

The CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

Dedicated on Thanksgiving Day (1906)
Serving Virginia Commonwealth University
Twinning with St. Paul's, Carissade, Haiti

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques
Rector

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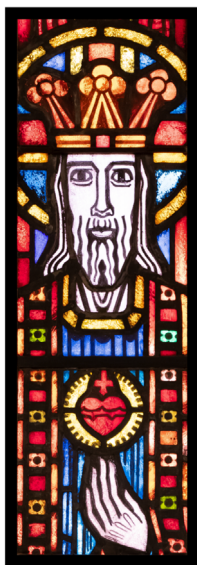
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

To register as a parishioner, visit: bit.ly/jointhecathedral



Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)

MASSES

Tuesday–Friday: 12:00 N

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday: 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Ascension of the Lord Sunday, May 21

In the ecclesiastical Province of Baltimore, to which the Diocese of Richmond belongs, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is **not** celebrated on Thursday (this year, May 18). Rather, the feast is transferred to the following Sunday (May 21), and takes the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter. (Most dioceses in the United States have moved the feast of the Ascension to Sunday.)

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QR Code for Parking

Parking validation for Saturday and Sunday Masses only.



Valid until June 30, 2023

When parking in the VCU Deck (801 W. Main St.):

1. Pull and keep a ticket to enter deck
2. Use this code from this bulletin or:
3. Take a photo of the code with your phone
4. When leaving the deck, insert your ticket first, then when asked for payment, scan the code and the gate will open.

PARISH LIFE

Saturday, May 13

4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass (*pro populo*)

Sunday, May 14: Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Mass (+Iris Rios) ([Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#))
11:00 a.m. Mass (+Mary Eshman)
5:00 p.m. Mass (+Earl McKnight)

Monday, May 15

No Mass
7:00 p.m. Bible study ([bit.ly/easterjbs](#))

Tuesday, May 16

12:00 N Mass (+Samuel Koukou and Elizabeth Akodjenou)

Wednesday, May 17

7:30 a.m. Lauds (Morning Prayer) ([bit.ly/cshlauds](#))
12:00 N** Mass (+Joseph Avahouin-Agossou) **Note Mass change
5:30 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation session

Thursday, May 18

12:00 N Mass

Friday, May 19

No Mass, church closed

Saturday, May 20

10:30 a.m. Transitional diaconate ordination
4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass (*pro populo*)

Sunday, May 21: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Mass (+Marion Voigt) ([Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#))
11:00 a.m. Mass (Carmen Sañez)
12:15 p.m. Social Justice speaker series
5:00 p.m. Mass (+Vincent Falcone)

Intercessory Prayers

Sick: Aleen Causieestko, Joan Debiasi, Mary Drexler, Jake Einwechter, Frank Fletcher, Bill Fox, Margaret Huber, Bobby Locke, Madeline Peace, James Raber, Peggy Ross, Lee Wexler, Michele Whitehurst.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Autumn Barrick, Chelsey Cocke, Amy Inman, Hunter Knight, Jill Kraus, Anastasia Madden, Rangle Rivera, Jonathan Williams.

Upcoming Concerts

May 26, 7:30 p.m. | June 16, 7:30 p.m.

The Music for a Cathedral Space Concert Series is at the end of its season. Please support one of Richmond's cultural institutions by attending the Cathedral's own Schola Cantorum with Forgotten Clefs in their performance of sacred Iberian Renaissance music on Friday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m., as well as our own Director of Music's organ recital on June 16 at 7:30 p.m.

All details can be found on the Cathedral's concert page at www.richmondcathedral.org/concerts/. Register today.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year 2022–2023

Regular Offertory	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Amount Budgeted	\$ 19,871	\$ 845,846
Amount Received	\$ 13,993	\$ 871,041
Difference	-\$ 5,878	\$ 25,194

We are \$99,992 below last year,
a 10% decrease in Offertory collections.

Cathedral Preservation	\$460	\$42,917
Social Justice		
Poor and Needy	\$1,111	\$43,074
Haiti	\$75	\$21,114
Catholic Campus Ministry	\$50	\$6,607
Religious Education	\$14	\$2,311

Upcoming special and second collections:

May 14: Cathedral Preservation
May 20: Diocesan Home Missions

YOUNG ADULTS

May 20

Service project | St. Francis Manchester
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 N 165 W. Clopton St.
Work will consist of transporting soil to raised beds. Contact Kelly Lash (kclash@gmail.com)

May 21

Eucharistic Adoration | St. Bridget Catholic Church
7:00 p.m. | 6006 Three Chopt Rd.

