certificates for participation and winners will be announced this Saturday at the K of C Santa Breakfast!

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

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).

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)

For Real? The Truth About the Creation Stories of Genesis: Catechesis with Fr. Tony ^{NEW!} Thursday, January 27 | 6:00 p.m. | [Zoom](#)

Loving Mother of the Redeemer ^{NEW!}

There are five antiphons sung in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary that correspond to the various liturgical seasons. The antiphon sung during Advent and Christmas, until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2), is the Alma Redemptoris Mater (Loving Mother of the Redeemer). Parishioners may wish to use this antiphon as devotional prayer during Advent:

*Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after as before.
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.*

Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke Mondays | 7:00 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!](#)

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 at 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.

January 27: 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 NEW!

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 will sing 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? NEW!

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

The gift shop is open with new items for sale. If you have not checked it out, come on by after the Masses on Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 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.

Ushers NEW!

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).

Office Volunteers Needed NEW!

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@richmondcathedral.org

Do You Know About 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.

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).

SUNDAY READING DURING ADVENT

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)

Parking Validation for
Saturday & Sunday Mass
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Valid until June 30, 2022

NEW QR Code

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- 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.