

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

December 26, 2021

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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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.

Have a happy New Year!

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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, December 25: Nativity of the Lord

11:00 a.m. 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)

Monday, December 27: Cathedral & Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28: Cathedral & Office Closed

12:00 N NO Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 29: Cathedral & Office Closed

12:00 N NO Daily Mass

Thursday, December 30: Cathedral & Office Closed

12:00 N NO Daily Mass

Friday, December 31: Cathedral & Office Closed

12:00 N NO Daily Mass

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)

5:15 p.m. Mass (Cathedral Parishioners)

Change to 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>.



2021 Christmas Flower Memorial Rest in Peace

The flowers at the altar of our Blessed Mother
are given in memory of

Allen Goolsby West

by his parents, John and Cabell West



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 at 804-212-3890 or tbaham@richmondcathedral.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 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):

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

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@richmonddioces.org.

Christmas Season NEW!

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).

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	\$18,911	\$384,770
Amount Received	<u>\$68,219</u>	<u>\$418,381</u>
Difference	\$49,308	\$33,611
We are \$24,154 below last year, a 16% decrease in Offertory collections.		
Cathedral Preservation	\$835	\$34,805
Social Justice		
Poor and Needy	\$2,165	\$22,968
Haiti	\$1,541	\$22,043
Catholic Campus Ministry	\$20	\$5,457
Religious Education	\$37	\$3,839

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 9. 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 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 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

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.

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@richmondcathedral.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

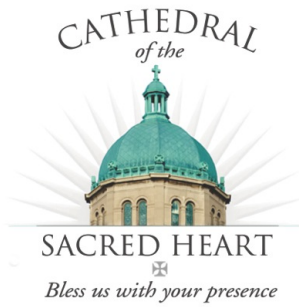
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- 1 - PULL & KEEP A TICKET TO ENTER DECK
- 2 - Use this code from this bulletin **OR**
- 3 - Take a photo of the code with your smart phone (code located near main doors of the church)
- 4 - Insert your ticket first, then when asked for payment, scan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



December 26, 2021

Dear Cathedral Parishioners,

The Church echoes the choir of angels that sang God's praises on the night of our Savior's Birth: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14). This song that remained dormant during Advent now explodes in joy and solemn festivity. The Gloria has its roots in Christmas, and expresses our thanks to God for the Incarnation. This is what we celebrate: In Jesus Christ, the Lord became one of us to save us from sin.

Christmas is not limited to December 25. Rather, it is celebrated as an octave or eight-day feast (December 25 – January 1). The Christmas Octave begins with the Nativity of the Lord on December 25, continues with the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on December 26, and concludes with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1.

Christmas is also a liturgical season that extends beyond the Octave. It includes the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (January 2), and ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9). 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. There is a venerable custom of blessing homes on Epiphany, since the feast recalls the visit of the Magi to Christ's "home" in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1–12). I will provide all families with a prayer they can use for this blessing.

To help us celebrate Christmas in its fullness, all of the decorations inside and outside of the church will remain in place throughout the season. You might consider doing the same with your decorations at home.

I also encourage you to continue praying the Angelus. Whereas Advent focused on Mary's welcoming of God ("Be it done unto me according to thy Word"), Christmas focuses on the result of her "yes" to the Lord: the Incarnation ("And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us"). I encourage you to continue praying the Angelus at home during the Christmas season.

I pray that this holy season may draw us close to the Lord, who in his goodness has drawn close to us.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Tony Margues