CCM Update

As the semester ends for the students at VCU, we cannot help but reflect on the incredible year we had at CCM. We began the school year by welcoming a large group of new students and their families at our kickoff BBQ and ice cream social. After that we had a variety of opportunities for students to connect to God on a deeper level. This came through our small groups that were offered daily, Eucharistic adoration, Mass, the Rosary, Divine Mercy, and we cannot forget our fall retreat! We were thankful to get out and commit ourselves to several service projects that assisted our community. In February we welcomed our new campus minister, Chris. He has already enjoyed getting to know us and he did "ok" during our recent karaoke night.

This year has been a blessing for our program, and we especially want to thank the Cathedral community for your continued prayers and support! We look forward to developing new ways to connect to the Cathedral and the VCU community in our upcoming school year. We hope you have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you in August.

2023 Diocesan Appeal

102 parishioners have donated \$46,725 (76% of our goal) to the annual appeal so far. Let's work on making it to our goal of \$61,440 or even surpassing it. We receive back from the parish share 20% for anything collected up to the goal and 50% for anything collected over the goal. Scan the QR Code to donate or go to <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>. Please reference The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in the memo line.



WORSHIP

Tuesday Adoration and Wednesday Mass Change

With the end of the semester at VCU, there is no Tuesday adoration, and Wednesday Mass is moved to 12:00N.

Diaconate Ordination

Saturday, May 20 | 10:30 a.m.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend the ordination of David Arellano and Seth Seaman, who will become transitional deacons.

A cathedral parish has the unique privilege of hosting the most important celebrations in the life of the local Church (diocese). This privilege also carries a special obligation to pray for those who give their lives in service to the Church.

“She Is Indeed Our Mother”: A Holy Hour in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima Tuesday, May 23 | 6:00–7:00 p.m.

The parish’s next monthly holy hour will focus on Our Lady of Fatima, whose feast day is celebrated on May 13. This feast commemorates the apparition of the Virgin Mary to three Portuguese shepherd children in 1917.

The format of the holy hour will be Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, and will include the Office of Readings from the Liturgy of the Hours. The Office of Readings will feature a sermon by St. Aelred of Rievaulx (1110–1167), an English monk. He declared in that sermon that the Virgin Mary “is indeed our mother, for through her we have been born, not for the world but for God.”

A Prayer Companion for the Easter Season

The National Eucharistic Revival website (eucharisticrevival.org) has a prayer companion designed to help you spend thirty minutes to an hour in meditation and silent prayer with Jesus during Eucharistic adoration. Even if you cannot be physically present in a church or adoration chapel with the Blessed Sacrament, you can unite yourself spiritually to Jesus in the Eucharist as you spend this time in prayer. Each week you’ll be invited to reflect on a rite or part of the Mass and an excerpt from the Sunday Gospel: bit.ly/EMeditation3

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

“Every time you visit the Church for the love of Christ, His heart draws us in an embrace of sheer delight. The tabernacle is like Mary’s womb wherein dwells the same Christ who reigns above, adored by angels, He who enters our bodies and souls.”

— St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647–1690)

SERVICE

Mary’s Choice Service Project

Thank you for your generous donations to the Mary’s Choice baby bottle drive. If you have bottles that still need to be turned in, please call the Cathedral office: (804) 359-5651.

May Service Project: The Virginia Home

The Virginia Home (TVH) is a private nonprofit that provides compassionate and professional residential care to 130 adults with irreversible physical disabilities, ensuring that their lifelong comfort and security will never be compromised, regardless of ability to pay. If you would like to help, TVH is requesting the following items to be donated:

- Sunscreen: SPF 50 or SPF 70, lotion or spray
- Sun hats
- Sun visors
- Sunglasses
- Rain ponchos

Items can be dropped off in the bins in the vestibule and parish hall through May 28. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

St. Francis Manchester Service Project

Saturday, May 20 | 9:00 a.m. | 65 W. Clopton St.

Cathedral parishioners will be moving and installing soil in new raised flower beds currently being constructed by Kelly Lash and George Kasper at St. Francis Manchester in Southside. The work is expected to finish by noon. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Kelly Lash (kclash@gmail.com).

Cathedral Social Justice Speaker Series

Jay Brown, CEO of Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Sunday, May 21 | 12:15–1:15 p.m. | Parish Hall

Commonwealth Catholic Charities provides services to vulnerable individuals and families throughout Virginia, regardless of faith. Services include but are not limited to: counseling, adoption, pregnancy support, rent and utilities assistance, housing resources, guardianship and senior services, foster care, refugee resettlement and immigration, job skills and placement. Jay Brown, CEO, will give a presentation about the Center’s mission and work. A light lunch will be provided.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

We need VIRTUS trained adults to help prepare, plan and execute our favorite camp of the year for children: Vacation Bible School. Teen helpers are also welcome to sign up. Every volunteer needs to attend a training session. The camp is July 10–14. The camp will be 9:00 a.m. 12:45 p.m. and the volunteer shift will be 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To sign up, please visit bit.ly/invitedvolunteer.

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 Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

ADULT

High School Work Camp

June 12–15 | Register: bit.ly/RVAHSYG23

High school students join us for service, fellowship, fun and worship on June 12, 13, 14, and 15 at the Cathedral and other city parishes. This is a great chance to work with other teens while serving the needs of others. The camp is just \$30 but the opportunity is priceless. Camp is for rising freshman through current seniors in high school.

Vacation Bible School 2023: “You’re Invited”

July 10–14 | Register: bit.ly/VBSinvited

Children 4 years old through rising 5th grade spend a week with crafts, games, outdoor play, fun, snacks, and Bible stories. We will have a special time in the church each day, including daily prayer. VBS runs from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per camper. Cathedral parishioners have priority registration until May 15. Sign up today.

EPIC

August 19 | Middle-school Students | Register: bit.ly/MSYGEPIC

EPIC is a one-day diocesan event for middle-school youth (rising grades 6–8). We will attend as a parish at St. Edward Catholic Church (2700 Dolfield Dr.). This event is intended to be a high-energy day that is focused on two things: building community and friendships with other middle-school youth, and encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith. Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass. They will also interact with high-school teens who attended Discipleship Week in the days prior to EPIC. At the end of the day, middle-school youth will walk away feeling excited about their community and their faith. Join us, it is going to be EPIC! To register, visit: bit.ly/MSYGEPIC.

Sacrament Corner:

Holy Communion and Confirmation

The Sacrament of Youth Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that strengthens the grace of Baptism, helping a Catholic to spread the faith by word and deed. Youth Confirmation takes place in the diocese of Richmond at age 15 and sophomore year in high school.

Parents interested in having their child or teen prepare for the Sacrament of Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation should contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Catechist Corner

The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today’s Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—work together so that God’s salvation is made known to us. Jesus’ mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God’s love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God’s embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

— www.loyolapress.com

Adult Confirmation Sessions

May 17, 24 | 6:00 p.m. | Office

Adult Confirmation is for Catholics who have already received Baptism and First Holy Communion. “[The sacrament] is called Confirmation because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace” (*Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 266). “The effect of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost. ...It roots the recipient more deeply in 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 witness to the Christian faith” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 268).

Please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org) for more information.

RCIA Inquiry Sessions

June 7, July 12, August 9 | 6:00 p.m. | Office

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic? The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart offers a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA); this is an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on Catholic teachings, scripture reflections, faith sharing, and prayer. This spiritual journey is for adults who have not been baptized, those who have been baptized in another faith tradition and adults who were baptized Catholic, but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion. Please come to a session to inquire about the RCIA process.

Adults who are open to discerning their personal experience of faith and learning more about the Catholic Church are welcome to the RCIA process. If you are interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Celebrating Culture as one Body in Christ

May 19, 6:30–9:00 p.m. | St. Michael Catholic Church

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office of Ethnic Ministry is sponsoring a culture and faith event at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church (4491 Springfield Rd.). The theme is “celebrating culture as one body in Christ.”

We will be celebrating different cultures through dance, language, food, and other diverse expressions. If you would like to contribute to the event by sharing a dish from your culture, please register at: bit.ly/rvachrist. Are you able to contribute cultural art for display? Do you have questions about the event? Contact Sarah Brockwell (sbrockwell@saint-mikes.org).